

The motion below was approved for submission to Mid-Hudson Intergroup for adoption at the November 19, 2016 intergroup meeting.

It is adopted to Amend Mid-Hudson Intergroup Bylaws ARTICLE III - Members, Section 2, Qualifications, Paragraph A, Subparagraph 1, Item b) by deleting overstruck text and Item c) by deleting overstruck text and inserting "b)" as shown below in italic text:

Present Wording:

a) These points shall define an Overeaters Anonymous group:

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- 2) All who have the desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.
- 3) No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to have a voice (share at a meeting).
- 4) As a group they have no affiliation other than Overeaters Anonymous.
- 5) It has affiliated as an Overeaters Anonymous group by registering with the World Service Office.

b) Virtual groups (groups which replicate face-to-face meetings through electronic media) may be an Overeaters Anonymous group if they:

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- 2) are fully interactive, and;
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Submitted by: Mid-Hudson Intergroup Board (Contact: Cat <catcolemanoa@gmail.com>)

Intent: To restore compliance between MHIG Bylaws and OA, Inc., Bylaws, Subpart B, as required by OA, Inc. Policy and Item c (seen above) in the present MHIG Bylaws.

Implementation: A revised set of bylaws will be published and posted on the intergroup website

Cost: No additional cost is foreseen

Rationale: The definition of an Overeaters Anonymous virtual group was revised in OA, Inc., Bylaws, Subpart B, at this year's World Service Business Conference to remove the limits on how virtual groups operate and to make the registration rules the same for all meetings.