



TRUSTEE APPLICATION

Submitted for consideration at the Business Conference in April 2018 month year

I am applying for a position on the Board of Trustees of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. as:

[X] Trustee for Region 9 [ ] General Service Trustee [ ] Virtual Services Trustee

Full Name Stella C

Address Phone

City State/Prov Country UK Zip

E-mail Address

Years in OA 17 Number of years of service beyond the group level 16

Date continuous abstinence began August 2000 Date maintenance began March 2005

I have read the qualifications for Region/Virtual Services/General Service Trustee, which are reproduced from the Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, on the last page of this form. As a candidate for a position on the Board of Trustees, my signature affirms adherence to those qualifications.

Signature of Candidate [Signature] Date 24 August 2017

REQUIRED FOR REGION TRUSTEE NOMINEES:

Signature of Region Officer Title Date (Chair, Secretary, etc.)

REQUIRED FOR GENERAL SERVICE/VIRTUAL SERVICES TRUSTEE NOMINEES ONLY: Per Article IX, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees, Parts c) and d), (1) All applicants for open position(s) of general service/virtual services trustee must submit their resume to the Board of Trustees ninety days prior to the annual Conference. Such resumes must be affirmed by a majority vote of the applicant’s intergroup/service board or a region in which the applicant has recently served, or a majority vote of the Board of Trustees if the applicant is a sitting trustee. (2) The Board of Trustees, acting as a nominating committee, shall submit a list of nominees for the open position(s), with copies of the nominees’ resumes, to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the Conference.

Signature of Nominee’s Region or Intergroup Officer or Chair of the BOT Title Date

(Verifies that candidate’s enclosed resume was affirmed by majority vote as explained in Section reproduced above.)

IMPORTANT

Type or print in black ink only. This application must be sent to the World Service Office by the deadline established by Conference or by the Board of Trustees in the case of trustee appointments. The application must have original signatures by the applicant and the appropriate officers.

You may send by certified mail, return receipt requested to:

Overeaters Anonymous WSO • 6075 Zenith Court NE • Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87144 USA.

You may also fax the form to 505-891-4320, or email it to info@oa.org. Receipt of electronic applications will be acknowledged by the WSO. Do not write beyond the margins. Enter all information on this form. Attachments will not be reproduced for circulation to the delegates.

Additional copies of this form may be requested from the World Service Office or downloaded from https://www.oa.org/pdfs/trustee\_application.pdf.

### Summary of my OA service responsibilities:

- \* Group Level: - Literature Person, IG Representative, Meeting 'Leader', 'Topic' leader. \* IG Level: - IG Representative, Events Committee Member, Treasurer, Region 9 Representative for NWIG 2013 - 2014.
- \* OA Great Britain (OAGB) National Service Board: - Oct 2003 - October 2007.  
Elected as board member from North West Intergroup (NWIG) and served one four-year term.  
Main positions over the four years on OAGB NSB were as follows: -  
Literature Liaison Officer for the OAGB Literature 2003 – 2004, Communications Officer 2004 – 2005,  
Chair NSB 2005 - 2006 & 2006 – 2007, Region 9 Representative for OAGB NSB 2004 & 2005 (Translations Committee 2004 & Finance Committee 2005), WSBC Delegate 2004 & 2005 (Finance Committee 2004 & 12th Step Within Committee 2005).
- \* Region 9: -  
First attended R9 assembly as a visitor (by mistake!) followed by the convention in Belgium in September 2003.  
Attended as rep for OAGB NSB as above in Autumn 2004 & Autumn 2005, September 2005 Temporary Secretary (appointed when secretary stepped down mid-term & held jointly with another member), September 2005 - October 2007.  
R9 Treasurer & board member (one term), October 2007 - November 2011.  
R9 Chair & board member (two terms).  
Attended as rep for NWIG 2013 - 2014 & then held position of R9 Banker Jan 2013 - October 2014.
- \* WSBC: -  
Attended as delegate for OAGB NSB as above in 2004 & 2005 with committees as above.  
Attended as R9 Chair in 2008 - 2011 (Region Chairs Committee).
- \* R9 Trustee: - 2015 - to date. Served in general capacity as the work has been presented to me as best i can over the period.  
Served on the following committees & subcommittees:  
UWD Conference Committee 2015 - 2016 & 2017 - to date,  
International Publications / Translations BOT Committee 2015 - to date (Chair 2015 - 2017),  
Subcommittees of SOP 2015 - 2016 - Awareness of Responsibility Pledge, SOP 2017 - Traditions Presentations Sub Committee,  
Literature Review BOT Committee (Reviews literature on 10-year rotation).  
Professional Tradeshow BOT Committee.  
Delegate Support Fund BOT Committee.  
Spanish Language Service Board (SLSB) Ad Hoc 2017 - to date.  
Reviewed & read proposed literature that comes through the committees for Board Approved Literature & Conference Approved Literature.  
Attended R9 Assemblies, various Service Bodies (Intergroups, & National / Language Service Bodies, Workshop events) to carryout workshops on Traditions & Concepts, Twelve Steps, Abstinence, Finances, Translations, Sponsorship, Unity with Diversity etc.

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### I can bring the following business, professional or other experience, and skill to the board:

- \* Experience of computer use: - e.g.  
Microsoft Office, Windows (various), Misc. other word processing packages, spreadsheets, power point, E Mail, Babylon translation package, Accounting packages e.g. sage etc.
- \* Member of Chartered Certified Accountants - FCCA (Qualified in 1985).
  - Spent 10 years in accountancy practices - training and then working in accounts & audit work.
  - One year in 'industry' as an accountant for one company.
  - Self - employed accountant from 1987 and have worked in that capacity since then (yyks 30years!).
  - Working mainly for Medium & Small clients (Their Income between £250k - £2m / \$400k - \$3.2m) and most of my time over these years has been spent in preparation of accounts and advising clients in various business areas including: -
    - \* Preparing budgets & management accounts in varying forms on a monthly / quarterly / annual basis to assist and maximize their efficiency of financial control and give information which aids the running of their business and record keeping in a day to day manner.
    - \* Dealing with PAYE (Pay as you earn taxes (personal)), VAT (Value added tax (business)), Corporation Tax (business).
    - \* Building a relationship with the organisations involved around accounting systems, management and financial reporting.
    - \* Final year end accounts and preparation of accounts files.
  - \* Clients have been limited companies, partnerships, & some charities. I am not currently acting for a charity but in the past, I have done so to the level of ensuring compliance with the UK Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Charities and dealing with the Charities Commission (the UK regulatory body).
  - \* Working on various committees within my clients over the period of my work life.
  - \* Held the position of 'cheque signatory' for many clients whilst I have been self-employed.  
I am now beginning to wind down my work and am currently working part time.
- \* Member of my local community / town & church.
- \* Active family member and friend and to loved ones inside and outside the OA fellowship.
- \* My hobbies and pastimes are caravanning, walking (especially coastal paths) and catching up with family and friends.

I would like to be a Region, Virtual Services or General Service Trustee for the following reasons:

\* In summary, I feel that the God of my understanding would want me to use my recovery and the skills I have to assist in carrying the message of abstinence and recovery in OA within my Region at trustee level.

\* I am blessed with good recovery which comes from a loving and kind HP. I believe I have a working knowledge and understanding of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts - always with the precept that there is room for improvement. I accept that I won't ever be perfect, but also accept I have to do the footwork of working the steps every day to remain in a fit spiritual condition (and I try to do this). I believe I try to respect the OA Traditions and OA Concepts of service.

R9 is a large and diverse region and from my very first assembly I was struck with a question that has remained with me ever since: - 'Why should my recovery come before someone else's just because I happen to be born in a part of the world that speaks English as its first language?' I feel passionate about recovery, and believe a large portion of my own can be ascribed to the reading of OA approved literature as I worked / work the steps. Would I have that recovery had the OA literature not been made available in a language that I could read and understand well? Only God knows the answer to that. My early involvement at that R9 assembly was in the Translations Committee, - an accountant without another language! But curiosity led me to that committee and find out what processes there were and I did find I could contribute (I wrote up the minutes and drafted a form in Microsoft word!). That first experience awakened a belief and passion to assist R9 in whatever way I can. In the years, I have been involved with Region 9 I have always enjoyed service and been an active member of any committee that I have been part of. I love putting workshops together to help my own and other members with recovery. I believe deeply that whilst in service I should report back to the fellowship in a way that is as informative and interesting as possible.

The deep passion that arose in me back in September 2003 has never gone away. However, over this past few years as trustee, I believe that my HP has moved me a long to act in a more general sense of OA so that I can take on other roles if God points me in that direction.

\* I believe in rotation of duties and the opportunities that brings to the fellowship and members. I support wholeheartedly the limitations placed on the various roles in OA and the way we do that as a fellowship in group conscience. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the fellowship as trustee. I believe I have the energy, I have prayed and meditated on it and thus put forth my application to serve a second term as R9 trustee.

#### Brief account of my OA recovery story – physical, emotional, and spiritual:

I came back into OA in January 2000 having been away from meetings for about 7 years. (I had originally been a member for about 18 months between 1991 - 1993). In those 7 years, I had gone back to bingeing and then trying various diets and weight loss regimes, many times over. My weight had increased a lot and I had stopped getting on the scales due to fear of what they would tell me. It felt like the whole world was having a party over the 'Millennium New Year' but I was spectating and slowly dying. My eating and weight were going up and my self-esteem going down - in equal measures. My options were running out and I was just as desperate as a person can be.

I cried in meetings for about 3 months in that winter and spring of 2000 - wondering how I would start to work the program (I was working as compulsively as I was overeating). I eventually asked an abstinent member to sponsor me in the March of that year. That sponsor took me through the steps and by the August of 2000 I was abstinent from my binge foods, had a food plan and was losing weight. I was working through the steps as best I could. That first sponsor had asked me to do three things, a) Work the Steps to the best of my ability, b) Attend meetings (and make a commitment to my home meeting) and c) Give service - again to the best of my ability. I continue to do these things for my own recovery and as a member of OA. I believe this request and my acceptance was one of the simplest but also most significant steps in my recovery. I hope my respect for that remains with me for the rest of my days.

By October 2000 I had reached Step 9 and was making my amends. I attended the National Assembly as group representative and after the assembly I shared at the Convention on that Sunday morning - once more I cried, but these were tears of joy not sadness. I was trying my best to convey something indescribable - I had been given and was enjoying the gift of abstinence, was losing weight, and that my 'damaged' feelings had gone away! Life will always have its 'ups and downs'. It feels like the right order of things to experience grief and pain at times. OA has enabled me to find abstinence and a loving relationship with my HP so I can go through those times without killing myself with food. Mostly though, I have been enjoying the journey of recovery ever since.

I am a different person than I was when I came into these rooms,

(i) physically I am 4 stones + lighter (60lbs + as I do not know what my top weight was),

(ii) emotionally I feel I am also lighter (!) The program has taught me how to act on life's events rather than have 'knee jerk' reactions to them and

(iii) Spiritually, I have a loving and kind relationship with a God of my understanding that grows ever more as time passes (and I work the program).

The program has given me ways to live my life and accept life on life's terms, without overeating. I renew my commitment to abstinence and continue to work the program one day at a time to the best of my ability and hope I will remain to do so for the rest of my earthly days. I pray, meditate & take personal inventory, attend 1 home f to f OA meeting a week as well as one via skype and at least one other virtually. I hope I will always be grateful. I have a commitment to live as healthy a life as I can -with all the imperfections as any human.

The time as trustee has shown me that the fellowship is very diverse. I embrace that diversity as my HP chips away at my character defects. Probably one of the most significant areas of acceptance is, the fact that members have incredibly different opinions and I may not agree with them but I don't have the right to question their commitment and where it leads them. :)

Together, we get better.

## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRUSTEES**

Article IX, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Section 4 – Qualifications

- a) Qualifications for trustee shall be:
  - 1) Seven years in the Fellowship;
  - 2) Five years of service beyond the meeting level;
  - 3) Attendance as a delegate to at least two World Service Business Conferences; and
  - 4) Five years of continuous recovery in Overeaters Anonymous as evidenced by:
    - i) five years of current continuous abstinence;
    - ii) current maintenance of a healthy body weight for at least two years; and
    - iii) emotional and spiritual growth as a result of incorporating into their lives the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as a new way of living.
  
- b) Qualifications for trustee must be met at the time of application for trustee is submitted to the WSO. Specifically, such trustee nominees must also have:
  - 1) Worked through all Twelve Steps;
  - 2) Declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps to the best of their ability;
  - 3) Declared themselves as committed to the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous; and
  - 4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.
  
- c) Upon election, each trustee shall make a commitment of:
  - 1) Adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
  - 2) 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 recovery including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight.
  - 3) Compliance with all terms and provisions of the prevailing Overeaters Anonymous Inc. Bylaws.

Article IX, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Section 6 – Election of Trustees

- a) To be eligible for election, each nominee must appear before the delegates at the World Service Business Conference and address the assembled delegates from three to five minutes and answer questions from the floor. No new nominations will be accepted from the floor. No candidate may run for more than one position.

## **SPECIFIC DUTIES OF GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEES**

Article IX, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Section 2c) Specific Duties

- 4) The general service trustees shall have general authority with respect to the routine conduct of the business affairs of the corporation, including the following specific duties:
  - i) To maintain a World Service Office and to receive and disburse all funds contributed to the World Service Office for the benefit of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole, so that the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous need never be organized in any legal or official manner.
  - ii) To receive, manage, control, use and disburse in such manner as the board may deem advantageous to Overeaters Anonymous, all gifts and contributions, monies and properties of every kind received by the Board of Trustees for Overeaters Anonymous. The board must decline all outside contributions in accordance with Tradition Seven.
  - iii) To have the books of the corporation and any and all affiliated bodies, foundations, and nonprofit corporations audited and to furnish an accounting of all financial transactions at the regular annual meeting of the Conference.
  - iv) To submit minutes of the general service trustee meetings to the Board of Trustees.

## **SPECIFIC DUTIES OF THE VIRTUAL SERVICES TRUSTEE**

Article IX, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Section 2c) Specific Duties

- 3) The virtual services trustee (VST) will represent virtual groups and service boards at the Board of Trustees, and will support virtual services in a manner similar to regional trustees' support of the OA regions.

## **REGION 9 WSBC DELEGATES APPLICATION FORM**

### Introduction

At the 2015 R9 Assembly a new business motion was adopted that changed the priority when selecting delegates to represent "Region 9 as a whole" at The World Service Business Conference (WSBC).

This service position is open to all Reps and R9 Officers present at the Region 9 Assembly, EXCEPT people who will be representing their own Service Body at WSBC.

Selection of delegates is made at the Annual Region 9 Assembly.

All candidates have to comply with the qualifications for delegates in the Bylaws OA Inc., Subpart B Article X Section 3), c), 1) in that "each delegate/alternate shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level."

Additionally, in keeping with WSBC Policy Manual 1988a section 3) c) Delegate candidates shall "be selected for judgement, experience, stability, willingness, and for faithful adherence to living within the concepts of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Overeaters Anonymous."

It is further suggested that a World Service Delegate be a current or past representative.

Service Bodies (IG's NSBs LSBs) that submit candidates to be selected as Region 9 Delegates to the WSBC have to file an application at least 60 days prior to the Region 9 Assembly where the election will be made (forms due 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017).

The duties of the elected delegate/s are outlined in the following excerpt from Section IX or our P&P, and are expected to give service to Region 9 throughout the following year. Please read these to ensure you are able to comply if elected.

If you are interested in representing Region 9 in this way, please complete the enclosed application form and send to the Region 9 Treasurer; [treasurer@oaregion9.org](mailto:treasurer@oaregion9.org).

Please make sure that the application form is signed by Chair or Secretary of your Intergroup/Service Body before sending it to the Treasurer.

## REGION 9 WSBC DELEGATES APPLICATION FORM

Name of Delegate: Ine

Address:

Email:

Current/Previous Service Position: chair of translation committee in Sweden  
NSB, WS-rep Sweden NSB 1year, current: R9-rep Sweden NSB

I would like to participate in this WSBC Committee: Unity with Diversity

Service for Region 9 that I plan to do after WSBC: I'm interested in doing

service within Unity with Diversity Task Force with the project twinning task

where older and more established service bodies support younger, smaller ones,

I have thus far focused on twinning projects in Sweden, Norway, Estonia and

Finland, but would very much like to do similar service throughout the entire

region.

In addition, I am particularly fond of working with translation, and can easily see myself enrolling in any kind of service in that field within my region.

Name of Service Body: Sveriges Serviceråd SSR

Type of Service Body (Intergroup, National/Language Service Board): NSB

Will your service body be sending any other Delegates to WSBC? Yes

Name of Chair/Secretary: Martin Westman

Signature of Chair/Secretary:  Date: 20170831

By signing this application form, I am declaring that I have read all the conditions and responsibilities expected of a Delegate from Region 9 to the World Service Business Conference (WSBC), and that I meet the qualifications as stated.

Signed: 

Date: 20170831

## REGION 9 WSBC DELEGATES APPLICATION FORM

Name of Delegate: Olafia

Address:

Email: .

Current/Previous Service Position: Chair - National service board Iceland

I would like to participate in this WSBC Committee: Unity with diversity - Translate

Service for Region 9 that I plan to do after WSBC:

Name of Service Body: National service board Iceland

Type of Service Body (Intergroup, National/Language Service Board): National service board Iceland

Will your service body be sending any other Delegates to WSBC? No

Name of Chair/Secretary: Gudrun Kristin Sigurgeirsdottir

Signature of Chair Secretary: Raykjavík Date: 24/8 2017  
Gudrun Kristin Sigurgeirsdottir

By signing this application form, I am declaring that I have read all the conditions and responsibilities expected of a Delegate from Region 9 to the World Service Business Conference (WSBC), and that I meet the qualifications as stated.

Signed: Olafia S. Date: 24.08.2017

X I am in the sub-committee "Translations" since WSBC 2017 → I plan to keep on that work  
I think we need to keep up with the good work we are doing for translations in our region.

The following is an extract from:

## **Region 9 Policies and Procedures, Section IX, WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE**

### REGIONAL DELEGATES TO WSBC

1. If the Region is represented by less than forty percent of its Intergroups, up to 5 additional delegates to WSBC could be selected.
2. Preference shall be given to Delegates from Intergroups and service bodies that otherwise will not be represented.
3. If there are no candidates from those Intergroups, the Region 9 Assembly will select the candidates from among its voting members who will be able to attend WSBC.
4. The selection of candidates will be made at the yearly Region 9 Assembly.
5. All candidates have to comply with the qualifications for delegates in the Bylaws OA, Inc., Subpart B Article X Section 3), c), 1) in that "each delegate/alternate shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level," Additionally, in keeping with WSBC Policy Manual 1988a Section 3) c) Delegate candidates shall "be selected for judgement, experience, stability, willingness and for faithful adherence to living within the concepts of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Overeaters Anonymous. It is further suggested a World Service delegate be a current or past representative.
6. Intergroups that submit candidates to be selected as Region 9 Delegates to the WSBC have to file an application at least 60 days prior to the Region 9 Assembly where the selection will be made.
7. All applications are to be sent to the Region 9 Treasurer.
8. The funding of the Region 9 Delegate will depend on the availability of funds. If the funds are available the Region 9 Delegate to the WSBC will be funded according to the Policy and Procedure 1996h.
9. Prior to selection of the delegates, the Treasurer will inform the Assembly of the funds available for this purpose.
10. The number of delegates selected will depend on the funds available, but in any case shall not be more than five. (2006c)
11. The Treasurer will inform the Region 9 Assembly of candidate applications on the Friday. The Assembly will make a selection from among those having filed the Application provided they meet the requirements. If it is determined R9 is able to send more delegates than have applied, additional delegates shall be elected as per 3 above from the R9 assembly voting members which shall include R9 officers provided these candidates meet the requirements.
12. The delegate/s representing Region 9 as a whole will be expected to:
  - a) Register for WSBC (WSBC Policy Manual 1991a Section 3 "by March 1"). Make travel and hotel arrangements in advance in consultation with the R9 Treasurer. Submit expense reimbursement forms to the Treasurer as soon as possible. Be prudent with use of R9 funds while participating as a delegate.
  - b) Vote during group conscience business meetings at WSBC in a manner in keeping with WSBC Policy Manual 1988a Section 3 d) and e) which states delegates "may be instructed as to the desires of the [region]." "As participants, delegates shall not be bound by the wishes of their [region], but should not vote against these wishes unless situations arise at the Business Conference that make it necessary for the best interests of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole."
  - c) Participate in a WSBC Committee during conference and follow up committee work during the following year. A committee preference form, submitted by the delegate (by April 1 in order to be considered for committee membership – see WSBC Policy Manual 1991a Section 3) should give consideration to where other R9 delegates are serving so as to spread R9 committee participation across the various WSBC committees. If necessary, the delegate may be asked to serve on a committee other than their choice.
  - d) Delegates should be willing to serve as part of the Reference Subcommittee, the Region Appeals Committee, and/or assist with R9 7th Tradition fundraisers if asked to do so.
  - e) Write a report on their activities as Region Delegate and submit that report to the region representatives (and their own service body) within 45 days of close of conference. It is suggested this report be sent electronically to the R9 representatives. (2015u)



**Region 9 Bylaws excerpts for Elections:**  
**(Please note there are further job descriptions in the Policy Manual)**

**ARTICLE VII – COMPOSITION OF REGION 9 BOARD**

**Section 1- Composition**

The Region 9 Board shall consist of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and General Officer.

**Section 2 – Duties**

Duties of members of the Region 9 Board shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. The Chair is responsible to see that a notification of the Assembly is emailed in accordance with Article V – Section 2; to see that Region 9 Intergroups, National/Language Service Boards are notified that amendments to these Bylaws should be sent in accordance with Article XII – Section 1; to prepare an agenda for the Assembly and see that the agenda is emailed in accordance with Article V – Section 4; to preside over the Assembly; and in accordance with the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. – Subpart B is entitled to be a voting delegate to the annual World Service Business Conference.
- b. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining accurate minutes and records of all Region decisions and actions at the Assembly. The Secretary must see that the Minutes are emailed when possible within 45 days of the Assembly to all participants of the Assembly, unaffiliated groups in Region 9 and Service Bodies that have not sent a representative to the Assembly. Any Service Body interested can ask the Region 9 Secretary for a copy of the Minutes by email.
- c. The Treasurer is responsible to chair the Budget and Finance Committee; and to see that the annual financial statements are mailed to all members Intergroup and National/Language Service Boards.
- d. The General Officer shall assist other board members and perform the duties of any board position when required.
- e. In an emergency situation, approval of two members of the Region 9 Board is required to execute decisions deemed necessary for Region 9 as a whole. Notification of such decision shall be sent within 45 days to all registered Groups, Intergroup and National/Language Service Boards within Region 9.
- f. For additional and a more detailed explanation of duties for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer refer to the Region 9 Principles & Procedures manual.

**Section 3- Elections**

- a. Nominations and elections shall be held in each year at the Region 9 Assembly.
- b. To be eligible for election to membership of the Region 9 Board, a person must be present at the meeting and be an OA member from Region 9. In addition a person standing for the office of Chair must have been a representative at a previous Region 9 Assembly. To be elected, a member must receive a majority vote of the representatives present. In addition each candidate for the Region Board shall have where possible at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond group level at the time of election. In the event of a candidate with these qualifications not being present a candidate who has not these qualifications can be elected provided that they comply with ARTICLE IV – Section 3 c and can demonstrate that they have a good record of service to the Fellowship, and faithful

adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA.

- c. Board members are elected for a term of two consecutive years in the same position.
- d. Board members are elected to serve for a two (2) year term. Board members should not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position. A member who has just completed eight (8) consecutive years of service may stand for re-election only after an interval of two (2) years.
- e. Nominations for qualified nominees to the Region 9 Assembly may be made from the floor at the Assembly. Upon nomination, the nominees shall be called upon to present their qualifications briefly to the Assembly.
- f. Any vacated position may be temporarily filled by a representative on request of the Region 9 Chair at the Assembly with the approval of the Region 9 representatives.
- g. Vacancies that occur during the term of office between Assemblies shall be filled by a person appointed by the Chair. In the event that the position of Chair becomes vacant, the Secretary shall act as the Chair until the next Assembly with the authority to perform all prescribed duties and responsibilities. In the event that the position of Secretary becomes vacant, the Treasurer shall act as the Chair until the next Assembly with the authority to perform all prescribed Chair's duties and responsibilities. All vacancies shall be filled by an election at the next Region 9 Assembly.
- h. Each officer of Region 9 who will be selected as a delegate or alternate for the World Service Business Conference should comply with the requirements in the OA Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c 1. Current requirements are one (1) year current abstinence and at least two (2) years of service beyond the group level.

## **THE REGION 9 BYLAWS (updated 2016), ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES**

### **Section 4 – Finance and Budget Committee Members**

- a. The Treasurer of Region 9 shall chair the Finance and Budget Committee.
- b. If the Treasurer does not reside in United Kingdom, then the role of the Banker may be created. The Banker will automatically become a member of the Finance and Budget Committee.

### **Section 5 – Banker Duties**

The role of Banker is to deal with the bank and physical banking activities in the UK: copy and forward bank statements to the Region 9 Chair and Treasurer; liaise with the Treasurer; report annually to the Region 9 Assembly in written format, and comply with any further details of the banking role as outlined in the P & P.

### **Section 6 – Election of Banker**

If the Treasurer does not reside in the United Kingdom and the role of Banker is required to assist the Treasurer then the following process may be used:

- a. To be eligible for election of position of Banker, the person does not have to be present at the Assembly at which the election is taking place, see Region 9 Policies and Procedures for guidelines on election.
- b. To be elected as Banker, a member must receive a majority vote of the representatives present.
- c. The position is elected for a two year term with elections in alternate years to that of the Treasurer's position and these elections can be held in any year that the position is required.
- d. The Banker should serve for no more than four consecutive years.

- e. Nominations may be received from voting representatives present at the Region 9 Assembly at which the election is taking place or from visitors to the Region 9 Assembly or a member of OA who is not in attendance. If the nominee is present they shall be called upon to present their qualifications briefly to the Assembly. If the nominee is not present they may submit an application which will be read out to the Assembly.

Alternatively, should anyone standing for the position of Banker not be present at the assembly at which their nomination is taking place, it is preferable (if it can be arranged) if the nominee makes themselves available for a live communication (e.g. by Skype) with the Assembly at the time of the election. The R9 board will give instructions to all nominees for this position about the method and timing of this communication. If it is possible, then the Assembly delegates should be able to ask questions of (and hopefully “see”) the nominees to assist them in making their decisions as to who to elect to this vital position. The election process will continue as normal if this method is not possible.

- f. If no applications are received at the Region 9 Assembly at which the election is required or if a vacancy occurs during the term of office between Assemblies then the position can be filled by a person appointed by a majority vote of the Region 9 Board.
- g. The bank will do a credit check on the elected candidate. Should the Banker fail the check a new banker must be found.

### **Section 7 - Qualifications of Banker**

To be eligible the nominees for the position of Banker shall have where possible at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond group level at the time of election. In the event of a candidate with these qualifications not being present a candidate who does not have these qualifications can be elected provided that they comply with ARTICLE IV - Section 3 c and can demonstrate that they have a good record of service to the Fellowship, and faithful adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of OA.