

The 2022 WSBC Report, by :Marga K.

The annual World Service Business Conference for OA was held virtually this year between April 22nd and April 30th. There were two hundred and eighteen voting delegates. The following twenty-one countries were present: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom (Scotland) and the United States. It was amazing to see dedicated people from the worldwide fellowship persevere in their commitment to recovery and service despite the adversities of the pandemic. The Conference began with its first workshop made up of international speakers followed by “All About Conference” on April twenty-third. On Sunday, the Literature Q & A session and “Meet the Maker” discussed the new Traditions Workbook and proposed changes to the Bylaws, a set of guidelines created by OA. The Trustee Speeches took place on Monday, April twenty-fifth followed by New Business Motions and Bylaw Amendments. These were discussed and voted on. 2022’s Conference showed how OA as a fellowship and a business has thrived and adapted to our modern world.

Progress was made with the adoption of several significant and new Business Motions and Bylaw amendments. The following motions were passed: A, B, G and Literature Motion A-a (the Twelve Traditions Workbook). These Bylaws received a majority vote: 4, 8, 10, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14. Motion A allows the OA Responsibility Pledge to be included in all published literature. Motion B outlines new guidelines for Committee membership. New business motions C, D and E were defeated. Proposal D requested that OA pay back the \$134,800 received from the Paycheck Protection Plan, a government based program. Motion E proposed that July become the month of “Service”

in OA. Motion F was withdrawn. Business Motion G requested that we “Move to create a policy that OA makes a PDF of the CAL newcomer pamphlet, “Where Do I Start?” available to download and print...” Motion H was ruled “out of order”. Proposal I was withdrawn. Bylaw amendment 12 added “Caribbean Islands” to the list of areas included in Region 8. Bylaw amendment 13 allows special-focus service boards to have one delegate to represent them at the annual World Service Business Conference. Bylaw amendments 2 & 3 were withdrawn. Bylaw proposal 4 adds “interpreters for individual non-English speaking delegates” to “non-delegates who may address the WSBC.” Interpreters are paid but are not considered staff at the World Service Office. Bylaw Amendment 5-1 states that “The BOT (Board of Trustees) shall consist of 17 Trustees [without reducing the number of Trustees on a time-schedule].” Bylaw Proposal 6 clarified the qualifications and responsibilities of the Trustee and was adopted. The new Trustees will become liaisons to the Regions. Bylaw amendment 7 defined the requirements for nomination of Trustees.

* For more information about the 2022 World Service Business Conference, please read the Wrap Up Report now available for download on oa.org. *The link is as follows:*

<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/05/Wrap-Up-Report-22.pdf>

On Friday, April 29, 2022, we had Trustee Elections and voted on remaining Bylaw Amendments. Barb K. is the new Region Five Trustee. Emilia I., from Italy, is our new Region Nine Trustee. The General Service Trustees are Bob L., and Sandra M. It was an honor to serve as a delegate in Region Two for the second year in a row at the Conference. I witnessed people from different countries, generations and backgrounds thoughtfully discuss the business of our global fellowship and respectfully make plans for the future. Thank you for trusting me with the responsibility of this role. I based my votes on

what I thought would be in the best interest of our Mid-Peninsula Intergroup. The cooperation, willingness and devotion of our fellowship is truly inspiring and gives me hope.
