

Date: March 9, 2024

MOVE TO AMEND: Article VII Region 5 Trustee Liaison

CURRENT WORDING:

~~ARTICLE VII REGION 5 TRUSTEE LIAISON~~

~~A. Nominations of the Region 5 Trustee Liaison~~

- ~~1. At least one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the scheduled opening of the annual WSBC, all intergroups within Region 5 shall be notified by the Region 5 officers of the forthcoming WSBC, with a request to all qualified members from Region 5 to submit nominations to Region 5.~~
- ~~2. At least ninety (90) days prior to the annual conference of OA, each region shall choose up to three proposed and qualified nominees from that region. Resumes of these nominees must be sent to the Board of Trustees within one week of their selection. Copies of these resumes will be sent to all members of the conference at least forty-five (45) days prior to the WSBC~~
- ~~3. Qualifications for Region 5 Trustee Liaison set by World Service require that in no case shall the nominee have less than seven (7) years in the Fellowship; five (5) years of service beyond the group level; attendance as a delegate to at least two (2) World Service Business Conferences; five (5) years of continuous recovery in Overeaters Anonymous as evidenced by 1) five (5) years of current continuous abstinence, maintenance of a healthy body weight for at least two years and 2) emotional and spiritual growth as a result of incorporating into their lives the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as a new way of living. These qualifications must be met at the time application for Trustee Liaison is submitted to the WSO. Specifically, such Trustee Liaison nominees must also have given away a Fourth Step inventory, declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps to the best of their ability, and as committed to the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous to be affirmed on their Trustee Liaison application forms. Upon election, the Region 5 Trustee Liaison shall make a commitment of adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service and continual recovery including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight throughout the entire term(s) of office. Each person shall be the judge of his or her own recovery including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight, and that he or she agrees to comply with and be bound by all the terms and provisions of the prevailing Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws.~~
- ~~4. The nominee(s) chosen at the Region 5 Assembly shall be submitted to the WSBC for election.~~

PROPOSED WORDING:

A. Trustee[s]/Trustee Liaison[s] Nominee Region 5

1. Applications for nomination for Trustee/Trustee Liaison must be filed with the Chair forty-five (45) days prior to the Fall Assembly.
2. If fewer than three (3) applicants have filed their applications, nominations from the floor shall be accepted during the Assembly.
3. All qualified applicants shall have their names placed on the ballot. (See Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article VII, Section 4 – Qualifications.)
4. Each voting Region Representative may vote for up to three (3) applicants.

5. Each applicant must receive a majority vote of the Representatives present at the time of the election.
6. When voting for a candidate, mark the ballot with an "X" next to the candidate's name.
7. In the event that there are no applicants for Trustee/Trustee Liaison at an assembly where applications are needed, or if a vacancy occurs where there is no Region Assembly prior to the date required for submission of applications, the following options may be taken:
 - a. The Region 5 Nominating Committee will solicit applications from Region 5 Intergroups or any other Region.
 - b. All requirements set by the World Service Office must be met prior to the Region 5 Nominating Committee considering completed application(s).
 - c. A majority vote of the Region 5 Board will constitute affirmation of the applicant(s).
 - d. Notification of affirmation process results shall be sent to Region 5 Intergroups via email within 10 days.
 - e. Affirmed applications must be forwarded to WSO prior to the designated deadline.

SUBMITTED BY:
Bylaws Committee

INTENT:
To update the process of election a Trustee[s]/Trustee Liaison[s] to match what WSBC passed in 2022.

IMPLEMENTATION:
Updating the Bylaws by our dear Secretary.

COST:
Secretary time

RATIONALE:
By updating how we elect Trustee[s]/Trustee Liaison[s] we will align ourselves to the WSBC Bylaws adopted in 2022.