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To: Service Bodies, Region Offices

From: World Service Office

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Subject: Delegate Support Fund **Contributions** for the 2012 World Service Business Conference

The 2012 World Service Business Conference (WSBC) will be held April 30 – May 5, 2012 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. Service bodies and region offices are being asked to contribute to the Delegate Support Fund in order to help support and encourage attendance from all service bodies.

Since the Delegate Support Fund was established in 1993, delegates from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Poland, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and the United States have been able to participate in the group conscience of OA as a whole by attending the annual Business Conference with assistance from the Delegate Support Fund. In 2003, the program was extended to include all regions. **Delegates from all regions are able to apply for assistance to attend the Conference through the Delegate Support Fund.**

The Delegate Support Fund is made possible by contributions from all regions. For WSBC 2011, nineteen applications were received but funds were available to assist only twelve service bodies. Your service body can contribute funds to help defray a delegate's Conference expenses such as lodging, meals and/or transportation.

It is critically important for the strength of OA worldwide that the voice of OA's entire community is heard at Conference. Decisions affecting OA for years to come are made each year at Conference, and input is needed from all groups and service bodies so that the decisions made are truly representative of OA as a whole. In the spirit of unity we encourage your service body to contribute to the Delegate Support Fund.

Estimated delegate costs include \$395 for five nights (1/2 of a double room) in the Embassy Suites Hotel and Spa, \$245 for meals during the five-day Conference, plus the cost of transportation to and from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

If your service body is able to, please send your contribution to the World Service Office and designate it for the Delegate Support Fund. Thank you in advance for your contribution for 2012, and many thanks for the contributions that your service body or region has made over the past eighteen years. Please contact Sarah Armstrong at the World Service Office via mail, email, telephone or fax, if you have any questions.