



World Service Business Conference 2018

At the end of April, nearly 200 OA members from 17 countries came together in Albuquerque, New Mexico to take part in the annual Conference, the international group conscience of OA. The theme this year was "Growing OA Recovery Worldwide", and as well as the business meetings there were a number of workshops on topics related to this theme.



Results of voting on motions

During the business meetings at the Conference, we voted on a number of proposed changes to OA policies and bylaws. You can read the full results of voting in the [WSBC Wrap Up Report](#)

Men in OA

There was discussion of what both men and women can do to encourage more men to come to OA and get recovery.

Find out about men's meetings, including online groups, on the [OA Men website](#).





How virtual and face to face meetings work together

A popular workshop was held on the topic of "Combining the Strengths of Virtual and Face-to-Face Meetings".

Some members shared how they started using phone or online meetings when they were ill, or caring for children or relatives, or when bad weather prevented them from travelling to meetings. Others shared about how their dwindling face to face meetings were rejuvenated when they found ways to allow members to call in and participate from home.

We also heard a lot about WhatsApp meetings which are an example of the new non real-time OA meetings.

Find the full list of online meetings on the OA [Find a Meeting page](#), and get help with accessing virtual meetings on the [Virtual Services website](#)



Election of new Trustees

Elections were held for Trustees for Regions 1, 3, 6, Virtual Trustee and two General Service Trustees.

The following new Trustees joined the Board:

Region One – Pat O.

Region Three – Neva S.

Virtual Services – Dora P.

General Service Trustees - Bonnie L. and Judy H.

A Trustee was not elected for Region 6, and there were no candidates for the position of Region 9 Trustee, so applications have been requested for candidates to stand up until WSBC 2019, and appointments to these roles will be made by the Board.

Could you stand for Region 9 Trustee next year? [Find out more about what's involved.](#)





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