

**BYLAWS OF MASS BAY INTERGROUP INC.
OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**

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PREAMBLE

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Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating.

We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. OA is not affiliated with any public or private organization, political movement, ideology or religious doctrine; we take no position on outside issues.

Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors and to carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to those who still suffer. Revised 5/18/2017

NAME

The name of this organization shall be Mass Bay Intergroup Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "MBI") of Overeaters Anonymous (hereinafter referred to as "OA").

PURPOSE

The purpose of MBI of OA shall be:

- To further the OA program in accordance with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service. (as referenced in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B Article I, II, III)

- To maintain a Communication Center for Mass Bay Intergroup.
- To provide unity of OA member groups within the Intergroup.
- To provide a format for selection of Region Representatives and Alternates to Region 6 Assemblies and Delegates and Alternates to World Service Business Conference.
- To work for OA as a whole within the Intergroup.

MEMBERSHIP OF MBI

The membership of MBI shall consist of any OA group that follows the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts of OA Service which has voted to join MBI.

- A. As a group, they meet to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
- B. All who have the desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.
- C. No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to have a voice (share at a meeting).
- D. As a group they have no other affiliation other than Overeaters Anonymous.
- E. It has affiliated as an Overeaters Anonymous group by registering with the World Service Office .
- F. Those groups are deemed members provided that such group shall have been registered with the MBI.
- G. Each person regardless of how many votes they are entitled to as IR, AR, Committee Chair, Representative to R6 or Delegate to WSBC, may only vote once. Revised 5/1/2017

MEETINGS OF MBI

- A. Notification of meetings of MBI shall be mailed and or emailed to each member group's secretary or IR at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- B. A special meeting may be called at any time, other than regular meetings, by a majority vote of the MBI officers or by a petition of at least ten (10) member groups.
- C. Regular meetings of MBI are to be held once every month.