

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS GREAT BRITAIN
MINUTES OF 38TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Date: Saturday 21st October 2023
Time: 10am to 5pm
Held: via Zoom conference room

Abbreviations used:

NSA = National Service Assembly of Overeaters Anonymous Great Britain

IG = Intergroup

OAGB = Overeaters Anonymous Great Britain

NSB = National Service Board of OAGB

WSBC = World Service Business Conference of Overeaters Anonymous

WSO = World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous

Agenda

1. Welcome

NSB Chair – Caroline welcomed everyone to the 38th National Assembly with a call to order and a short moment of silence.

2. Housekeeping

Chair confirmed that there will be regular breaks, that nominations for national service board will be open until 11am, also new business motions will need to be submitted by 1.55pm.

3. Serenity Prayer, Preamble, 12 Steps Traditions, 12 Concepts

Serentiy Prayer read by Charlie M; Preamble by Clare B; Traditions by Joe S; Concepts by Pam G.

4. Establish Quorum

25% from groups and IG's and OAGB Board are required to establish quorum. With 153 meetings registered with WSO, 6 Intergroups and 5 Board Members this makes 164 eligible to vote. There were 49 fellows registered and attending, *the meeting was declared quorate.*

5. Agreement of Agenda

Chair advised that the discussion placed at 3.40pm will not be used and proposed that any amendments put into the chat box can be discussed at this time.

The agenda was agreed unanimously.

6. Approval of minutes from 2022 Assembly

These were proposed by Caroline (Chair) and *agreed unanimously.*

7. Appointment of Minutes Review Committee for 2023 Assembly

Teresa, Sarah, Mel, Susie B and Sharlotte G were agreed as minutes review committee members.

8. Appointment of Timekeeper

Suzi B volunteered as timekeeper for the morning business and Charlene for the afternoon business.

9. Introduction of NSB Officers, Minute Taker, Parliamentarian and Centre Mic person.

Caroline introduced herself as Chair and welcomed the other assembly officers:

Mel – Treasurer, Company Secretary and R9 rep

Robbie – Communications Officer and WBC delegate

Sarah – Literature Liaison Officer

Teresa – Secretary

Sharon – professional minute taker

Frankie – Centre Mic

Joanna – Parliamentarian

10. Review of Special Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure

Joanna (Parliamentarian) referred to the rules of order and guidelines provided in pack 2.

A proposal was received by Sharlotte to not record abstentions – this was agreed unanimously.

11. Board & Paid Workers Reports – questions only

Chair Report – Caroline

One question was asked but no report amendments were required.

Secretary Report – Teresa

No questions asked.

Treasurer Report – Mel

No questions asked.

Company Secretary Report – Mel

No questions asked.

Communications – Robbie

Three questions were asked with no amendments to the report.

Literature Liaison – Sarah

No questions were asked.

Literature Admin – Deborah

No questions were asked.

Professional Outreach/Public Information – Ellen

No questions were asked.

Region 9 Delegate – Mel

No questions were asked.

World Service Business Conference delegate – Robbie

No questions were asked.

12. NSB Officer Elections

There were no nominations or applications submitted.

13. Motions

Chair advised there were 4 bylaw amendments presented this year and 2 resolutions and that quorum had been established.

For resolution 1 a breakout room will be open at 1pm for further discussion for anyone who would like to join. This will enable the wording resolution 1 to be clarified and/or amended.

BYLAW AMENDMENT A:

'Simplify and clarify the description of how to make late applications to join the National Service Board.'

Proposed by Sarah (on behalf of NSB).

There were 3 speakers pro: Sarah; Mel; Teresa.

There were no speakers against.

Four questions were raised by Hannah C, Phyll B, Sharlotte G and Isobella.

44 votes were cast:

For = 43

Against = 1

Bylaw amendment A was adopted.

BYLAW AMENDMENT B:

'Intergroups can bid to host the National Assembly in person or virtually.'

Proposed by Mel (on behalf of NSB).

There were 2 speakers pro: Mel and Robbie

There were 0 speakers against.

No questions were raised.

45 votes were cast:

For = 45

Against = 0

Bylaw amendment B was adopted unanimously.

BYLAW AMENDMENT C:

'Clarify that members of the National Service Board cannot serve on any other service board but may attend their business meetings as a voting delegate.'

Proposed by Robbie (on behalf of NSB).

There were 3 speakers pro: Robbie, Mel and Teresa.

There were 2 speakers con: Sharlotte G and Sheila P.

Sharlotte G proposed a wording amendment and was seconded by Belinda, this was then withdrawn by Sharlotte and the debate continued with the original wording.

2 Questions were raised by Richard and Hannah C.
A breakout room was created to debate this further for any attendees to join at 1.50pm.

Assembly was paused for lunch with all reciting the OA promise.

AFTERNOON SESSION

14. Serenity Prayer & Preamble

Chair welcomed everyone back to the meeting and led the serenity prayer. The preamble was read by Linda R.

The meeting remained quorate.

15. Special Rules of Order Review

Joanna reminded all attendees of the special rules of order and recapped on queries that had been raised during the morning session.

16. Motions continued

BYLAW AMENDMENT C

A vote was taken on the call the question to finish question time on bylaw amendment C.

For = 36

Against = 0

The motion was passed unanimously.

Vote taken on bylaw amendment C in its original wording.

For = 38

Against = 0

Bylaw amendment C was adopted unanimously.

BYLAW AMENDMENT D

'Allow candidates for the national service board to be nominated by two OA groups where it is not possible to be nominated by an intergroup.'

Presented by Teresa (for the NSB)

There were 3 speakers pro: Teresa, Sarah P and Richard D

There were 3 speakers con: Sharlotte G, Isabella and Daniel C.

The debate was paused as an amendment was put forward and proposed by Hannah C and seconded by Richard D.

There were 2 speakers pro for the amendment: Hannah C and Miriam.

An amendment to the amendment was then raised regarding grammar and the original proposer agreed to this.

Sharlotte G raised a parliamentary inquiry as believed the amendment to be out of order the parliamentarian requested the maker of the amendment to withdraw the amendment. This was done.

The debate returned to the original motion. Pro speaker Robbie withdrew.
6 Questions were asked by Sharlotte, Danny, Robbie, Miriam, Isabella, and Daniel.

Vote was taken on bylaw amendment D in its original wording.

For = 36

Against = 3

Bylaw amendment D was adopted.

RESOLUTION 1

That OAGB should approve an ongoing commitment to GB wide Public Information and Professional Outreach initiatives. A way of reaching the still suffering compulsive overeater at all levels around Great Britain.

The makers of the resolution had put forward two amendments to the wording of the original resolution before the assembly and the members were asked for any objections to these – none were received.

The new motion now read:

That OAGB should approve an ongoing financial commitment to GB wide Public Information and Professional Outreach initiatives. A way of reaching the still suffering compulsive overeater at all levels around Great Britain. We recommend up to 50% of the surplus of 7th Tradition would be put into the following years budget for PIPO.

Chair accepted the amendments to resolution one and was proposed by Ellen.

There were 3 pro speakers = Ellen, Daniel and Rabia.

There was 1 con speaker = Richard.

2 questions were received by Daniel and Sheila.

Vote was taken for resolution one with its amended wording.

For = 43

Against = 0

The resolution passed unanimously for the board to put in place.

Sharlotte G raised a motion to suspend the rules and for Chair to set aside the orders of the day.

There were 2 objections to this proposal.

Vote was taken to suspend the agenda for the rest of the assembly.

For = 35

Against = 4

The remainder of the assembly agenda was suspended, and Chair can conduct the orders as she sees fit.

RESOLUTION 2

'That OAGB add the attached leaflets to the OAGB literature shop for sale in singles and multiples. That they put forward to WSO that these leaflets be

approved by the World Service Business Conference so that they can be available to the worldwide fellowship.'

The makers of the resolution put forward an amendment to the wording of the resolution and there were no objections.

Another amendment was received by Pat which indicated that the resolution be divided into 4 paragraphs.

A serenity prayer was requested under a question of privilege and the debate was paused.

The new amendment with the 4 resolutions to be voted on were shared and Chair brought the debate to a close at this point.

The new motion now read:

- **That OAGB adds the leaflet My OA Recovery Friends to the OAGB literature shop for sale in singles and as multiples.**
- **That OAGB put forward to Region 9 a motion in order to submit My OA Recovery Friends to the Conference Literature Committee so that the leaflet can be considered for adoption as either board or conference-approved literature so that it can be available to the worldwide fellowship.**
- **That OAGB adds the leaflet Do you eat compulsively? to the OAGB literature shop for sale in singles and as multiples.**
- **That OAGB put forward to Region 9 a motion in order to submit Do you eat compulsively? to the Conference Literature Committee so that this leaflet can be considered for adoption as either board or conference-approved literature so that it can be available to the worldwide fellowship.**

Sharlotte G proposed that the length of the meeting be extended by 30 minutes to allow for all business be addressed. This was put to a vote.

For = 14

Against = 24

The motion was not carried, and the assembly is still to close at 5pm.

17.2024 National Assembly bid

No bids were received.

18. Discussion – to be confirmed.

This slot was declared redundant at the beginning of the meeting.

19. Intergroup Reports

Alba IG – no questions

Heart of England IG (Pat) – no questions

North of England IG (Hannah B) – no questions
Red Dragon IG (Maria) – one question received.
South Coast IG (Kevin) – no questions
South & East England (Sarah) – no questions.

20.AOB

Nothing received.

At this point there was time remaining and Chair proposed this to be used to continue the debate on Resolution 2. This was voted on.

For = 27

Therefore, the debate resumed on Resolution 2.

The amendment to the motion was proposed by Sharlotte and seconded by Teresa.

There were 2 speakers pro – Sharlotte and Teresa.

There was 1 speaker con- Richard.

1 question was received by Suzi.

A vote was taken on accepting the amended wording.

For = 38

Chair accepted the motion which is now in 4 parts and objections were requested on each new paragraph.

Paragraph 1 – one objection received.

Paragraph 2 – one objection received.

Paragraph 3 – no objection received and therefore adopted.

Paragraph 4 – no objection received and therefore adopted.

Therefore paragraph 3 and 4 are for the board to action and paragraphs 1 and 2 can be brought to a future assembly.

21.7th tradition and thanks

Chair reminded attendees that the link for the 7th tradition was in the chat box.

Caroline thanked everyone who gave service at the assembly and to the OAGB.

Meeting closed with a serenity prayer.

Meeting closed at 5pm

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