

Region 9 Treasurer Appeal Letter & Translation Assistance Application Form

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

01/25/2012

To: Service Bodies within Region 9.

Annual Contribution and budget for Translation, a reminder

Delegates from Region 9 met in Leuven, Belgium in November 2011 at our annual Regional Assembly. The following countries were represented at the Assembly: United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Israel, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Poland, Iceland, Denmark, Greece, France, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, Norway, and South Africa. Various committees were selected By-laws, Treasury, Public Information, Website etc in order to be effective and workshops were held.

We spent a considerable amount of time at the Regional Assembly deciding on how best to allocate the available funds, including a contribution to WSO of €1695 (2000€).

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

The fund allocated to translation and printing work is currently empty since there have not been any applications in the past year (the assembly has decided not to "tie up" money in funds that are not used). However, I would like to encourage service bodies to apply for translation assistance since the availability of literature in your own language will help the fellowship grow in your area. The board will consider all applications and, in case the financial assistance is granted, take the money from our reserves.

The emergency new business motion that was adopted at the assembly amends the R9 P&P, continuing effects motion 2008b. The translation fund is hereby not a "payment on account" anymore and does not have to be repaid to R9.

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.

€1805 (2130€) for delegate assistance so that more Intergroups can be represented at the regional assembly who could not otherwise afford to do so. This amount has been decreased since the fund has not been fully used during the past year.

Next Region 9 Assembly and Convention will be held in Poland, October 24 – 28, 2012.

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

Isabella Völker
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'.

Put a 7th Tradition tentcard on the table at your meeting where you list the expenditure (including contributions) that your 7th 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

Region 9 countries are wonderfully diverse. The easiest way to make your groups contribution to Region 9 is to forward the amount to your Intergroup / National / Language / Service Board who will collate it with other groups contributions before sending it to us at Region 9. Make it clear to your service body that the contribution is for Region 9 and that they are to send it to the Region 9 Treasurer with details of each group's contribution when sending the payment on. That way we can get a receipt to you all. It is obviously within our interests to reduce the amount of Bank Charges payable.

The following are the methods available for payment to Region 9.

Region 9 Euro Account. OA REGION 9 Euro Account National Westminster Bank PLC Beeston Branch, 19 High Road Beeston NOTTINGHAM, NG9 2JX England. Sort Code 51 – 70 – 06 Account No 79573495 IBAN: GB84 NWBK 6072 0979 5734 95 IBAN BIC: NWBK GB 2L	2) Region 9 GBP £ Bank Account OA REGION 9 National Westminster Bank PLC Beeston Branch 19 High Road Beeston NOTTINGHAM NG9 2JX England Sort Code 51 – 70 – 06 Account No 51756013 IBAN GB48 NWBK 5170 0651 7560 13 BIC NWBK GB 2L
The costs vary but are the equivalent of the following:- For Deposits of value Cost Euro <150 - Euro 7.50 Euro 150 – Euro 7500 Euro 15.00 As well as these amounts you may be charged locally. We have had 'bank draft cheques' sent to us (in the form of a cheque drawn on the bank itself) in Euros for which we have not been charged anything. This may be a peculiarity of the country in question (Ireland) but it is worth speaking to your bank and requesting this. <u>Cheques in Euro are to be made payable to "OA Region 9".</u>	<u>If you bank within the United Kingdom – cheques can be made payable to "OA Region 9" and sent to me at my home address below and I will bank them.</u>

If you do not bank in Euro or GBP then I suggest that you set up an international money transfer into the UK Bank Account – shown as No 2 above.

With all contributions may I suggest that you email me and our banker Alison at the address below 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.

Please reply to:

**R9 Treasurer: Isabella Völker, treasurer@oaregion9.org
R9 Banker: Alison Turner, alturner123@gmail.com**

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 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 **31st March, 2012** to the Region 9 Treasurer, (Isabella Völker, treasurer@oaregion9.org; mailing address can be required by e-mail). You will receive a reply by 30st April 2012 and payment will be made as soon as possible thereafter.