

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

3/03/2010

To: Service Bodies within Region 9.

Annual Contribution and budget for Translation, a reminder

Delegates from Region 9 met in Riccioni near Rimini Italy in October 2009 at our annual Regional Assembly. Fifteen countries were represented at the Assembly: United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Israel, Belgium, Holland, the Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Poland, Iceland, Egypt, Finland, Norway, and France. Various committees were selected By-laws, Treasury, Public Information, Website etc in order to be effective and workshops held.

We spent a considerable amount of time at the Regional Assembly deciding on how best to allocate the available funds, including a substantial contribution to WSO i.e. 6250€ [£5000].

Moreover, the Assembly tried to include various things in the budget that would assist in carrying the message within the Region.

We have allocated money on translation and printing work so that compulsive overeaters in the Region can read the literature in their own language (there is a budget in place and it is up to the various service bodies to apply for these funds). There is also a special Literature Translation Fund budget at World Service for this. We assisted one country last October and have funds allocated for another.

Our Regional Chair will continue to attend various Regional Chairs meetings in the USA in order that we in Region 9 share our experience, strength and hope with those of other Regions and at the World Service Office of OA and learn from the other service bodies around the world.

Work on our new Regional website, - this is now up and running.

To share and improve the Public Information resources.

To implement our strategic plan.

We set aside additional monies for delegate assistance so that more Intergroups can be represented at the regional assembly who could not otherwise afford to do so. We increased our budget to assist 7 representatives in attending the regional assembly.

Next Region 9 Assembly and Convention will be held in Iceland October 20 – October 24.

As you can see, there are many financial commitments.

Without your contributions these commitments and opportunities to *pass the OA message* would not be possible.

I therefore request that if you can make ANY contribution intended for Region 9 please send it now.

I also suggest that your group takes a second 7th Tradition for Region 9 as soon as possible.

Suggested Annual Group Contribution to Region 9 funds.

The group conscience of Region 9 suggests an annual contribution per group/service body to the Region of a minimum of 5% of your annual income.

We have a prudent reserve so that expenses can be paid by the treasurer in a timely fashion and that expenses that do not occur regularly can be prepared for in advance.

I would ask on behalf of Region 9 that this letter is read out on several occasions at your local group / Intergroup / service body. Please consider it at your next group conscience meeting at local, Intergroup, National/ Language Service Board level.

A Big Thank you in anticipation.

Respectfully
In fellowship

Alison Turner
Treasurer

Ideas on ways to increase the 7th Tradition

- Specify what the 7th Tradition covers at the appropriate point in a meeting. For example when it is being collected suggestion 'The 7th Tradition pays for the expenses of the group such as rent & literature and also contributes for its share of the services provided by its service bodies, i.e. Intergroup, National / Language Service Boards, Regional & WSO'.
- Constantly try to inform your group members of the structure of OA service group conscience & why we have it. Show the map of the World with Region 9 marked.
- Pass 'the pot' the second time for specific things.
- Project what finances you as a group would like to collect & what you would like to do with it so that in a year the group has a goal/s.
- Consider fund raising as a group.
Mention the suggested amount continually in the group so that members are aware.
- Accept that 'it starts with me' – maybe my pattern of behaviour around money is like that of my pattern of behaviour around food.
- Ask the fellowship to consider the money they once spent on our food obsession Binges, Compulsive Exercising, Diets, Pills, Counselling, & other things as a possible solution to compulsive eating and compare this value to what they contribute to OA.
- Remember the slogan Give as if your life depends on it.

Why not get together & consider your own ways to add to the above.

All cultures are different and different things work well in some areas & not in others.

Methods of Payment to Region 9

Please obtain details from the Region 9 Treasurer.

TRANSLATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM

Please fill in this form if you wish to be considered for financial assistance for translation costs of OA Conference Approved Literature.

Please note;

A) Priority will be given firstly to those Service Bodies who currently do not have any literature translated in their language, secondly to those who have a small number of pamphlets translated, and thirdly to those who wish to translate *The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous*.

B) Service Bodies requesting such funds will need to include in the application, a list of material that have already been translated in that language.

C) You will need to consider that this funding is a “payment on account” with a view to it being contributed back (in part or full) to Region Nine as the literature is sold, so that funds are reintroduced for translation of further material in future years.

D) Also – you will need to make a substantive contribution to the cost and give details in the application.

Name of Correspondent/Treasurer	
Intergroup, National/Language/ Service Board	
WSO Registration Number	
Address	
Email address:	

Please estimate your total costs in (**euros**)

Total Cost: euros.....

Own contribution: euros.....

Funding requested from Region 9: euros.....

Literature pieces currently available in (*insert relevant language*):

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Literature pieces that we would like to translate and print in

(*insert relevant language*): and for which we are now applying for funding:-

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Please submit this form, not later than **30th April, 2010** to the Region 9 Treasurer. You will receive a reply by 31st May 2010 and payment will be made as soon as possible thereafter.