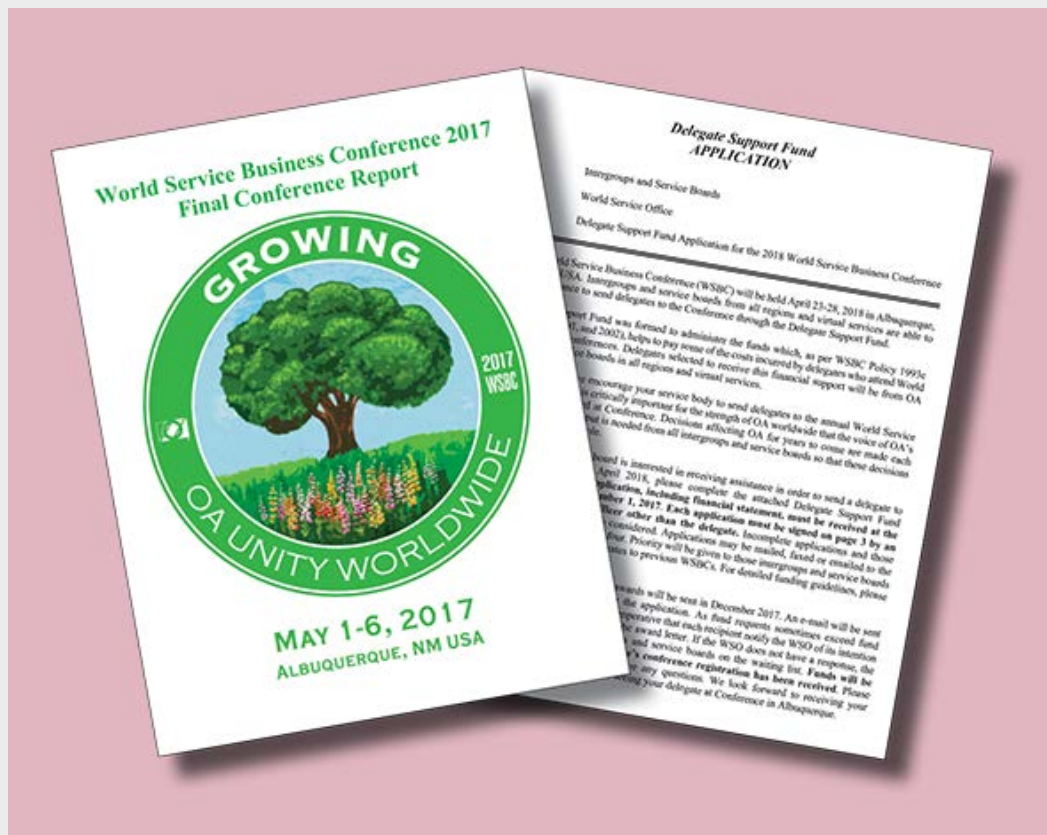




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## **World Service Business Conference: Final Conference Report and More**

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The [Final Conference Report](#) for WSBC 2017, along with [Ask-It Basket](#) questions and answers and notes from the [Strategic Planning Workshop](#) are now online, completing all online documentation of WSBC 2017.

**WSBC 2018 documents** are also being posted to the [Conference Web page](#), including [Important Dates](#), the [Delegate Support Fund application](#), and trustee nominee [application](#) and [instructions](#). The first Conference e-Documents will be posted on September 5, 2017. The registration fee for WSBC 2018 is US\$149 per delegate.

[Go to the WSBC Page](#)

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## New Issue of *A Step Ahead*: Read and Share In-depth OA News

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The Third Quarter 2017 issue of *A Step Ahead* is now available for download in an [interactive color edition](#) or in printer friendly [black and white](#). Included in this issue:

- **A recap of World Service Business Conference 2017**, including new trustees and committee chairs
- Reflections on service at WSBC by our new board chair
- An announcement of our **new designated Translation Fund** by our new board treasurer
- The winner of our Public Information Poster Contest
- New procedure and guidelines for translation of documents posted on oa.org
- An important reminder about Sponsorship Day
- Application announcements for the Professional Exhibits Fund and Delegate Support Fund
- **2018 Lifeline Topics**

- And more!

Download and share *A Step Ahead* today!

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## Contribute Today to the Delegate Support Fund

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Since 1993, the Delegate Support Fund has enabled intergroups and service boards from around the world to be represented at the annual World Service Business Conference. In 2017, **eighteen intergroups and service boards were awarded funds**, and the average award was US\$1,200 to assist in covering registration, transportation, lodging, and meals. This would not be possible without **your generosity**.

It is critically important for the strength of OA worldwide that the voice of OA's entire community be heard at Conference. WSBC decisions affecting OA for years to come are made each year and **input is needed from all service bodies** so that these decisions are truly representative of OA as a whole.

In the spirit of unity, we encourage your service body to **contribute to the Delegate Support Fund**. Please send your contributions to:

World Service Office  
P.O. Box 44020  
Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87174-4020

or donate online at [oa.org/contribute](https://oa.org/contribute), and be sure to **designate your contribution** for the Delegate Support Fund.

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## Important Dates and Deadlines

### **Translation Fund**

**August 1, 2017:** Translation Fund [applications](#) due to the World Service Office.

### **World Service Business Conference 2018**

**September 5, 2017:** Conference e-Documents #1 posted to [Conference Web page](#).  
Materials will not be mailed.

**November 1, 2017:** Delegate Support Fund [applications](#) due to the World Service Office.

### ***Lifeline Magazine***

#### **September 15, 2017**

My OA Birthday: January 20, 2018, marks the celebration of OA's 58th birthday.

Share a story about your OA birthday, how it was celebrated and its meaning for you.

Abandoning Ourselves to Our HP: Describe your life before and after being in OA, including your physical state. How is life better in recovery?

Departments: Bits and Bites, Service and Recovery, Step Study (Step One), Living Traditions (Tradition One), Service and Recovery, What Works for Me, Newcomers Corner, Share It.

Send your story to [info@oa.org](mailto:info@oa.org) with subject "Lifeline."

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### **MORE OA NEWS**

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***2018 Lifeline Topics  
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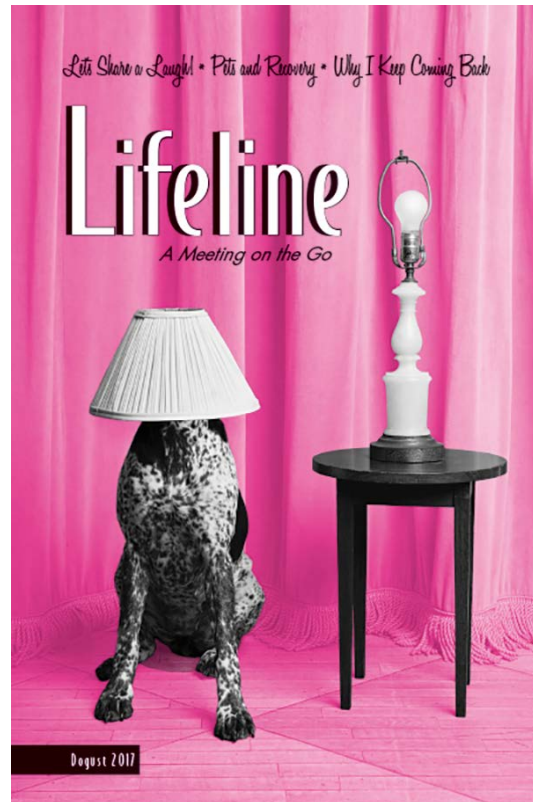
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**"It felt good to laugh together,"** says one OA member, "and realize that our meetings are pure joy."

We think you'll find plenty of laughter and joy in our "Meeting on the Go" for August. Subscribe now to read some of the **funniest stories** from OA members, plus learn **how pets help** members work

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***Sponsorship Day is  
August 19, 2017***



OA's newest event day, **Sponsorship Day, begins this year** and will be held annually on the third Saturday in August. Groups and service bodies are encouraged to plan local events to **celebrate the role of sponsorship in recovery.**

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***Prepare for  
Sponsorship Success  
with Our Podcasts***



Go to [oa.org/podcasts](http://oa.org/podcasts) to download or stream **five of nine planned episodes** of OA's newest podcast series: Sponsorship Success.

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***Get Funding to  
Participate at a  
Professional  
Conference***



The Professional Exhibits Fund provides **monetary support** to service bodies to carry the OA message into the professional community.

If there is a conference or convention in your area for which OA should **provide professional outreach**, download and complete the [Professional Exhibits Fund Application](#). Applications are reviewed at the first of each month.

To contribute to the Fund, indicate “Professional Exhibits Fund” on the memo line of your check or choose that option from the **designation drop-down menu** on the [Contribute](#) page.

The series explores **popular sponsorship questions**: What is a sponsor? Why should I get a sponsor? When can I become a sponsor? What is the sponsor’s job description? What are different sponsoring styles? and more.

Download the [Sponsorship Success Questionnaire](#) to take your listening to the next level with prompts for writing, discussion, or meditation.

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***Tap into OA:  
Resources for Group  
Treasurers and the  
Seventh Tradition***



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***Apply for Translation  
Funds by August 1***



To help carry the message of hope and recovery worldwide, **OA makes funds available to translate our literature** anywhere there is a recognized need. Registered groups and service bodies and small groups of interested individuals who are working toward becoming a registered service body may apply for funds to help their translation efforts.

Applications are reviewed and funds awarded **three times per year**, and the next deadline is August 1.

To apply, download the [application](#) found on the [Literature Translations page](#) on oa.org and send the completed application to the World Service Office.

Check out what's available to support **group treasurers and the Seventh Tradition:**

- [\*Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) for OA Group, Intergroup, and Service Board Members\*](#)
- [\*Budget Guidelines for Service Bodies\*](#)
- [\*Fundraising and Prudent Reserve Guidelines for Groups and Service Bodies\*](#)
- *Seventh Tradition of OA* pamphlet (available for [download](#), [purchase](#), and [translation](#))
- [\*Seventh Tradition Table Card\*](#)

Find more resources at [oa.org](http://oa.org) and [bookstore.oa.org](http://bookstore.oa.org).

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See [Translation Guidelines for OA Literature](#) for more information about the translation process.

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