

## Region 9 Finance Sub-Committee Meeting

Chair: Alison – Outgoing Region 9 Treasurer  
Minutes: Sam  
Present: Irenne

1. The sub-committee agreed to recommend budgeting around £700 for a Parliamentarian to assist the Region 9 Chair in the running of the Assembly from 2011. Consideration was given to the Chair's comments that other Regions have a Parliamentarian who is also a Rep to the Assembly, but the sub-committee felt that given the additional language considerations, it would be more helpful for Region 9 to have a separate, independent Parliamentarian, who could fully concentrate on this role.

Action: Agreed by Assembly

2. The sub-committee agreed to recommend budgeting around £1300 for an additional Region 9 Rep to attend the World Service Business Conference. Should this be agreed, and part funding was also available from World Service Office, funding 50% of 2 Reps could also be considered.

Action: Agreed by Assembly

3. The sub-committee agreed to recommend reducing the amount budgeted for translations for the year, by £2000 to cover points 1 and 2 above. The rationale for this recommendation was that there is also a translations reserve, and that no money has been spent in the past year.

Action: Agreed by Assembly

4. The sub-committee discussed the issue of Region 9 not being currently self-supporting with regard to contributions to WSO. It was suggested that the general reserve held by Region 9 should be reduced to zero, keeping only the prudent reserve (roughly a year's running costs), and the translation reserve. This was felt to be more in keeping with OA Traditions and Concepts. The amount released would be spent in year as an additional one-off contribution to WSO.

Action: Agreed at Assembly

5. The sub-committee considered the issue of promoting the WSBC delegate support fund. It was agreed that after the Assembly the Treasurer would email all current Region 9 delegates with details of both the Region 9 and WSBC delegate support funds, with relevant forms attached.

Action: Alison

6. The sub-committee considered the issue of being self-supporting in service as well as in monetary contributions. It was agreed that the self-supporting tent card would be amended to reflect service contributions for a group as well as monetary contributions, see below for example:

Rent	£10.00	per week
Literature	£3.00	per week
Intergroup contribution	£3.00	per week
Setting up room	30 minutes	per week
Intergroup attendance	half day	6 times per year
National Assembly attendance	2 days	per year
Treasurer role	20 minutes	per week

The purpose would be to inform group members of the time involved in running a meeting as well as the costs involved, and give a more realistic idea of the commitment involved in giving service.

Action: Sam during year

7. The sub-committee suggested sending on the Region 9 Appeal for funds letter twice in every year, with a summary of how groups/intergroups/service bodies contributions are used.

Action: Alison/Isabella

8. The sub-committee discussed sending out, with the Region 9 appeal letter, a personal letter or email (ie addressed to a specific person or service body), detailing contributions made by that service body and any groups that are affiliated to it, and/or detailing contributions made by other service bodies for comparison, with a note of the number of groups affiliated to each service body.