

## Region 9 Treasurer Appeal Letter & Translation Assistance Application Form

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

02/09/2011

To: Service Bodies within Region 9.

### Annual Contribution and budget for Translation, a reminder

Delegates from Region 9 met in Keflavik, Iceland in October 2010 at our annual Regional Assembly. Thirteen countries were represented at the Assembly: United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Israel, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Poland, Iceland, Finland, Denmark, Greece and Austria. 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, which has been increased to 11.074€ [£8.859].

**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. During the past year, the R9 translation budget has not been fully used, we therefore highly recommend service bodies to apply. The availability of literature in your own language will help the fellowship grow in your area.

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.

Maintenance of our Regional web-site

To share and improve the Public Information resources.

To implement our strategic plan.

4.375€ [3.500£] for delegate assistance so that more Intergroups can be represented at the regional assembly who could not otherwise afford to do so.

We set aside money for an additional board member to travel to WSBC.

Next Region 9 Assembly and Convention will be held in Belgium November 23 – 27.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Your R9 Treasurer  
treasurer@oaregion9.org

### **Ideas on ways to increase the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition**

Specify what the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition covers at the appropriate point in a meeting. For example when it is being collected suggestion 'The 7<sup>th</sup> 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'.

Put a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition tentcard on the table at your meeting where you list the expenditure (including contributions) that your 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition has to cover.

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; treasurer@oaregion9.org

With all contributions may I suggest that you email the treasurer and the banker so that we will know the contribution is in transit and we can then email the receipt to you and thereby save money on unnecessary postage.

**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 **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011** to the Region 9 Treasurer.  
You will receive a reply by 30<sup>st</sup> April 2011 and payment will be made as soon as possible thereafter.  
treasurer@oaregion9.org  
Postal address may be requested via e-mail.