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OA Service Body Bulletin

October 2021

Attention Service Body Contacts

You are receiving this quarterly bulletin because you are listed as a contact for your service body. If you are no longer the contact, please update this information with the [World Service Office](#) or email Lorie, group registration coordinator, at llaurence@oa.org for help.

Please share this information with your groups.

Important Changes to Find a Meeting on OA.org

We have two important announcements regarding Find a Meeting on oa.org.

First is the introduction of hybrid meetings. Hybrid meetings combine face-to-face plus an online technology or face-to-face plus telephone. These meetings allow OA members to attend both in-person and by virtual means.

Today, you can search [Find a Meeting](#) and find hybrid meetings listed alongside your regular face-to-face, online, or telephone meeting search results—look for the word “Hybrid” in red. You’ll also find both information to attend in-person, such as facility name and street address, and instructions to attend virtually, such as a telephone number and passcode. Please see [Find a Meeting — Hybrid Meetings](#) to learn more, including instructions to register a new hybrid meeting and edit an existing hybrid meeting.

Our second announcement is that these changes to the Find a Meeting database have caused a slowdown with search results. If you have trouble getting results, narrow your search. Choose a language, day, and time of day in the “Additional search options” menus to get search results faster.

The WSO is working to address this slowdown, and we hope to have it fixed soon.

[Learn More about OA Hybrid Meeting Listings](#)

Is Your Meeting Info Up to Date on oa.org?

The pandemic has affected the vast majority of OA meetings, and it is especially important for our newcomers that meeting information be kept up to date. Check your meeting information at oa.org/find-a-meeting, and if you notice any discrepancy, ask your meeting secretary to submit an update via [Edit a Meeting](#).

[Check my meeting details](#)

OA Board to Groups: Don't Screen Share or Make a Reproduction of OA Literature without OA's Permission

We ask that you download this [instructive letter](#) (DOCX file), authored by the OA Board of Trustees, to all OA groups calling on them to immediately stop screen sharing and all other unauthorized reproductions of OA literature in virtual meetings.

Since this issue affects OA as a whole, it is not a matter of group conscience. Moreover, it is a matter of acting lawfully, since unauthorized reproduction of OA literature violates the copyright of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. While we are all one OA, when it comes to copyright law, OA, Inc. must actively protect its copyrights to maintain these copyrights. This is for the good of the Fellowship as a whole and in support of our Seventh Tradition.

Registered OA groups are free to reproduce and share all print material found on oa.org without written permission, and they are free to request reprint permission of OA literature from the World Service Office. For more information about these options, see the [Copy Requests page](#).

[Read this letter \(DOCX file\)](#)

Calling All Sponsors

We need stories from sponsors for a new publication. Your 250–300 word story can help new and veteran sponsors meet the challenge of being a successful sponsor in our increasingly diverse Fellowship. See our [Calling All Sponsors flyer](#) (also in [black and white](#)) for complete information, and get your story in to the World Service Office by November 30, 2021.

Email your story to info@oa.org with the subject line “Common Solution” or “Sponsorship Story.” Thank you for your service!

Call for Diverse Voices

We also need stories from members who represent diverse voices in our Fellowship to update [A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery](#). We want to highlight how our common solution extends to members who may feel or face different challenges because of their race, gender, sexuality, spiritual belief, age, nationality, language, particular compulsive food behavior, reliance on medical procedures, disability, or other health condition. See our [Diverse Voices flyer](#) (also available in [black and white](#)) for all the details, and be sure the World Service Office receives your story by the deadline, October 31, 2021.

OA Handbook Updates

The OA Handbook for Members, Groups, and Service Bodies has been updated to include the policy changes adopted at WSBC 2021, such as the revised definitions of abstinence and recovery.

The OA Handbook is only available in e-book formats. Visit bookstore.oa.org for e-book links.

Get the OA Handbook e-book links

Young People's Meeting Format

OA's Young People's Committee, which serves OA members ages 18–30, has recently reviewed and updated the Suggested Young People's Meeting Format.

Get the revised Suggested Young People's Meeting Format

Celebrate Your Recovery with the Twelve Freedoms Wallet Card

Celebrate your freedom from compulsion with a [Twelve Freedoms wallet card](#)! Created to commemorate World Service Convention, this limited edition trifold wallet card is like carrying a smile in your pocket and can be a portable exercise in gratitude.

Twelve Freedoms is also a reminder of the poignancy of our program, so whether you're guarding against slips or encouraging another struggling compulsive eater in need, keep the Twelve Freedoms wallet card (#447) at hand. Available at bookstore.oa.org for only US\$.55 plus shipping.

Go to the [Twelve Freedoms wallet card](#) at bookstore.oa.org

Get the E-book Version of A New Plan of Eating

If you were waiting for the e-book version of A New Plan of Eating (#144), you are in luck! OA's newest pamphlet is now available from the following e-book retailers (links open to non-OA websites):

[Amazon Kindle](#)

[Apple Books](#)

[Barnes and Noble Nook](#)

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A New Plan of Eating explores our eating patterns, motivations, and behaviors, from explaining what “trigger” or “binge” foods are to accepting the many imperfections that come with active recovery. This pamphlet, which was reviewed and updated by a registered dietitian, helps compulsive eaters define, structure, and review a new eating plan with clarity and confidence.

A New Plan of Eating is also [available in print](#) at the OA bookstore.

WSBC 2022: Theme Chosen, Documents Posted, and Hotel Reservations Open

It’s been true since the beginning: “Together We Can Do What We Could Never Do Alone,” and so it is a fitting theme for World Service Business Conference 2022, which is slated to take place April 25–30 in Albuquerque, NM, USA.

The First Conference e-Documents have been posted, including a [welcome letter](#) from the chair of the OA Board of Trustees, [Getting Ready for WSBC 2022](#), and the [Tentative Agenda](#), which has information for delegates and volunteers.

We wish our Conference Planning Committee the best in the months to come. More will be revealed!

Get Funding Assistance for Your WSBC Delegate

Service bodies that need financial assistance to send their delegate to World Service Business Conference can apply to the Delegate Support Fund, which has money set aside to support travel, lodging, and other expenses related to WSBC attendance. The [application for WSBC 2022](#) is now available online and is due to the World Service Office on November 1, 2021.

Get the Delegate Support Fund application

Important Dates and Deadlines

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Post your local OA events to OA’s [social media page](#) (link opens a third-party website) by clicking the “Send Message” button on that page. Include all event information and a contact email address that maintains member anonymity. You may also drag-and-drop your event flyer into the message.

OA Event Days

November 19–21

IDEA: International Day Experiencing Abstinence. Check with your service body for local events.

World Service Business Conference

November 1

Delegate Support Fund applications due to the World Service Office.

- Update your affiliated meetings information at [Find a Meeting](#)
 - Learn more about [Automatic Recurring Contributions](#) (ARC).
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