

HOW OXFORD HOUSE IS ORGANIZED

HOUSES

The house is the primary purpose of the entire Oxford House organization. Each house is autonomous, and establishes their own guidelines for day-to-day operation. All houses are subject to the Oxford House Charter requirements. A new house can be established in many ways. If there are Outreach Representatives in the area, they may open a house, Chapters also open new houses when needed, and an existing house can open a new house, with the approval of the Chapter. It is important that the new members and the existing members all become involved in the many aspects of our organization. It is only by your involvement that we can continue to help that practicing alcoholic or addict who is still out there.

CHAPTERS

Chapters are formed throughout the various states and countries based on geographical locations. Each house President is generally the representative member of this group. The Chapters are directly responsible to the individual houses in their area. They may financially assist houses in need, promote presentations to local treatment agencies, oversee the integrity of the Oxford House Charter, System of Operations, Manuals and Traditions, and promote social and fundraising events in their area. Some Chapters hold regular workshops and orientations. The Chapter is the backbone of our successful houses.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS

Many states have organized State Associations that are comprised of Chapter Chairpersons, alumni members and other interested persons. The purpose is to promote unity, training workshops, assist the chapters, work with local agencies and promote the expansion of Oxford House. This organization also oversees the integrity of the Oxford House Charter, System of Operations, Manuals and Traditions within the state. Some states hold annual fun events for all members. Most State Associations meet bimonthly.

WORLD COUNCIL

The World Council members are elected by a majority vote of attendees each year at our World Convention. They are house and alumni members of Oxford House. Their primary purpose is to act as guardians of the Manuals and Traditions and to ensure the integrity of the concepts. The World Council meets bimonthly either by teleconference or in person.

WORLD SERVICES OFFICE

The World Services Office has paid staff that administrates the Outreach Representatives, technical services, loan services and business end of Oxford House. The office is directly responsible to the National Executive Board.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

These members are selected for their economic, business, philanthropic and financial background and experience. They are not necessarily in recovery. Their primary purpose is to oversee the internal operation of the business and financial health of Oxford House, Inc. and World Services Office. This Board holds four meetings annually.

Each of these organizations elects a set of Officers from within the group.