

Lynne's WSBC 2020 Report

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Thank you for the opportunity to represent our Intergroup at WSBC again this year! It was challenging for the 180 delegates who participated, but well worth doing the work necessary for OA to function well this year!

We took on 2 big projects -

- I. To review the qualifications of 5 Board of Trustee Nominees, ask them questions, consider their answers and elect the ones we thought were qualified.
- II. To review and ask questions about 4 pieces of OA literature, consider each piece and responses to our questions, and to give Conference approval for the ones we thought were ready for OA to publish.

I am happy to announce that we did elect all 5 Trustee Nominees, and we gave Conference approval to all 4 pieces of new OA literature! We did ask for some minor changes to some of the 4 pieces of literature - they will be available to edit in WSBC 2021, since it was not possible to do all the work necessary at this time. But by giving them Conference approval this year, they can be used now as is, instead of waiting another year.

The specific results of our voting are as follows -

Trustee Elections

The election results are as follows and required a majority of the votes cast. Each candidate received a majority, and **all are elected to a three-year term. Congratulations to all!**

This leaves a vacancy for GST, which is the two years remaining on a three-year term. Per the Bylaws, the Board of Trustees may choose or not choose to fill the vacancy. This will be discussed at the May board meeting.

Literature Motions

The results for the literature motions is as follows and required two-thirds of the votes cast.

I also attended my WSBC Committee meeting using Zoom on Sunday, May 26th. I am on the PI/PO Committee again this year (Public Information/ Professional Outreach Committee). It was a Zoom meeting with our Committee Trustee Co-Chair and our member Committee Co-Chair leading, and about 80% attending of our Committee Delegates I met last year. It was really good to see their faces, after all the work we Delegates did the last 3 weeks alone at home!

Also I attended a workshop on May 26th put on by our PI/PO Committee that would have been given in Albuquerque. They put it on as a Zoom workshop and it was very successful. It was on using Facebook ads to present OA to people who are looking for recovery from compulsive eating. The cost may be prohibitive for small Intergroups such as ours, but it has been very successful in getting the word out, especially in these challenging times of self-quarantine. The Nassau Intergroup presenting this workshop has experienced a high percentage of people actually attending a f2f OA meeting after inquiring about OA from seeing one of their Facebook ads.

Here is a screenshot of one of their ads, which they presented at the Workshop that I attended on Zoom with the Delegates in my PI/PO WSBC Committee. You can see their Intergroup's Facebook public page where someone viewing the ad can ask questions, engage in a chat, ask for more information, or for a reply message or phone call. Their Intergroup's members took turns to look at their Facebook Intergroup page and reply promptly to any messages, and took responsibility to follow up with any information requested about OA, including OA meetings days and times, and offered to meet the person at a meeting and sit with them. The photo they used is a stock photo they paid a small amount to use.

We Delegates were also asked to read the Reports in the WSBC 2020 Delegates Binder written by the 11 Trustees from our 10 OA Regions plus the 1 Virtual Region. The 11 reports are each 3 single-spaced pages long, written by each region's Trustee, and they give details of each region's work and achievements this past year and plans for this coming year.

WSBC 2020 is now preparing their closing Report, which will include these 11 Trustee Reports, as well as details about WSBC 2020. It will be published on OA.org in the next month or so. I will email you the link, when it becomes available.

Thank you again for allowing me to represent you at WSBC 2020!

Lynne T., May 4, 2020