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Region 9

ASSEMBLY MINUTES

REGION 9 ASSEMBLY 2013

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INTRODUCTION TO THE ASSEMBLY MINUTES 2013

These are the Minutes of Region 9 Assembly held in Shefayim, Israel from Wednesday 6th until Friday 8th November 2013. The minutes contain facts of discussions held, reports on workshops and committee sessions, the changes discussed and voted on regarding R9 Bylaws and Policies & Procedures. In the appendices you will find the list of the attendees at the Assembly, Committee Reports, Workshop Reports, etc.

Each day started with readings from the OA literature such as: the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts of OA Service, Preamble, Region 9 Statement of Purpose and Responsibility Pledge. We also had "Sponsorship" readings and Trivia questions several times a day, the one attendee with the right answer, got a prize.

Before and after the meetings each day, we said the Serenity Prayer, first in a language represented at the Assembly, and after that in English.

We had visitors attending the Assembly from many different countries, approximately 14 visitors each day, during the three days. They participated in the workshops and the Committee sessions, and assisted whenever needed.

The 7th Tradition basket was passed at least once a day during the Assembly.

WEDNESDAY 6th November 2013

1. Settling In and Announcements

- Region 9 Chair, Susan, welcomed everybody to the 30th Region 9 Annual Assembly, at 17:05.
- The 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts of OA Service, Region 9 Statement of Purpose, Preamble, and Responsibility Pledge were read.
- The R9 Board introduction; Susan (Chair), Mette (Secretary), Isabella (Treasurer), Esti (Trustee). The Parliamentarian was introduced; Hulda from Israel.
- Thank you to Chani from Israel, who volunteered to do the job of Acting Secretary if Mette wasn't able to make it on time.
- Welcome to all R9 representatives, R9 Board, R9 Trustee, NSB Israel, Parliamentarian and Visitors.
- Final Green Dot/Mentor allocation was made.
- Like last year we did the "Broken Telephone" which was a funny game where the attendees were split into two sections around the table. One person from each team was to whisper to the person sitting next to them, repeating a sentence, and then at the end we heard the outcome.
- There was an announcement regarding the Region 9 Chair's Message that goes out each month. A Region 9 Newsletter goes out every second month, the latest issue (September 2013) is celebrating Region 9 30th Birthday, and is longer than usual. R9 was selling a printed version so that attendees could buy it and support R9 in that way. R9 Newsletter 30th Birthday issue has been translated into Italian. Every country can translate the Newsletter at home.
- We now have a R9 Archive. On the R9 website you will find many things and on the WSO website, you will find A Step Ahead, and the Courier which are for the professionals.
- This year we had the very first Region 9 Trustee, Jeanine, as a visitor, she is from the USA, and everybody was very happy that she attended part of the Assembly.
- Region 9 Chair encouraged all SB/IG's to contact her if anything is going on in their country, information is important.
- Parliamentarian read from the R9 Bylaws about unaffiliated Service Bodies. We had a vote on whether the representative from Estonia was to have a voice and a vote since she was not representing a Service Body. In favor 24, against 3.
- Eighteen countries were represented at the Assembly: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, and Switzerland.
- WSBC 2014 takes place from April 28 to May 4, 2014, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. It is too late to apply for assistance since the deadline was November 1st 2013. Delegate qualifications for attending WSBC were read by the Parliamentarian.
- World Service Convention 2016 will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
- This year there will be voting on 2014 & 2015 R9 Assembly & Convention venues.
- Service positions available this year: R9 Chair, Banker, Literature & Translations, Twelfth-Step Within, Electronic Communications Chair.
- The liaison list with countries not present at the Assembly was presented, for representatives to select a country to contact when home again. The green paper with questions in the representatives packet, gives information on what to say to the countries not present.
- R9 was fund raising through the sale of wristbands and magnets, holding a raffle for Lifeline subscription and a 50/50 draw.
The PI Committee made a postcard, this was given to the attendees to bring home.
- Region 9 30th Birthday Celebration will take place on Wednesday.

2. Credentials Report

Total number of voting members present 28.

16 countries represented:

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, Switzerland.

Quorum constituted; 5 countries represented.

Credentials Report accepted and adopted as presented.

3. Strategic Plan Presentation (Report Appendix A)

4. Icebreaker

We had an icebreaker where we were to say something about ourselves, and people were to say "me too" if it were true for them too, then the globe was thrown to one of the responding people and so on. It was very funny and we laughed a lot.

5. Informal opening – Orientation Meeting – Adoption of the Agenda - General Overview of the Processes of the Assembly – Parliamentary Procedures – Approval of the 2012 Assembly Minutes – Appointment of the Minutes Approval Committee 2013 – Time Keeper & Timing

Informal Opening

- The representatives shared briefly from their SB/IG about their problems, concerns and triumphs.
- Problems/concerns; Many groups have problems with getting newcomers to come, and stay, and many groups only have a few members. There is a lack of long timers and sponsors. In some groups there is not much progress, so there is a concern with how to make more progress. One group runs a Big Book study for 6 weeks, the first week with focus on abstinence. One country has started a lot of new groups in town so there will be many different meetings to choose from, to see that will work. In another country they have many meetings but struggle to keep them alive. There is a problem with getting people to do service at all levels. Some would like to introduce a parliamentarian service position to their Service Body. It is difficult to teach the group secretaries the importance of sending representatives to their annual Assembly. For one IG it has been difficult to send reps to R9 Assembly since it's been a long time since they last sent someone. Some have encouraged sponsors to sponsor online, to facilitate their sponsor/sponsee situation. There are concerns that people have a problem with the word "God" in the literature. Different language groups try to connect to create unity between them. Because of struggles with service, an IG has worked with another IG to combine and get stronger, The R9 Trustee will be visiting them to do a workshop. Lack of use of the telephone tool, and in one area there is almost no literature. In a skype meeting; there is a lot of disagreement about the meeting.
- Triumphs: Did a workshop on the Steps.
 - A good year for Greece and the national assembly decided to apply to host R9 A&C 2014.
 - An IG in the UK is preparing a new workshop, working the steps quickly which was a very good way for people new to OA to learn about the Steps. Online meetings are on the increase, more people are able to attend as distance is then not an issue.
 - Denmark has a very active PI Committee who did a Big Book Study for a weekend, this committee might arrange to host R9 A&C in the future.
 - A website group was created so new and old members can get information about the skype meeting.
 - In Ireland there are now meetings every day of the week in Dublin, and as a way of outreaching they have advertised in the newspaper and used a bus advertisement. They were also involved in a healthcare convention.
 - An IG was restructured to have less committees, and they held committee meetings during IG meetings. They also did 12th Step work for 12 weeks.

Orientation Meeting

●General overview of the processes of the Assembly.

The formal format of the Assembly and the Consent Agenda was explained by the Parliamentarian.

●Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed Agenda was approved as revised.

●Parliamentary Procedure

The parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules were briefly explained to the Assembly.

●Adoption of Ground Rules

Ground Rules were read to the Assembly, and adopted.

●Approval of the 2012 Assembly Minutes

The 2012 Assembly Minutes were approved.

●Appointment of the Minutes Approval Committee 2013

The committee members appointed were: Miranda, Sarah, and Susan (Chair).

●Timekeeper & Timer

Timekeeper appointed was: Stella.

6. 7th Tradition

Region 9 Treasurer, Isabella, explained that 7th Tradition was to take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and at the three OA meetings. All the money was to go to the R9 Treasurer.

7. Length of Abstinence in Program

A basket and a box were circulated around the table for the representatives and visitors to take out one small ball of the basket to represent each year of abstinence that they had, and put them in the box. When the balls were counted they totaled 352 years of abstinence!

8. Region 9 Birthday Celebration

All representatives and visitors participated in the Region 9 30th Birthday Celebration, continued from last year.

Everybody got a balloon, and each person was asked to write 1 word on it, to represent -what the program had given them. Then everyone passed their balloon to the next person and said "The program has given me..., I give it to you as a gift". It was a good way to get together and learn more about each other.

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THURSDAY 7th November 2013

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2. Readings

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4. Questions arising out of Reports:

●Chair's Report

Q: What was the process in deciding to go to Australia for the Region Chairs Committee in 2015?

Answer: Every year the RCC goes to business meetings in one of the 10 regions. Since it's stated that the RCC will go to R9 or R10 every 10 years, and it has been more than 10 years since that has happened (RCC took place in R9 about 13 years ago, and has never taken place in R10), the RCC thought it only fair to go to Australia in 2015. It was pointed out by some R9 reps at the R9 Assembly 2013 that in 2011 the RCC mtg took place in South America (R8) and back then the RCC decided that this would be instead of going to R9 or R10. Also, previously, South America was part of R9. The R9 Chair will bring this information to the attention of the RCC.

●Treasurer's Report and Suggested Budget & Banker

Treasurer/Suggested Budget/Banker: Money on the Budget had been moved to another line item where it wasn't appropriate. The R9 Board had discussed at a meeting to use the money that was left over from the 3rd RCC meeting, due to very generous donations from 2 other regions, for the Delegate Assistance Fund to send more representatives to R9 Assembly 2013. The Board did not ask the Assembly before moving the money for this purpose. Before the decision was made, there was a lot of input from the RCC; it is a common thing to move money if it's urgently needed, it was agreed within the R9 Board that the Board could do that.

Q: The business motion on this is very clear, the account of that money will be *after* Region 9 Assembly 2013 has taken place, it's important that people know that. We come to this Assembly without the accounts, we do not have the Financial Statements so how can we vote?

Answer: In the past year there have been certain problems with the bank account in England, therefore we don't have the Financial Statements.

●Secretary's Report

No questions were raised.

●Literature & Translations Committee Report

Q: How many members does the Committee consists of?

Answer: 5.

●Bylaws Committee Report

Q: How many members does the Committee consists of?

Answer: 3.

●Public Information Committee Report

Q: How many postcards did the Committee print?

Answer: 5000 pieces, every delegate to take postcards back home so they can be distributed as a PI tool. It is in the Bylaws and the Policies & Procedures, there is a fund for this purpose (General Assistance Fund).

Q: How many members does the Committee consists of?

Answer: 3.

Ireland does not have a SB only two IG's. Cork IG sent their information, and it was printed on the postcard, but Spirit of Hope IG did not get their information on the postcard although Committee sent them three emails.

●Twelfth-Step-Within Committee Report

Q: How many members does the Committee consists of?

Answer: 3.

●Electronic Communications Committee Report

Q: How many members does the Committee consists of?

Answer: 2.

Thank you to the web people for the huge amount of work they've done on the website.

●Finance Committee Report

Q: There were 3 items on General Assistance Fund what came out of it?

Answer: PI Committee got €120 for printing of the postcard. Russia got €800, Poland got €691 for translations. €1575 left. There were also some applicants that did not get funds.

The criteria for translation is detailed, but there is none for other things, we need criteria. We have already set criteria on the application forms, to the countries when they apply. The R9 translation funds are not a loan any more.

●Trustee's Courtesy Report

No questions were raised.

5. Region 9 Secretary – Explanation of Responsibilities (during R9 Assembly & all year)

Region 9 Secretary, Mette, explained to the Assembly about the responsibilities of the Secretary, for 2 minutes.

6. Region 9 Treasurer - Explanation of Responsibilities (during R9 Assembly & all year)

Region 9 Treasurer, Isabella, explained to the Assembly about the responsibilities of the Treasurer, and of the Banker, for 3 minutes.

7. 7th Traditions Workshop (Report Appendix B)

8. 2013-2014 Suggested Budget – Presentation and Discussion

Region 9 Treasurer, Isabella, presented the 2013-2014 Suggested Budget. She apologized that the Assembly did not get the Financial Statements, there were no accounts since there were no statements.

We have a budget for Trustee, which comes from WSO.

The R9 2013-2014 Suggested Budget contains a lot of large amounts of expenses, WSO is aware of this. We might think of creating a fund. The idea is that the money then has to be in the fund for a while so the money can grow. We need to keep in mind that if we are to have a fund, the money must come from somewhere. It might have to grow for a while, if we use it all up, there won't be any money for next year.

There is only a tiny amount given back, we have to try harder to give back to WSO.

Last year's income: Line item 11 was carried over to General Assistance Fund (GAF) and to Delegate Assistance Fund (DAF). Last year's translations reserve was put in GAF.

The GAF money was used for assistance as follows; the PI Committee got €120 to print the PI postcard. Russia got €800 for translations and printing, and Poland got €691 for translations. €1575 left.

There is €4910 to allocate to the new line items, to GAF, and to contributions to WSO;

New line item 32: €1000 to GAF.

New line item 21: Suggestion to increase DAF to €1102.

New line item 23: Suggestion to send another R9 Board member, or R9 Delegate to WSBC 2014, so increase to €1416.

New line item 18: If the R9 Chair is invited to do workshops, or to participate in Assemblies within Region 9, this will only be partly funded, it was suggested to put aside €696 for this purpose.

New line item 34: Contributions to WSO; €696.

Discussion regarding:

Sending money to WSO; Is Region 9 Familiar with the fact that there are costs when transferring money to WSO? There will be a loss of money, and costs, when we send money to WSO transferring from other currencies to Dollars. There are also costs for WSO when they receive money. It is always easier, and cheaper, for the SB/IG's to send contributions all together, at 1 time.

When SB/IG's send money to R9 for the Region to pass on a part of it to WSO, the amount as a whole received, will be the figure the Region will use, not only the part that is meant for R9.

Request of a specific amount to pass on to WSO, will be the amount passed on.

8 SB/IG's represented at the Assembly, send their contributions directly to WSO, not via R9.

The amount of €696 (new line item 34: contribution to WSO) is underestimated and deemed too low since we have 800 groups in Region 9.

There was previously no money to fund the R9 Chair to go to R9 Service Body Assemblies etc., hence the new line item 18. Strongly recommend this, and encourage the SB/IG's to plan for sending members to Assemblies, this could be done by having a fund raiser to save up for it. There is no line item in the budget for it. It's written in our Policies & Procedures and Bylaws that the R9 Chair can go, but there is no money for it. Last year Italy invited the R9 Chair to do 3 workshops at their Assembly & Convention, and paid for her. 3 other countries asked her to come, but in the end the costs prevented bringing her over. We have a R9 Trustee and that is within her role. In our region the R9 Chair is usually not invited.

This year the R9 Board spent more than was budgeted because of contributions from the 2 other regions that unexpectedly emerged, and was put into the DAF. In P&P there is a specific amount for the DAF. The figures in the budget were supposed to be the same for that fund as last year, but the Board decided to put in the extra money.

The financial year runs from June 1st to May 31st, not following the calendar year.

Concerns: Some of the line items and the figures are radically different from last year. We have not followed P&P. We have already spent more money, on some line items, than the 2013-2014 Suggested Budget. The R9 Board made a mistake by not asking the Body about these changes.

We have to be very clear in the future when we have 2 different people as Treasurer and Banker, on what is expected of both service positions, and from the accountant, and that everybody is clear about what to do. It is also very important that communication happens in the future, to avoid a situation where we don't have the Financial Statements on time for the Body to be able to consider them and the Suggested Budget.

The Finance Committee will take a look at the Suggested Budget and come back with a suggestion to the Assembly on Friday.

R9 Chair: This year the R9 Board got together and made a decision in between Assemblies. We made a mistake, we are human. We should have brought it forward in some way, or said "no we just can't make any changes", so what's important is that we do find a solution for this so that we do not do this again in the future.

The Finance Committee brought back the Suggested Budget to the Assembly on Friday.

9. Region 9 Trustee – Explanation of Responsibilities (during R9 Assembly & all year)

Region 9 Trustee, Esti, explained to the Assembly about the responsibilities of the Trustee, for 2 minutes.

10. Translations Workshop

Region 9 Trustee, Esti, held the translations workshop.

- It is important to emphasize the importance of translations for the countries that do not have anything translated yet.
- We do have guidelines for the countries to use in regards to translating. You can ask the R9 Trustee, or other people who know about the procedures.
- It is very important to have an OA glossary because of the OA language
- Licenses are legal documents. Each of the 3 licenses were explained. Because some countries

have already translated literature without permission, a 4th license has been made – the assignment agreement. This is so the countries do not have to submit all 3 licenses, but can use only 1.

- All the copyrights of the printed literature are owned by WSO, therefore the countries need to pay 10% of their net income of literature sales to WSO as royalties.

- Countries can apply for assistance from WSO who allocates money every year. In Region 9 this assistance used to be a loan, but it isn't anymore. It is possible to apply for funds from both R9 and WSO.

- Please send hard copies and a digital version of what you have translated to WSO's central archive. This is very important because service positions will change, and material can get lost. This is mandatory now.

- WSO needs to know about all literature that the countries do have translated.

Even though countries have translated some literature, we shall make an effort to translate more. It can be hard to keep records, but it's a matter for every country to decide, by reviewing the translations list to see what has been translated and what has not.

- If literature is translated into, for example French, then it's only the translating country who pays royalties.

- If you would like to have a translated glossary from another country, you can go to their website, and use their glossary to avoid duplication of efforts.

The Region 9 Literature & Translation Committee has prepared a glossary and this will be put on the website. Other countries can refer to that glossary to help them in preparing a glossary in their own language. It is encouraged to refer to the glossary when translating OA literature, in order to ensure that OA language is translated uniformly and consistently in other languages.

- If there is a problem in your country with getting the literature reprinted for different reasons, you can do a workshop on this, and explain the procedures. We have to make people aware of honesty.

- When you start a translation project, be aware of how many copies you actually need, do not make too many. You can contact R9 Board for guidance before printing the items.

- Some people have difficulties with the word "God" in the literature. No one is allowed to translate *anything without permission*. If "Higher Power" or "God" are what is written already, this is what we are to translate. We have to ask for permission to change this.

If you want to change, for example, the word "God", you have to bring a motion to WSBC, to make the word interchangeable.

Google translate is a useful start for translations.

11. Deadline For Ask-It-Basket Questions 14:00

12. Committee Sessions

All the committee work during the last year was much appreciated!

13. How to bring back home Region 9 Assembly Information

There is a paper about this in the packet given to all representatives.

14. Liaison with Service Bodies not Present at the Assembly

The list of countries not represented at the Assembly, was circulated around to representatives to choose a country to contact when home again.

15. Ask-It-Basket; Questions & Answers

Total number of questions answered in the time permitted; 14.

Q1: Please discuss the possibility of "attending" Intergroup meetings by skype for those of us who live far away.

A: You can go to your SB/IG to get help regarding holding skype meetings.

Q2: What are the limits/boundaries (if any) of advertising our meetings if we have a program of attraction and not promotion?

A: We cannot show "before/after"-pictures outside OA since it will bring false hope to people. Also, we do not make any promises (eg about weight loss).

Q3: Is there a possibility of trying to build a French-speaking LSB in R9?

A: Yes, you can just create one, it has been done before.

Q4: Could I have ideas for encouraging old time members getting involved in service above group level?

A: It is better to ask for help from the old members than just to say they have to do something. Personal contact is best. Sponsors should educate their sponsees. Tell the old timers that if their lives have changed they should continue giving service.

- Q5:** The booklet “Supporting Groups and Service Bodies”, and “OA Handbook for Members – Groups...”, do those exist in French?
- A:** You can contact Canada to see if it's already translated into French.
- Q6:** What is a “tent”, Binder Page 27?
- A:** A tent is a card that is bent in the middle so it can stand on a table.
- Q7:** Is it acceptable to introduce ourselves as “cured”, or “recovered”, to give hope to others, or not?
- A:** No we can never do that since we have this disease. We will never be cured, we can work towards recovery and the process never ends. We can say ‘in recovery’ or ‘recovering’.
- Q8:** Can the tool “Telephone” be redefined into an updated version to take account of current life and culture; skype, internet, text message, could you take it to WSBC?
- A:** Yes.
- Q9:** Are there any Regions that have a 1-year duration for Intergroup service positions?
- A:** If you have to make the service position for a 1-year term, then you have to do that. In Region 9 two years are recommended.
- Q10:** Regarding violation of Tradition 11: What does your (Intergroup) do when a meeting has violated Tradition 11 by exposing name/photo and OA in magazine/news/TV/internet?
- A:** We can only say that it is NOT APPROPRIATE AT ALL. Groups can appoint a custodian of the traditions to help educate members on the traditions. Experience shows that meetings where traditions are broken do not last.
- Q11:** If we translate English into Flemish, we get an old Flemish sense that does not read nice and freely, but keeps the theme right and remains correct in content
- A:** We translate what is there in the book or pamphlet we are translating. We do not change the words We translate correctly and accurately.
Translation of OA literature has to be as close as possible to the original text but it also has to be in the language that will be understood by the members who use the literature. In every language there is a difference between the spoken language and the literature language and we use the literature one rather than the spoken one.
- Q12:** How to handle the press? There is a guideline but it breaks the Traditions. Do we have some information for healthy procedures?
- A:** Attraction, not promotion: come, try, see if our program suits you.
We have to honor our anonymity which means that when we talk to the media we don't give our last name we don't let them put a photo of our faces and we have to avoid giving details that will identify us easily. we have to talk about ourselves, our recovery, about OA but not to promise anything.
- Q13:** Could we change the word “God” in the steps to “HP”?
- A:** Absolutely NOT. You are not allowed to change anything AT ALL. Everything has to go to WSBC as a motion. You have to translate what is written so if it says “God” or “Higher Power” you have to translate those exact words.
- Q14:** In South Africa we have a problem with Christians that feel they cannot agree with Step 3 and 11, choosing your own God. They do not want to associate with it. Can we start a Christian OA group? Are there other groups that have a problem with it?
- A:** NO you CANNOT start a group like this. We are not a religious fellowship, and it will exclude other compulsive eaters. You can have a special focus meeting but it still must be open to all who want to stop eating compulsively.

16. Reports from Committee Sessions and Discussion of any Proposals of Emergency New Business from the Committees

Each committee shared about their reports for 8 minutes, and answered questions.

● Finance Committee **(Report Appendix C)**

3 proposed Emergency New Business Motions.
On Friday we voted on these.

● Literature & Translations Committee **(Report Appendix D)**

● Bylaws Committee **(Report Appendix E)**

The Committee pulled BL2, BM F, BM I from the Consent Agenda
1 Proposed Emergency New Business Motion – not enough time on Friday to vote, will be put into a motion for next year.

● Electronic Communications Committee **(Report Appendix F)**

● **Public Information Committee**
(Report Appendix G)

● **Twelfth-Step-Within Committee**
(Report Appendix H)

17. **Deadline for submitting Emergency New Business Motions announced for 20:00**

18. **Region 9 Chair – Explanation of Responsibilities (during R9 Assembly & all year)**

Region 9 Chair, Susan, explained to the Assembly about the responsibilities of the Chair, for 2 minutes.

19. **Abstinence & Recovery**

We had an exercise where we stood up when our length of abstinence was mentioned for example “up to 2 years...”, and at the end everybody was standing. It was very beautiful. Badges were given to all representatives, to put in their “before” picture, and wear.

An Abstinence skit was performed. The dialogue came from R4, and the badges were donated by an OA member from R8.

Skit dialogue
(Appendix I)

20. **Abstinence Workshop of Questions & Feedback**

The questions came from R10.

(Reports Appendix J)

21. **Deadline for submitting Emergency New Business Motions**

22. **Credentials Report**

Total number of voting members present 30.

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23. **Election of Service Positions – R9 Chair (2 year term); Banker; Literature & Translations Committee Chair; Twelfth-Step-Within Committee Chair; Electronic Communications Committee Chair**

Chair (2 year term)

Parliamentarian read; R9 Bylaws Article VII – Elections and Duties/P&P, Section II.

Announcement of 1 application for Region 9 Chair.

No further applications for Chair.

No nominations for Chair.

Current Region 9 Chair, Susan, addressed the Assembly and answered questions.

Voting by written ballots. 29 votes cast.

Susan received 28 'yes' votes.

Susan was elected.

The Parliamentarian declared Susan as Region 9 Chair.

Banker (1 year to finish term)

Parliamentarian read; R9 Bylaws Article IX – Board Positions and Duties/P&P, Section II.
No applications for Banker received.
Francene was nominated and declined.
Stella was nominated and accepted.
Robin was nominated and accepted.
Elena was nominated and declined.
Sarah was nominated and declined.
Both the candidates addressed the Assembly and answered questions.
Voting by written ballots. 29 votes cast.
Stella received 17 'yes' votes, and Robin received 12 'yes' votes.
Stella was elected.
The Chair declared Stella as Region 9 Banker.

Committee Chairs

Parliamentarian read; Region 9 Bylaws Article IX – Committees/P&P, Section III.
Each Committee Chair Candidate addressed the Assembly and answered questions.

Literature & Translations Committee Chair

No applications for Literature & Translations Committee Chair received.
Since the current Literature & Translations Committee Chair, Irenne, had done only one 2-year term, she applied for the position.
Vote by written ballots. 30 votes cast.
Irenne received 28 'yes' votes.
Irenne was elected.

Twelfth-Step-Within Committee Chair

No applications for Twelfth-Step-Within Committee Chair.
Catherine was nominated and accepted.
Miranda was nominated and declined.
Meike was nominated and accepted.
Vote by written ballots. 30 votes cast.
Catherine received 23 'yes' votes, and Meike received 7 'yes' votes.
Catherine was elected.

Electronic Communications Committee Chair

No applications for Electronic Communications Committee Chair.
Perline was nominated and accepted.
Roy was nominated and declined.
Elena was nominated and declined.
Robin was nominated and declined.
Vote by written ballots. 30 votes cast.
Perline received 28 'yes' votes.
Perline was elected.

The Chair declared:

Irenne as Region 9 Literature & Translations Committee Chair.
Catherine as Region 9 Twelfth-Step-Within Committee Chair.
Perline as Region 9 Electronic Communications Committee Chair.

Non voting position; Newsletter Coordinator

The work of the Region 9 Newsletter Coordinator was explained to the Assembly.
Meike volunteered to take on the service position.

24. Election of Assembly/Convention Venues for 2014 & 2015

Discussion on dates for next year's Assembly. A committee was created to decide which dates were possible.
Vote by show of hands to stay longer at the meeting to do the election business. In favor 24.

Proposals for 2014

2 countries had applied for hosting R9 A&C 2014;
South Africa and Greece.

The representatives from South Africa and Greece addressed the Assembly, and answered questions.

Vote by show of hands

In favor of R9 A&C 2014, in South Africa 7.

In favor of R9 A&C 2014, in Greece 23.

Greece elected as Region 9 Assembly & Convention venue in 2014.

The election of venue for 2015 was to be continued on Friday.

*Embrace the Similarities
Love the Differences
In all our Affairs*



Region 9

FRIDAY 8th November 2013

1. Opening

2. Readings

The 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of OA Service.

The Chair moved to destroy the ballots from yesterday, it was so voted and the ballots were destroyed.

3. Credentials Report

Total number of voting members present 29.

18 countries represented:

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland.

Quorum constituted; more than 5 countries were represented.

Credentials Report accepted and adopted as presented.

4. Election of Assembly/Convention Venue for 2015, continued

Proposals for 2015

2 countries had applied for hosting R9 A&C 2015;

France and South Africa.

The representatives from France and South Africa addressed the Assembly, and answered questions.

Voting by show of hands

In favor of R9 A&C 2015, in France 18.

In favor of R9 A&C 2015, in South Africa 12.

France elected as Region 9 Assembly & Convention venue in 2015.

5. Formal Discussion and Vote on:

- Consent Agenda
- Bylaw Amendment Motions
- New Business Motions

Chart 1: Consent agenda

Bylaws Amendment Motions 2 & 3 were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Business Motions C, D, E, F, H & I were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Business Motion K was withdrawn.

BL 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and BM A, B, G, J, L, M

on the Consent Agenda required two-thirds vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 29.

Opposed 0.

The Consent Agenda as amended was adopted.

BL 1

MEMBERSHIP OF REGION 9 ASSEMBLY- QUALIFICATONS

To bring Region 9 requirements for R9 representatives in line with other regions and WSO.

Move to amend the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3 C by inserting as follows:

C) "Each representative should have a minimum of six (6) consecutive months of current abstinence and at least one (1) year service beyond group level."

BL 4

COMPOSITION OF REGION 9 BOARD - DUTIES

To save cost and time for Region 9 Secretary.

Move to amend the Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2 by striking as follows:

b) "The secretary must see that the Minutes are mailed or emailed when possible within 45 days of the Assembly to all participants..."

BL 5

MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGION 9 ASSEMBLY

To clarify wording as Virtual Service Boards are not a part of Region 9 as previous thought.

Move to amend the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2(l) B by striking as follows:

b) "Representatives from National/Language Virtual Service Boards, who are within the geographical boundaries of Region 9."

BL 6

GROUPS, INTERGROUPS AND NATIONAL SERVICE BOARDS WITHIN REGION 9 – DEFINITION OF A NATIONAL/LANGUAGE SERVICE BOARD

To delete wording that does not make sense in the paragraph.

Move to amend the Bylaws, Article III, Section 3 A by striking as follows:

a) "The National/Language Service Board shall serve and be responsible and accountable to these Groups and Intergroups. ~~These Service Boards may also be known as Language Service Boards.~~"

BL 7

COMMITTEES – QUALIFICATONS OF BANKER

To include that anyone wishing to stand for Banker position should be guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA.

Move to amend the Bylaws, Article IX, Section 7 by striking and inserting as follows:

"...can demonstrate that they have a good record of service to the Fellowship, and a faithful adherence to the Twelve Steps, and Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of OA."

BL 8

COMPOSITION OF REGION 9 BOARD - ELECTIONS

To include requirements for delegates to WSBC in R9 Bylaws, as these have not been previously included, to insure that delegates would be aware of requirements set by WSBC and this would bring us into line with other Regions and with WSBC Bylaws.

Move to amend the Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3 H by inserting as follows:

" h) each officer of Region 9 who will be selected as a delegate or alternate for the World Service Business Conference should comply with the requirements in the OA Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c l. Current requirements are one year current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level."

BM A

ASSEMBLY

To highlight that this information is available for the hosting country of Region 9 Assembly and Convention. Move to amend the P&P, Sections I, Appendix B and contents page by renaming the document "Assembly Procedures and Suggestions" to "Procedures and Suggestions For Hosting Region 9 Assembly and Convention".

BM B

BOARD POSITIONS AND DUTIES

To insure P&P reflects current practice.

Move to amend the P&P, Section II by inserting as follows:

"CHAIRPERSON:

The Chairperson is elected by the Region 9 Assembly for a period of two years and fills a variety of duties:

- Chairs the R9 business Assemblies, including preparation of the Agenda
- Communicates with different R9 officers and committees during the year
- Attends functions within the Region, where budget allows, or at the expense of the country hosting the OA event."

BM G

WEBSITE

To change the name of Translations Fund to General Assistance Fund as already voted on at R9 Assembly 2012.

To clarify wording and make the policy easier to read.

Move to amend the P&P, Section VI by striking and inserting as follows:

"PUBLICATONS POLICY

Every registered Service Body within Region 9, as well as the WSO or other Regions, can submit material to place on the Region 9 website. (2008I)

Region 9 website should include ~~We move to create~~ a document explaining the procedure for application to the Region 9 ~~translation fund~~ General Assistance Fund. (2009a)

NOTIFICATION FOR FUNDING FOR TRANSLATION

The Region 9 Website should include the "Notification concerning Application for ~~Funding for Translation and Printing of OA 12 Steps and 12 Traditions in Region 9~~ the General Assistance Fund (includes financial assistance for translations and printing) as attached to this motion. (2010a)"

BM J

FINANCE AND BUDGET- REGION 9 FUNDS TO BE USED LOCALLY

To clarify reimbursement procedures and to allocate R9 funds in a responsible way. In the past, it has not always been clear to new board members what the reimbursement entailed. This motion explains what the board member can expect and it states the treasurer's responsibility to inform board members.

Move to amend the P&P, Section V, by inserting as follows:

"1. R9 Board members' reimbursement:

R9 board members are being reimbursed for travel expenses, accommodation and food when attending the R9 A&C and WSBC. Basically, every board member is encouraged to choose the least expensive way that works when it comes to travel/accommodation/food.

1.1. R9 A&C:

The R9 assembly starts on a Wednesday afternoon and board members will be reimbursed for accommodation starting with Wednesday night. However, when a board member has a long trip and maybe even a change of time zones, the board may decide, prior to the Assembly, to reimburse that member for an additional night (Tuesday night) in order to settle in properly. Food is usually included in the accommodation fee; however, if this is not the case, the board members will be reimbursed for three meals a day.

1.1.1. A Representative acting as a 'stand in' for one of the board members:

In case a board member (secretary or treasurer) cannot perform their duties at the R9 assembly, a representative will be asked to step in. If the representative in question does not receive funding from their service body, he or she will be reimbursed for travel expenses, and accommodation and food for the duration of the assembly.

1.1.2. A Visitor acting as a 'stand in' for one of the board members:

In case a board member (secretary or treasurer) cannot perform their duties at the R9 assembly, a visitor may be asked to step in. If the visitor in question does not receive funding from their service body, he or she will be reimbursed for travel expenses, and accommodation and food for the duration of the assembly

1.1.3. An OA member (who is neither a representative nor a visitor) acting as a 'stand in' for one of the board members:

In the event that a board member (secretary or treasurer) knows, prior to the R9 A&C, that he or she cannot attend the assembly the R9 board may ask an OA member to step in. The OA member in question needs to meet the abstinence requirements and the service requirements according to the R9 bylaws and will be

reimbursed for travel expenses, and accommodation and food for the duration of the assembly and the convention.

1.1.4. Parliamentarian at the R9 A&C:

The parliamentarian will be reimbursed for travel expenses, and accommodation and food for the duration of the assembly.

1.2. WSBC:

The WSBC starts on Monday; in order to settle in properly and considering the different time zones, R9 board members will be reimbursed for a total of seven nights starting with Sunday night. Breakfast may be included in the room fee, so the board members will be reimbursed for two additional meals per day (lunch and dinner). The same reimbursement rules apply if the R9 board is sending an OA member other than the secretary or treasurer to WSBC to represent R9 as a whole.

1.3. Treasurer's duty to inform:

Approximately six month prior to the assembly/conference, the treasurer informs the R9 board members and the parliamentarian about the current reimbursement situation. Also, it is the responsibility of the R9 treasurer, to inform those representatives of the R9 Assembly & Convention who receive financial assistance of the details. If there is a "stand in", it is also the Treasurer's duty to inform this person of the current reimbursement situation."

BM L

WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE & WSO

To clarify in P&P the current practice.

Move to amend the P&P, Section IX by inserting as follows:

"QUALIFICATION FOR R9 DELEGATES TO WSBC

All delegates to WSBC shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level."

BM M

FINANCE AND BUDGET

To update wording in P&P as Representatives is the word we use at Region 9 Assembly and Convention; delegate is used at WSBC.

Move to amend the P&P, Section V, by striking and inserting as follows:

"FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ~~DELEGATES~~ REPRESENTATIVES TO REGION 9 ASSEMBLY

Financial assistance to be granted to ~~delegates~~ representatives traveling to Region 9 Assembly.

Draft claim form approved. (1985g)"

Chart 2: Proposed Motions to be Discussed Separately

Bylaw Amendment Motions and New Business Motions voted on

BL 2 Amendment to the Main Motion

MEETING TIMES AND NOTIFICATION

The Amendment was presented by the Bylaws Committee; moved that:

This would reduce expenses for Region 9 as the Secretary would no longer have to print and post the Agenda/Materials for the Assembly.

Move to amend the Bylaws, Article V, Section 4 by striking as follows:

"The material for the Assembly will be ~~mailed or~~ emailed when possible only to registered representatives and invited visitors to the Assembly."

The Amendment to the Main Motion required a two-third vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 27

Opposed 1

The Amendment to the proposed Bylaw Amendment Motion 2 was **adopted**.

BL 2 Main Motion

MEETING TIMES AND NOTIFICATION

The Bylaws Committee moved that:

This would reduce expenses for Region 9 as the Secretary would no longer have to print and post the Agenda/Materials for the Assembly.

Move to amend the Bylaws, Article V, Section 5 by striking as follows:

"Agenda for the Region 9 Assembly will be ~~mailed or~~ emailed at least sixty days prior to the Assembly to all those service associations and registered Intergroups", and "~~The registration form will request whether the materials are to be obtained by downloading from the Region 9 website or sent by email or mail.~~"

The Motion required two-thirds vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 21

Opposed 8

The proposed Bylaw Amendment Motion 2 as amended was **adopted**.

BL 3

MEETING TIMES AND NOTIFICATION

The Bylaws Committee moved that:

To clarify in the Bylaws the current practice.

Move to amend the Bylaws, Article V, Section 5 by striking as follows:

“The Chair shall see that a book is available for ready reference, and if possible shall appoint a parliamentarian.”

The Motion required two-thirds vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 7

Opposed 21

The proposed Bylaw Amendment Motion 3 as amended was **lost**

Updated Credentials Report, 28 voting member present.

BM C

BOARD POSITIONS, AND DUTIES

The Bylaws Committee moved that:

To change wording due to advance of technology.

To reduce expenses for Region 9; up until now all delegates had a choice as to whether receive the Assembly minutes by post or email, due to increase in use of technology WSO have stopped mailing and now only use emails and posts on the web; changing this would bring us in line with the practices of WSO.

Move to amend P&P, Section II by striking and inserting as follows:

“A ~~tape recorder~~ recording device may be used if required”, and “The minutes are then distributed to all registered service bodies in R9 and to those members present at the Assembly by email ~~where possible or in the post.~~”

The Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 25

Opposed 3

The proposed New Business Motion C as amended was **adopted**.

BM D

BOARD POSITIONS, AND DUTIES

The Bylaws Committee moved that:

To save on printing and postage expenses for Region 9 and time for the Region 9 Secretary; bring us in line with WSO practices.

Move to amend the P&P, Section II, Appendix 2 by striking as follows:

“~~On the assembly registration form the representative will be asked whether they wish to receive an electronic or a printed copy of the material.~~”

The Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 26

Opposed 2

The proposed New Business Motion D as amended was **adopted**.

6. Approval and Adoption of 2013-2014 and 2015 Budgets

2013-2014 and 2015 Suggested Budgets presented by Finance Committee

● **2013-2014 Suggested Budget**

Change & increase this line item - “Two Region 9 Board Members to WSBC” €2832.”

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 1

Opposed 27

This line item will not be implemented.

● **2013-2014 Suggested Budget**

Line item was increased - “Contribution to WSO: €4298.”

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 25

Opposed 4

This increase will be implemented.

The Chair declared the 2013-2014 Suggested Budget as the R9 2013-2014 Budget.

Suggested Budget R9 2014, R9 assembly, Israel 2013.

(€ 1.18)

INCOME	GBP £	EURO €
CONTS FROM OA GROUPS, IGS, LSBs, NSBs AND MISC WITHIN R 9	10000	11800
CONTS FROM OA REGION 9 ASSEMBLY & CONVENTION	1000	1180
CONTS FROM OTHER OA REGIONS TOWARDS REGION 9	2066	2438
CONTS FROM WORLD SERVICE OFFICE FUNDS FOR 2ND RCC, ALBUQUERQUE	600	708
CONTS FROM WORLD SERVICE OFFICE FUNDS FOR NOMINEE TRUSTEE COSTS	0	0
MISC FUNDRAISING	200	236
MEMBERS CONTRIBUTION	350	413
BANK INTEREST	25	30
TRANSLATED LIFELINE SUBSCRIPTIONS	-----	-----
EXCHANGE RATE DIFFERENCES		
MONEY CARRIED OVER FROM GAF AND DAF	1990	2349
TOTAL	16231	19154

EXPENDITURE	GBP £	EURO €
CHAIR TRAVEL EXPENSES 1 REGIONAL CHAIRS MEETING	1500	1770
CHAIR TRAVEL EXPENSES 2 REGIONAL CHAIRS MEETING	1500	1770
CHAIR TRAVEL EXPENSES 3 REGIONAL CHAIRS MEETING	1500	1770
NOMINEE TRUSTEE TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR WSBC	0	0
REGION 9 BOARD ASSEMBLY TRAVEL	1500	1770
REGION 9 ASSEMBLY MATERIALS (DELEGATE PACKS ETC) AND MINUTES	100	118
REGION 9 ASSEMBLY ROOMS	0	0
REGION 9 ASSEMBLY DELEGATE ASSISTANCE	2564	3026
PARLIAMENTARIAN DURING ASSEMBLY	200	236
WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	130	154
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT	0	0
ACCOUNTS PREPARATION AND REVIEW	825	974
SECRETARIAL EXPENSES – CHAIR, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER	250	295
SECRETARIAL EXPENSES FOR COMMITTEES, £93/€110 PER COMMITTEE	558	660
BANK CHARGES	265	313
MISC		
DEPRECIATION		
TRANSLATIONS/PROJECTS FUND	1694	2000
TRANSLATED LIFELINE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO WSO	-----	-----
CONTRIBUTIONS TO WSO	3642	4298
TOTAL	16228	19154
SURPLUS AFTER EXPENSES AND CONTS	+ 3	-----

Updated Credentials Report, 29 voting members present.

The 2015 Suggested Budget presented by Finance Committee

● **2015 Suggested Budget**

“Line item 16: Nominee Trustee Travel Expenses for WSBC: € 3540”

“Line item 21: Region 9 Assembly Delegate Assistance: € 2400”

“Line item 32: General Assistance Fund (Translation, PI/PO, Etc.): € 1464”

“Line item 34: Contributions to WSO: € 1464”

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 27

Opposed 1

The changes will be included in the 2015 Suggested Budget.

The Chair declared this Budget as the R9 2015 Suggested Budget.

The Chair apologized that the 2015 Suggested Budget was not on the Agenda.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS REGION 9		ALL IN EURO		Suggested	
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				Budget Agreed at 2013	
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2015				Assembly in Israel for the	
				Financial Year	
				1 June 2014 - 31 May 2015	
				Euro	
<u>Income</u>					
1	Contributions from OA Groups, Intergroups, NLBs, NSBs, & Misc within Region 9	11,800			
2	Contributions from OA Region 9 Assembly & Convention	1,180			
3	Contributions from other OA Regions towards Region 9 3rd RCC Mtg	0			
4	Contributions from World Service Office funds for 2nd RCC Mtg Albuquerque	708			
5	Contributions from World Service Office funds for Nominee Trustee Costs	800			
<u>Misc</u>					
6	Misc fundraising	236			
7	Members contributions	413			
8	Bank Interest	30			

				15,167	
				=====	
<u>Expenditure</u>				Euro	
13	Chair Travel Expenses for 1st Regional Chairs Meeting (WSBC)	1,770			
14	Chair Travel Expenses for 2nd Regional Chairs Meeting	1,770			
15	Chair Travel Expenses for 3rd Regional Chairs Meeting (Australia)	0			
16	Nominee Trustee Travel Expenses for WSBC - 2 Nominees	3,540			
17	Region 9 Board - Assembly Travel	1,770			
18	Partial Chair Travel in Region	0			
19	Region 9 Assembly Materials (delegate packs etc) & Minutes	118			
20	Region 9 Assembly Rooms	0			
21	Region 9 Assembly Reps Assistance to R9 Assembly	2,400			
22	Region 9 Assembly Parliamentarian Travel Costs to Assembly	236			
23	Region 9 Board Member to WSBC	0			
24	Website Maintenance	154			
25	Website Development	0			
26	Accounts Preparation & Review	974			
27	Secretarial Expenses - Chair, Secretary & Treasurer	295			
28	Secretarial Expenses - Committees	0			
29	Bank Charges	313			
30	Misc.	0			
31	Depreciation	0			
32	Translations / Projects *****	0			

				13,340	
				=====	
<u>Contributions to WSO & Other Regions Etc</u>					
34	Contributions to WSO and Translations / Projects Fund *****	1,827			

Surplus After all Expenditure and Contributions before Movements to Reserve				0	
				=====	
Contributions to WSO and Translations / Projects Fund ***** Split and final figures to be decided next year					

7. Region 9 Birthday Celebration

We celebrated Region 9's 30th Birthday again.

This time we had 5 long timers who shared about the history of R9.

The 5 OA members who spoke were prior R9 Chairs/R9 Board Members/R9 Trustees: Adele, Hulda, Jeanine, Helen, and Carol.

7th Tradition announcement.

Appreciation was given to the PI Committee for the new PI postcard. All representatives will be given postcards to take home to use as PI tools. They can also send the postcard to the country not present at the R9 Assembly 2013 they are to contact when home again.

Dates for Region 9 Assembly & Convention 2014 in:

Athens, Greece 17-21, September 2014.

Updated Credentials Report, 27 voting members present.

8. Formal Discussion and Voting continued

- New Business Motions
- Emergency New Business

BM E Substitute Motion to the Main Motion.

FINANCE AND BUDGET

The Substitute Motion was presented by Finance Committee; moved that:

To reflect current practices due to the Literature and Translating Fund being renamed as General Assistance Fund at R9 Assembly '12 and changes in dates to dates of payment.

To clarify that this Fund is no longer a loan.

Move to amend the P&P, Section V by inserting as follows:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

"Move to establish a Translation/Projects Fund that will include the translation fund money and additional amount of money that will be allocated in the budget for translations/projects such as translation, PI, PO etc. (2012s).

After adopting the Budget for Translation/Projects Fund at the Region Nine Assembly, application forms will be sent out with the minutes of the Assembly. The Treasurer will then send a reminder (via the Secretary) to all service bodies by email by 1st December and 1st May. These applications must be sent to the Treasurer by 1st February and 1st July of the following year. The board is authorised to make a decision on the allocation of the Translation/Projects budget by 1st March and 1st August. When application of financial assistance is for translation of printing of literature consideration will be given by order of priority as follows: (2012e)

Service Boards

- a) who currently do not have anything translated in their language
- b) are interested in translation The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous. (amended 2011e)

It is required that the Service Body requesting such funds

- a) Include that in the application, a list of material that has already been translated in that language
- b) list the amount of money received in the past from the WSO and for translation of which OA literature; and if requesting at the present any financial assistance from WSO
- c) Make a substantive contribution to the cost and give details in the application.

The appropriate forms are available from the Secretary. (2004f)(amended 2008b)

- d) The officers will consider the applications and make payments by April 30th and September 30th.

The Substitute Motion to the Main Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 27

Opposed 0

The Substitute Motion to the proposed New Business Motion E was **adopted**

BM F Amendment to the Main Motion

SERVICE BODIES

The Amendment was presented by the Bylaws Committee; moved that:

To clarify that existing groups will be encouraged to assist emerging groups financially only if they have money available.

Move to amend the P&P, Section VII by striking and inserting as follows:

“When new groups emerge in R9 the Chair and Trustee will encourage neighbours to help each other and use money from ~~the liaison~~ their budget , if available, to promote service visits from an existing IG or NSB to these new areas of OA activity. (1996g)”

The Amendment to the Main Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 27

Opposed 0

The Amendment to the proposed New Business Motion F was **adopted**

BM F Main Motion

SERVICE BODIES

The Bylaws Committee moved that:

To clarify that existing groups will be encouraged to assist emerging groups financially only if they have money available.

Move to amend the P&P, Section VII as follows:

“When new groups emerge in R9 the Chair and Trustee will encourage neighbours to help each other and use money from their budget, if available, to promote service visits from an existing IG or NSB to these new areas of OA activity. (1996g)”

The Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 27

Opposed 0

The proposed New Business Motion F as amended was **adopted**

Updated Credentials Report, 28 voting members present.

BM H Amendment to the Main Motion

CHAIRPERSON

The Amendment was presented by the Finance Committee; moved that:

Wording did not clearly spelled out what the duties were at the Region Chairs Committee.

Move to amend the P&P, Section II by striking and inserting as follows:

“~~Takes on service responsibilities~~ Participates in the Region Chairs Committee (RCC), and attends RCC face-to-face meetings when possible.”

The Amendment to the Main Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 28

Opposed 0

The Amendment to the proposed New Business Motion H was **adopted**

BM H Main Motion

CHAIRPERSON

The Bylaws Committee moved that:

To insure the job description matches current practices.

Move to amend the P&P, Section II as follows:

“Participates in Region Chairs Committee (RCC), and attends RCC face-to-face meetings when possible.”

The Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 28

Opposed 0

The proposed New Business Motion H as amended was **adopted**

BM I Amendment to the Main Motion

FUNDING OF REGION 9 DELEGATES

The Amendment was presented by the Bylaws Committee; moved that:

To change the wording to make it a option instead of a requirement to take on the service responsibilities written, at WSBC, due to the delegates abilities.

Move to amend the P&P, Section IX by striking and inserting as follows:

“The delegate/s representing Region 9 as a whole will be expected to take on ~~some service positions~~ such as:

- 1) be part of the Reference Subcommittee at WSBC
- 2) be a Region Appeals Committee Member at WSBC
- 3) be in charge of the Region 7th Tradition Item/s for sale (if R9 Treasurer or R9 Finance committee member is unable to do this) at WSBC
- 4) to continue throughout the coming year in giving service to R9 (R9 Chair will assign tasks)

The Amendment to the Main Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 28

Opposed 0

The Amendment to the proposed New Business Motion I was **adopted**

BM I Main Motion

FUNDING OF REGION 9 DELEGATES

The Bylaws Committee moved that:

The delegate attending WSBC for the past two years has undertaken this service, therefore the additional wording clarifies the service role of delegate attending WSBC.

Move to amend the P&P, Section IX as follows:

“The delegate/s representing Region 9 as a whole will be expected to on service such as:

- 1) be part of the Reference Subcommittee at WSBC
- 2) be a Region Appeals Committee Member at WSBC
- 3) be in charge of the Region 7th Tradition Item/s for sale (if R9 Treasurer or R9 Finance committee member is unable to do this) at WSBC
- 4) to continue throughout the coming year in giving service to R9 (R9 Chair will assign tasks).”

The Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 19

Opposed 9

The proposed New Business Motion I as amended was **adopted**

BM N Section V

FINANCE AND BUDGET

The Bylaws Committee moved that:

To facilitate Region 9 committee chairs who are willing to do the service position but may no longer be the representative for their country or members who offered their services while being a visitor to R9. By allowing committee chairs to apply for financial assistance to attend R9 it will enable those willing to do service to continue.

Move to amend the P&P, Section V by inserting as follows:

“FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO REGION 9 ASSEMBLY

Financial assistance be granted to representatives of Region 9 service bodies and R9 committee Chairs traveling to Region 9 Assemblies. Draft claim form approved. (1985b)”

The Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands.

In favor 27

Opposed 0

The proposed New Business Motion N as amended was **adopted**

Updated Credentials Report, 27 voting members present.

Proposed Emergency New Business Motion 1

BOARD POSITIONS, AND DUTIES - BANKER

The Emergency New Business Motion was presented by the Finance Committee.

To clarify procedures & authority for authorisation & handling of the R9 Budget in between Assemblies.

To make it clear what the duties are of the Banker in relation to his/her position as regards to Board and Treasurer, and so that communication is not lost.

Move to amend P&P, Section II by striking and inserting as follows:

“The Banker's service is overseen by Region 9 Treasurer and works in conjunction with the treasurer. The Banker receives all the 7th Tradition Contributions, and sends out receipts in reply (usually by email) and at the same time copies in the Treasurer.” “Maintains a list of all incoming and outgoing financial transactions of the bank account and sends this to the Region 9 Chair and Treasurer regularly monthly.” “Receives, maintains and reconciles the bank statement and ensures the Region 9 Chair, Treasurer and Accountant receive a copy monthly. (2012o).”

The Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands:

In favor 27

Opposed 0

The proposed Emergency New Business Motion 1 was **adopted**

Proposed Emergency New Business Motion 2

BOARD POSITIONS, AND DUTIES – JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The Emergency New Business Motion was presented by the Finance Committee.

To clarify procedures & authority for authorisation & handling of the R9 Budget in between Assemblies.

To make it clear where the authority lies on decisions in regards to Region 9 Assembly.

Move to amend the P&P, Section II by inserting as follows:

(To be inserted just under the heading before the job description)

“REGION 9 BOARD AND COMMITTEES”

“The Region 9 Board and Committees need to be mindful that the authority for their actions lies within the decisions agreed upon in previous years as contained within the current Region 9 Bylaws and P&P. Any deviation from these decisions must be brought via a motion and the Assembly of Region 9 before any action is taken. At all times transparency needs to be uppermost in our minds and actions.”

The Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands:

In favor 25

Opposed 2

The proposed Emergency New Business Motion 2 was **adopted**

Proposed Emergency New Business Motion 3

FINANCE AND BUDGET - SIGNATORIES ON BANK ACCOUNT

The Emergency New Business Motion was presented by the Finance Committee.

To clarify procedures & authority for authorisation & handling of the R9 Budget in between Assemblies.

To make it clear to the Banker if not present at the Assembly, what is agreed on at the Assembly, and it clarifies where the authority lies. When the Board sign the cheques it will be clear where they come from.

Move to amend P&P, Section V by inserting as follows:

“If it is possible under the bank's rules for Region 9 Board members who reside outside of Great Britain to be signatories then they may still be signatories but due to length of time it would take to post cheques abroad it is still advisable to have sufficient signatories in Great Britain. The authority to sign cheques/payments contained within the bank mandate must indicate that for amounts over €150/£100 the Banker must have approval in writing (by email) of all 3 board members. This approval will indicate that the payment is within the Budget agreed by the Assembly.”

The email to indicate:

“I (Chair/Treasurer/Secretary) confirm that the payment as requested (being greater than €150/£100) is authorised by me as being within the Budget as agreed upon by the Region 9 Assembly. The amount agreed is _____ and payment to _____.”

The Motion required a majority vote to adopt.

Vote by show of hands:

In favor 27

Opposed 0

The proposed Emergency New Business Motion C was **adopted**

9. Wrap Up Session

1. Announcement of 7th Tradition collected from the Assembly. The amounts contributed to 7th Tradition, and from all the raffles, will be announced in R9 Newsletter November issue 2013.
2. Green Dot Ceremony.
We had a Green Dot Ceremony where we applauded all the Green Dots and the Chair encouraged everyone to take off their 'Green Dot Mark' from their Assembly Attendee badge.
3. 5 Minute Writing Exercise.
Two questions were answered during this exercise, 2½ minutes each.
4. Lifeline Raffle.
5. Reminders.
6. Closing.
7. Readings & Responsibility Pledge.

The Region 9 Assembly 2013 was adjourned at 16:55. To re-convene in Greece September 17-19, 2014.

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