

Overeaters Anonymous
2021 world service business conference
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I attended the World service business conference from Friday, April 16 to Saturday, April 24. There were 250 delegates present and 20 countries represented including places like Iceland, Iran, Latvia and Poland. To be part of this with others from around the world was an honor for me.

Because Roberts rules of order were followed and knowledgeable folks were presenting the conference, things went smoothly.

Before voting on the motions and bylaw amendment proposals the process of the conference was explained to us. We were also allowed to ask questions of those who made the motions at a meet the maker meeting.

We voted on all of the motions and proposals except 13 and 14 which did not receive enough votes to be on the agenda.

Of the new business motions; A,C,D,F,G,H and I were adopted. A and C were combined. Of the bylaw amendment proposals; 4,6,7,12,15 and 16 were adopted.

Motions A and C were combined to reflect the new wording of the definition of abstinence and recovery. WSBC 2021 accepts the following:

Abstinence is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight. Spiritual, emotional and physical recovery is the result of living and working the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve Step program on a daily basis.

Motion I was amendment to the WSBC2019 Policy regarding hybrid meetings:

It was adopted that:

The term hybrid is used to describe a group composed of members attending a single meeting where all can hear and share but may be present either in the same physical location (face-to-face) or through some form of electronic device (virtual).A hybrid group may register only once and is assigned one group number but may appear on the oa.org in both the face-to-face listing and the virtual listing and will clearly indicate that they are a hybrid meeting.

3 Revised OA publications were approved by the delegation.

*Tools of Recovery: Helping us live and work the Twelve Steps

*A New Plan of Eating: A physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Journey

*Voices Of Recovery, Second Edition

The treasurer reported that in 2020 OA World Service received upwards of one million dollars in donations, the most in OA history.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our Intergroup and meetings as the delegate to the WSBC this year.