

## REGION 9 CHAIR'S REPORT

### 3<sup>RD</sup> REGION CHAIR'S COMMITTEE (RCC) MEETING 2012

Thursday, September 27, 2012 & Friday, September 28, 2012, the Region Chairs met for our 3<sup>rd</sup> RCC meeting. This took place in Spokane, Washington (state), USA. Region 1's Assembly & Convention, which we Region Chair's were part of, took place on Thursday, September 27 to Sunday, October 30.

We had our first RCC meeting on Thursday night, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Friday afternoon. The meeting consisted of the Region Chairs and 1 Trustee. We all shared, approved our minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> RCC meeting, and approved the agenda for this meeting. We got an update from our Trustee Co-Chair. In October and November there will be 4 new Region Chairs joining us (service term of 4 of our Region Chairs will end). I will be a mentor to Region 2's new Chair. Most of our meeting on Thursday was devoted to the World Service Business Convention (WSBC) **2013 Forum** which the Region Chairs are responsible for. This year there will be a **Survey Inventory** sent out through email during October, 2012, with the results to be used within the Forum. This will be in English - please take the time to fill this out so that Region 9 will have a voice in this.

Friday afternoon was our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Here we discussed the **Strategic Plan Tasks**. We spoke about:

#### Strong Meetings

- Use of the suggested meeting format
- Abstinence workshops
- "The Year of Abstinence Awareness"
- Awareness of literature resources on service
- Take sponsees to intergroup
- Creation of a service opportunities checklist
- Suggest sponsors require sponsees to provide service
- Groups to establish and publicize newcomer meetings
- Abstinent members to adopt a newcomer
- Emphasize use of a wider variety of OA literature in meetings
- Distribute census data survey

#### Public and Professional Awareness

- When doing Public Info, educate service bodies to use modified OA logo to create brand recognition

### Committed Service Bodies

- Investigate service body interest in developing a web resource on helpful resources

### Financial Health

- compile a list of revised literature and revision date, and have a bundle of revised literature for special sale
- Educate about available literature now available with indexes
- Encourage group transportation to events

These tasks are allocated to the RCC, Board of Trustees (BOT), or a combined effort.

The RCC Friday meeting continued with other points of interest such as WSBC Delegates - that all are qualified, and prepared for this service position. Also, the Delegate Support Fund (November 1, 2012 Deadline). Each Region Chair had their follow up tasks to take care of.

Up till now, I have spoken about the RCC meetings. But why did we meet in Spokane?? You see, every year, the RCC has their 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting during one of the region's assemblies. So... Thursday was the first day of Region 1's Assembly. We Region Chair's were all visitors. It continued on Friday morning. I found it all very interesting. To see another region in action during an assembly. It gave me some more ideas, and I was also able to contribute - at one point during the assembly, all the Region Chairs were asked to comment on a certain point. That was amazing - to see all the Region 1 Representatives get it / understand first hand because of our input. The technical part of their assembly was like ours - readings; shares; adoption of...; reports; bylaws; committee work; financial matters; elections; 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition; Green Dots; contact with service bodies not present; and on and on.

Friday night through Sunday noon was the Region 1 Convention. This was fun; informative; exciting; and diversive. We had keynote speakers, and workshops (I lead a workshop on humor). It was thrilling to meet so many compulsive overeaters. To learn from others. And to give back to others.

On a personal note - traveling approximately 24 hours to arrive there, waiting 9 1/2 hours for one of my flight connections on the way back, and the airlines losing my luggage, I realized the true meaning of "To go to any lengths". To be able to do this service - I am truly grateful.

Thank you all so much for the opportunity to represent Region 9!

Susan

Region 9 Chair

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