



**47TH ANNUAL WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE
THE ROAD TO RECOVERY—A TEAM EFFORT!
MAY 5-10, 2008**

GETTING READY FOR CONFERENCE

HOTEL

- ✓ Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, 800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104, USA, Phone (505) 843-6300
 - ✓ Room rate is \$119.00 per night any occupancy plus \$15.32 tax, for a total of \$134.32 per night.
 - ✓ A hotel reservation card will be mailed to delegates in the second Conference mailing sent on January 10, 2008. Delegates are responsible for making their own reservations. *Please do not mail your reservation card to the WSO.*
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SUMMARIZED SCHEDULE

- ✓ For detailed information, see the tentative Conference Agenda enclosed in this Conference mailing.
- ✓ **Monday, May 5**
 - Tours
 - Workshops
- ✓ **Tuesday, May 6**
 - Board of Trustees Meeting
 - Early Bird Workshops
 - Workshops
- ✓ **Wednesday, May 7**
 - Forum
 - Committee Meetings
 - Region Meetings
 - Proposed Literature Q&A
- ✓ **Thursday, May 8**
 - Business Meetings I and II
- ✓ **Friday, May 9**
 - Business Meeting III
 - Business Meeting IV
 - Free Evening
- ✓ **Saturday, May 10**
 - Business Meeting V
 - Board of Trustees Meeting
 - Committee Meetings
 - Dinner/Entertainment/Dance
- ✓ **Sunday, May 11**
 - Check-Out

SELECTION OF DELEGATES

- ✓ Bylaws stipulate that service bodies should select their delegates and forward those names to the World Service Office 120 days prior to Conference.
 - ✓ Delegates must be registered using the Delegate Registration form with payment of \$95.00 registration fee per delegate. There is a \$20.00 non-refundable fee. No refunds will be given after April 1, 2008.
 - ✓ **January 2, 2008** is the date when registration is due at the WSO.
 - ✓ Delegate registration will be accepted after that date. However, Conference mailings will not be sent to delegates until they have been properly registered.
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NEW BUSINESS AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS

- ✓ **December 10, 2007** is the postmarked deadline to submit new business motions or amendments for Bylaws, Subpart B.
 - ✓ Motions may be mailed or submitted through electronic transmission. If the submitted motion is postmarked or electronically date-stamped after December 10, 2007, it will not be considered.
 - ✓ When submitting bylaw amendments you must 1) identify the bylaw section being amended, 2) list the current wording of the section, and 3) list the wording of the section as it would appear when amended.
 - ✓ If any other sections of the bylaws are affected by a proposed amendment, you are also responsible for proposing amendments to bring the other sections into compliance.
 - ✓ All proposed motions for new business motions or bylaw amendments must include the name of your service body, a contact phone number and/or email address (if applicable), the intent of the motion, methods of implementation, and projected costs. These templates are included in this packet.
 - ✓ New business or bylaw amendment motions may include one page of arguments in favor of the motion.
 - ✓ The Bylaws Committee will provide assistance to service bodies in preparing new business motions or bylaw amendments. Write, fax or email the committee in care of the World Service Office.
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ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

- ✓ Trustees serve and represent Overeaters Anonymous as a whole, acting as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. They conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of Overeaters Anonymous and serve as spokesman in matters affecting OA as a whole. The role of a trustee, be it region trustee or general service trustee, is to furnish counsel and guidance to the member groups and new groups, supervise and guide education and

attraction of OA, and perform such other duties as may be directed by the delegates at the Conference.

- ✓ There are three region trustee positions open in 2008. They are from Regions 1, 4 and 7. All region trustee positions are for three-year terms. Two general service trustee positions are open for three-year terms. Applications and requirements are included in this packet. If you need additional applications, please contact the World Service Office or download the forms from the OA Web site at http://www.oa.org/ws_business_conf.html. Applications are due to the World Service Office postmarked by **February 5, 2008**.
- ✓ Please consider this important position as a possibility for yourself or someone you know. Service is our way to recovery and freedom. ***“Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion; for this I am responsible.”*** We look to those who have gone before us, sharing their experience, strength and hope. You are needed by our Fellowship.

GREEN DOT/MENTOR PROGRAM

Because of the anxiety often associated with the first year as a delegate, we are once again offering the Green Dot Mentor Program; this program is designed to pair up an experienced delegate (mentor) with a new delegate (green dot). The mentor is available to support, listen, answer questions, and explain what is going on during the Conference. Being a mentor is an excellent way to meet new people and do a little service at the same time. The Green Dot Mentor registration form is included in this packet. Please refer to the Conference agenda for specific times to meet with your green dot or mentor.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are now being recruited for the World Service Business Conference 2008! What a wonderful way to serve, learn and be a part of the Fellowship expressing itself in our group conscience. Volunteers are needed beginning on Tuesday morning and ending Saturday afternoon. Any and all days are open. If a member of your service body wants more information, please contact Sandy Allen at the World Service Office at (505) 891-2664 or email her at sallen@oa.org.

December 10, 2007: Postmarked deadline for submission of new business motions and bylaw amendment motions

February 8, 2008: Applications for region or general service trustee must be received by the World Service Office

Questions? Please contact Sandy Allen, Meeting Planner at the World Service Office.

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