

## **2020 Region One Assembly Consent Agenda**

As per the Region One Assembly Standing Rules, item #15:

“There will be a Consent Agenda consisting of routine or non-controversial matters. The Chair will determine the matters that will be placed on the consent agenda. Any voting member may request that an item from the consent agenda be considered separately. The consent agenda shall require two-thirds vote for adoption.”

The Chair has determined that the following items are on the Consent Agenda for this year’s Region One Assembly:

- Policy Motions: P-1, P-2
- Bylaws Motions: None
- World Service Business Conference motion: WS-1

Please note that WS-1 was passed by the 2019 Region One Assembly. Because the World Service Business Conference (WSBC) did not consider OA bylaw and policy changes in 2020, the motion must be submitted again by Region One for consideration at WSBC 2021.

OCTOBER 2020 MOTION TO REGION ONE ASSEMBLY

Motion BL-1

Move that Article V, Section 1 be amended to strike and insert as follows:

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING
<p>Article V REGION ONE BOARD Section 1</p> <p>The Region One Board shall consist of the following:</p> <p>A. Members with voice and vote: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Technology Coordinator and Member at Large;</p> <p>B. The Region One Trustee, with voice but no vote.</p>	<p>Article V REGION ONE BOARD Section 1</p> <p>The Region One Board shall consist of the following:</p> <p>A. Members with voice and vote: Chair, Vice-Chair, <u>Second Vice-Chair</u>, Secretary, Treasurer, Technology Coordinator, <del>and</del> <u>First</u> Member at Large; <del>and</del> <u>Second Member at Large</u>;</p> <p>B. <u>Members with voice, but no vote</u>: The Region One Trustee, <del>with voice but no vote</del>.</p>

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nadine D. – Current Region One Member at Large, [mal@oaregion1.org](mailto:mal@oaregion1.org)  
Beverly M. - Current Region One Technology Coordinator, [webmaster@oaregion1.org](mailto:webmaster@oaregion1.org)

**INTENT:** Create two additional positions to the Region One Board.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** Update the Region One Bylaws for this motion. If passed, motions to update other areas of the Bylaws and Policies (such as job descriptions) will be presented at Assembly 2021. Existing job descriptions for Vice-Chair and Member at Large will be shared until then. After Assembly 2020, the Board will make temporary appointments for the new positions until Assembly 2021.

**COST:** Increase in Board Travel to Assembly and Convention. However, costs would be offset by new travel structure and the increasing use of virtual meeting tools by the Board.

**RATIONALE:** *We’re committed, but we need more hands.* The Board is committed to being of service to our 25 intergroups and all members in Region One. We really believe in reaching out, fostering connections, and providing recovery and service resources. We are an active Board and we feel good about what we bring to the Region. However, the current workload on existing board members makes it necessary to either share this service with more Board members, hire outside help, or consider which resources we can no longer provide.

**History:** Region One currently consists of 7 positions (including our Trustee). In the past, Region One had 15 members sharing the work of carrying the message. Positions were eliminated over the years largely to reduce travel costs. In 2014 (approximately) the current Member at Large position was added back to the Board.

**Costs and Travel:** The Board travels much less than in the past, when the entire Board met in-person at least four times per year. The Board now holds most meetings virtually. We decided in 2016 that we would rather budget to send Board members to visit intergroups than attend in-person Board meetings, and that it was only necessary to send two members at a time. We held our strategic planning session virtually this year, which worked well and will likely be the format going forward. And, of course, this year we're holding our first virtual Assembly.

Although additional Board members will need to be reimbursed for travel to in-person Assembly and Convention, costs have already been significantly reduced, not only because of a reduced number of Board members, but also making use of virtual meeting tools.

***What it would mean to have two additional Board positions:***

- Project team and intergroup liaison roles could be divided among more people;
- If necessary, a Board member could be given fewer liaison assignments without as large an impact on other members of the Board;
- Assignments could be made more thoughtfully, matching interests and skill sets with tasks;
- Unexpected vacancies on the Board would not cause undue stress, as those responsibilities could be shared by several people;
- Service on the Board would be more do-able for members who are employed, and for those who are retired;
- Adding a Second Vice-Chair would bring our biggest endeavor of the year, Convention, “down to size” by allowing two people to work together on this project;
- Member at Large is an easier way to start on the Board than some other positions—this could open up Region service to members who don't feel they can take on some other roles;
- If the Board of Trustees restructuring motion passes at WSBC 2021, some BOT responsibilities will be shifted to Regions—our Board would be hard-pressed to take on additional responsibilities as things stand;
- And, finally, many hands make for light work and joy in service!

We bring this motion with our recovery, love for OA, commitment to service, and a desire for greater balance in mind. Thank you for considering this proposal.

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**Motion BL-2**

The maker of this motion moves to amend a Bylaw: Article V – Region One Board, Section 6 - Vacancies, subsection B.

<b>CURRENT WORDING</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORDING</b>
<p>Article V – Region One Board Section 6 – Vacancies</p> <p>A. A vacancy on the Board may be filled by a majority vote of the Board until the next Assembly, at which time the Assembly will elect that position’s unexpired term.</p> <p>B. If the position of Chair is vacated, then the Vice-Chair will automatically fill the Chair’s unexpired term, and the position of Vice-Chair is declared vacant.</p> <p>C. No member may hold more than one Board position at the same time, and any present Board member elected to another Board position is assumed to have relinquished the former position. A vacancy is then declared for the relinquished position, to be filled in accordance with Article V, Section 6(a).</p>	<p>Article V – Region One Board Section 6 – Vacancies</p> <p>A. A vacancy on the Board may be filled by a majority vote of the Board until the next Assembly, at which time the Assembly will elect that position’s unexpired term.</p> <p>B. If the position of Chair is vacated, then the Vice-Chair will automatically fill the Chair’s unexpired term <del>and the position of Vice-Chair is declared vacant.</del> <u>If the Vice-Chair does not accept the vacant position of Chair, then the Vice-Chair retains the position of Vice-Chair and the Board will appoint a new Chair in accordance with Article V, Section 6(A).</u></p> <p>C. No member may hold more than one Board position at the same time, <del>and any</del> <u>Any</u> present Board member <u>who is either</u> elected to another Board position <u>or has automatically filled another Board position</u> is assumed to have relinquished the former position. A vacancy is then declared for the relinquished position, to be filled in accordance with Article V, Section 6(<del>a</del><u>A</u>).</p>

**SUBMITTED BY:** Paul M., Bylaws Committee Member

**INTENT:** To place in the Bylaws a method for electing a Chair by the Board a) when the current Chair resigns midterm or leaves office for any other reason midterm and b) when the person who is the current Vice-Chair declines to automatically become the Chair.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** Update the Bylaws according to the motion.

**COST:** No costs are anticipated.

**RATIONALE:** The proposed Bylaw adds clarity about what to do when the Chair resigns and the person in the role of Vice-Chair does not want to be the Chair. If this motion is approved, the Bylaws will make clear that the Vice-Chair automatically becomes the chair only if the Vice-Chair is willing to become the Chair.

This Bylaw puts into writing what has actually recently happened in Region 1: Region 1 elected a new Chair at the October 2019 Region One Assembly. In about February 2020, the Chair resigned for personal reasons. The Vice-Chair declined to accept the Chair position. The Region One Board, using Article 5, Section 6, subsection A, elected Cindy C. as our Region 1 Chair to hold that position until the October 2020 Region One Assembly. The Board then elected Alice as Region 1 Secretary to hold that position until the October 2020 Region One Assembly.

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Motion P-1

On Consent Agenda

Move that Policy 5.2.3 be amended by inserting and striking the following:)

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING
<p>Policy 5.2.BUDGET</p> <p>5.2.1 Region One operates on a fiscal year running from January 1 through December 31.</p> <p>5.2.2 The Budget &amp; Finance Committee shall draft a budget for the upcoming fiscal year, based on the realistic expectations of revenue and fund balances above the level of prudent reserve, and the amount of funds required to operate the programs the Assembly has approved, to be submitted to the Assembly for approval. After review and amendment, the Assembly shall adopt the budget for the coming year.</p> <p>5.2.3 Region One funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the budget. Any expenditure exceeding 10% of a budgeted line item shall require approval by the Board. If the Board approves a budgeted override, such action shall be brought forward at the next Assembly for ratification.</p> <p>[5.2.4-5.2.7.4 not affected by this motion]</p>	<p>Policy 5.2.BUDGET</p> <p>5.2.1 Region One operates on a fiscal year running from January 1 through December 31.</p> <p>5.2.2 The Budget &amp; Finance Committee shall draft a budget for the upcoming fiscal year, based on the realistic expectations of revenue and fund balances above the level of prudent reserve, and the amount of funds required to operate the programs the Assembly has approved, to be submitted to the Assembly for approval. After review and amendment, the Assembly shall adopt the budget for the coming year.</p> <p>5.2.3 Region One funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the budget. Any expenditure <del>exceeding 10% of that would cause</del><u>ing a budgeted line item to be exceeded by 10%</u> shall require approval by the Board. If the Board approves a budgeted override, such action shall be brought forward at the next Assembly for ratification.</p> <p>[5.2.4-5.2.7.4 not affected by this motion]</p>

**SUBMITTED BY:** Marjorie T., BFDS Team, [bfds@oaregion1.org](mailto:bfds@oaregion1.org)

**INTENT:** To clarify the threshold for board approval of a budgeted item.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** To modify the policy

**COST:** None

**RATIONALE:** The BFDS team believes the current wording is confusing. If a budgeted line item budget is \$500, “10% of the budgeted line item” is \$50. Technically, this would result in the board having to approve any expenditure over \$50. We believe the intent is to require board approval if any expenditure

would cause the total annual expenditure for this line item to exceed \$550. This could be due to a single occurrence, or an accumulation of smaller ones.

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**Motion P-2**

**On Consent Agenda**

Move that Policy 5.6.2 be amended by inserting and striking the following:

<b>CURRENT WORDING</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORDING</b>
<p>5.6.2. Board nominees who are not current Region 1 representatives may request funding to attend Assembly as follows:</p> <p>5.6.2.1. Applicant is not presently funded by another service body</p> <p>5.6.2.2. Applicant does service at Assembly as assigned by the Region 1 Board and policy manual</p> <p>5.6.2.3. Region 1 will pay for half the daily room rate based on double occupancy, and the cost of Assembly registration. Transportation and meals will be compensated on a receipted basis by the Treasurer</p> <p>5.6.2.4. Deadline for application for funding is sixty (60) days prior to Assembly.</p>	<p>5.6.2. Board nominees who are not current Region 1 representatives may request funding to attend Assembly as follows:</p> <p>5.6.2.1. Applicant is not presently funded by another service body</p> <p>5.6.2.2. Applicant does service at Assembly as assigned by the Region 1 Board and policy manual</p> <p>5.6.2.3. Region 1 will pay for <u>two nights' lodging at</u> half the daily room rate based on double occupancy, and the cost of Assembly registration. Transportation and meals will be compensated on a receipted basis by the Treasurer</p> <p>5.6.2.4. Deadline for application for funding is sixty (60) days prior to Assembly.</p>

**SUBMITTED BY:** Marjorie T., BFDS Team, [bfds@oaregion1.org](mailto:bfds@oaregion1.org)

**INTENT:** To clarify the lodging reimbursement for board nominees.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** To modify the policy

**COST:** None

**RATIONALE:** The BFDS team believes the current wording is unclear. Region One provides two nights' lodging (half of double-occupancy) as its Assembly Representative support, so it would be appropriate here as well.



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## OCTOBER 2020 MOTION TO REGION ONE ASSEMBLY

The following motion is proposed to the Region One Assembly, but does not automatically change the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous. The Region One Assembly will debate and vote on whether or not to submit this motion (or an amended version of this motion) as a proposal to WSBC 2021.

### Motion WS-1

### On Consent Agenda

**Move TO AMEND:** Article IX Board of Trustees, section 4 Qualifications, of the Overeaters Anonymous Bylaws by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>PROPOSED WORDING</u>
Article IX Board of Trustees Section 4 Qualifications  4d) In addition, regional trustees: 1) Are to physically reside in the region represented no less than the six months immediately prior to election. 2) Elected regional trustees will maintain physical residency in the regions represented for two-thirds of each year of their terms, excluding OA-related business travel.	Article IX Board of Trustees Section 4 Qualifications  4d) In addition, regional trustees: 1) Are to <del>physically reside in</del> <u>be a permanent resident of</u> the region represented <del>no less than the six months immediately prior to election.</del> 2) <del>Elected regional trustees will maintain physical residency in the regions represented for two-thirds of each year of their terms, excluding OA-related business travel.</del>

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jan E., Delegate, Region 1. #09901

**INTENT:** This replaces a time-based requirement for residency with a simple requirement for residency for region trustees.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** Update the region trustee application and the bylaws.

**COST:** No cost.

**PRIMARY PURPOSE:** This allows “snow birds” and “rain birds,” who are otherwise qualified, to represent Regions where this is a common practice. This expands the pool of persons able to step up to this service.

**RATIONALE:** This simplifies the requirements for qualification of Regional Trustees by making residency requirements consistent and reasonable. More and more we are able to work as a group virtually – without actually being in the same room. Some Regions are allowing representatives to attend Assemblies and vote virtually. Many Region Boards conduct their business and meetings virtually. Thus the physical presence of a Trustee within the Regional boundaries is less necessary. Therefore it makes sense to allow a Regional Trustee to be out of the Region and yet not be out of touch.

This motion will not be needed if the Board of Trustees Restructuring Plan passes, and will be withdrawn in that case.