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## News from the World Service Office

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**LATEST ISSUE OF A STEP AHEAD ONLINE** The first quarter 2013 issue of *A Step Ahead* is posted online at [www.oa.org/membersgroups/a-step-ahead-newsletter/](http://www.oa.org/membersgroups/a-step-ahead-newsletter/). Download and copy for your groups.

**BECOME A SUSTAINING MEMBER WITH AUTOMATED CONTRIBUTIONS!** Help OA carry the message with your automated monthly Seventh Tradition contribution. You may now have a monthly contribution charged to your credit card automatically. Contact the World Service Office for more information or to set up this service. 505-891-2664.

**DESIGNATED TRANSLATION FUND WILL BE DISCONTINUED** Delegates at the 2012 World Service Business Conference voted to discontinue the designated Translation Fund as of December 31, 2012. The fund has fulfilled its original purpose to raise awareness of the need to translate OA literature. Translations have become a regular part of doing business as OA continues to support translations through the annual budget of the International Publications/Translations Committee. Although fund contributions will not be accepted after December 31, all money remaining in the fund will be used to fulfill the fund's designated purpose of translating OA literature. Please continue to support OA, Inc., by donating to the General Fund, the Delegate Support Fund, and the Professional Exhibits Fund.

**VOICE AMERICA SERIES ENDS; AUDIO FILES AVAILABLE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD** The Internet radio series, "Sound Bites from Overeaters Anonymous—A 12-Step Solution to Compulsive Eating," ended on January 9, 2013, you can still listen to and download all 13 episodes at [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org). You are welcome to burn the files onto CDs for your own use, for public information, or to distribute to newcomers.

**HELP PREPARE FOR OA MEMBERSHIP CENSUS 2013** As part of the final year of the Board of Trustees' strategic plan, the WSO will conduct another census of the membership in 2013 to track growth and compare to the data collected in 2008. Around June, the WSO will be sending out letters to the secretaries of all registered groups WITH GOOD ADDRESSES. Letters will be translated for non-English speaking groups outside the US. **Please** make sure the WSO has current secretary information for your group by going to <http://www.oa.org/edit-a-meeting/>. If your secretary information changes between now and June, be sure to update the information on the OA web site. Help us avoid costly returned mail, and ensure that you are included in the count of the worldwide Fellowship by keeping your information current with the WSO.

**SAMPLE INTERGROUP/SERVICE BOARD BYLAWS** Check your SB bylaws against the sample to make sure they comply. You can find the most current version at <http://www.oa.org/membersgroups/service-body-support/>

**WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE (WSBC)** "Searching and Fearless: A Fellowship Inventory" is this year's WSBC theme, which will convene in Albuquerque, New Mexico USA, April 29–May 4, 2013.

In 2013, all Conference documents will be posted on the OA Web site *only*. Registered 2013 delegates and all registered service bodies will receive an email notification when the documents become

available. If you need help downloading these documents, please contact Sandy H. at the WSO at 505-891-2664 or [shickox@oa.org](mailto:shickox@oa.org).

Are you or someone you know interested in running for a trustee position? Download the trustee application form from [www.oa.org/membersgroups/service-body-support/board-of-trustees/](http://www.oa.org/membersgroups/service-body-support/board-of-trustees/). The following positions are open for 2013 elections.

Region 2: 3-year term

Region 5: 3-year term

Region 6: 2-year term

Region 8: 3-year term

Region 10: 3-year term

General Service Trustee: Two 3-year terms

This year's Conference will be held again at the Embassy Suites Albuquerque Hotel and Spa. Go to <http://www.oa.org/world-service-events/world-service-business-conference/> for information.

#### **WSBC 2013 IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

January 10, 2013: Second Conference e-mailing posted on OA Web site

January 29, 2013: Trustee applications due (received at WSO)