

**WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE**  
**April May 26 - May 1, 2010**  
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The theme of this year's WSBC was "Half a Century = One World of Growth".

On Monday, April 26, I completed my registration and was provided with Conference Materials. The Conference binder is provided to all delegates. This binder includes all materials needed for the upcoming Business Meetings such as the pending motions and copies of the Bylaws and Continuing Effects Motion (similar to a Policy and Procedures Manual).

That evening, I attended the Service, Traditions, and Concepts Workshop which was part of the OA Strategic Plan. The workshop provided valuable information on leading an S, T & C presentation.

On Tuesday, I spoke at the workshop "Smiles of Service: We Are Not a Glum Lot". The workshop was presented by Susan S. (from Israel) and myself. We each shared on humor – whether it was in our OA meetings, OA workshops, and other OA service. This was an hour of fun and laughter. It proved that doing service can be fun and enrich our recovery.

Wednesday morning began with an inspiring forum entitled "How does Service Serve Us?" presented by the Region Chairs.

Committee meetings commenced after the forum. I attended the "Unity with Diversity Committee". This is a particularly appropriate committee as ASDI is a great example of diverse groups gathering in the spirit of unity. The committee addressed several areas where there may be diversity. Goals were established for the upcoming year. I was part of the sub-committee entitled "Manifestations of the Disease" Subcommittee. We established goals and will be working throughout the year on meeting these goals. A special focus OA meeting was held Thursday evening on the "Diverse Manifestations of the Disease." The committee plans to have another special focus meeting scheduled for WSBC 2011.

The business sessions of Conference began on Thursday, April 29 at 8:30 a.m. and ended on Saturday, May 1 just before noon. I was particularly awed to witness my soul mate (and wife of 49 years), Kayla as she chaired the 49th Annual World Service Business Conference. The delegates appeared to be impressed with her competence and deftness in conducting the business proceedings.

A Wrap Up report which includes a summary of the motions, salient points about them and their disposition as well as election results is attached to this report. Of note was the motion to only use the phrase "compulsive eater" and "compulsive eating" in OA literature was withdrawn. In addition, the motion describing the format for workshops

was withdrawn as workshops are not part of the business sessions and do not require specific instructions regarding format.

The pamphlet "*A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery*" did not receive the Conference Seal of Approval. The other pamphlets presented were all approved. The pamphlet "*Sponsoring through the Twelve Steps*" did receive the necessary two-thirds vote of approval. It had been sent back at last year's WSBC for additional work.

A ninth tool entitled "Action Plan" was adopted. The Conference Literature Committee will work on establishing a detailed description of this tool.

Although a Strategic Planning session had been scheduled for Saturday morning, it was pre-empted as we had many motions still to consider.

There were two changes to the Bylaws, Subpart B, that changed the words "above the group level" to "beyond the group level" in order to better reflect our inverted service pyramid.

The last Business Session normally deals with Emergency New Business Motions. These motions must first be approved for presentation to WSBC by a special sub-committee of the Bylaws Committee. The main criterion is that lack of action would work to the detriment of the OA organization. In addition, all ENB motions require a two-thirds vote for approval. Time ran out prior to consideration of any ENB motions.

Saturday afternoon consisted of a meeting of the Board of Trustees. The principal business was the election of officers for the upcoming year. The following are the new officers:

Chair:	Bob F.
First Vice-Chair	Cheryle T.
Second Vice-Chair	Vicki W.
Treasurer	Joe L.

Following the BOT meeting, the newly appointed trustee committee co-chairs met with the various committee chairs and then the full committees reconvened.

The busy week culminated in a Dinner Dance with a comical presentation relating to the upcoming World Service Convention in Los Angeles in August commemorating OA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I feel honored to have been one of the delegates representing ASDI. Thank you for the opportunity.

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ASDI Delegate