

REGION 9 SECRETARY POSITION NOW AVAILABLE...

Our Region 9 Secretary has had to resign his service position, and at the 2012 Region 9 Assembly in Poland, we will be voting for a new Region 9 Secretary. Below you can read the duties and election requirements for this position (for a more detailed description of the R9 Secretary position, refer to the R9 Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Manual). Those wishing to run for this position can send their application to the Region 9 Chair – Susan (chair@oaregion9.org). It is also possible to put yourself forward as a candidate at Region 9 Assembly. You must be present at the R9 Assembly to be a candidate. Please – take notice to the qualifications needed to run for this position.

REGION 9 BYLAWS - PAGES 6, 8, 9

ARTICLE VII – COMPOSITION OF REGION 9 BOARD, Section 3 - Elections

b To be eligible for election to membership of the Region 9 Board, a person must be present at the meeting and be an OA member from Region 9. To be elected, a member must receive a majority vote of the representatives present. In addition each candidate for the Region Board shall have where possible at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond group level at the time of election. In the event of a candidate with these qualifications not being present a candidate who has not these qualifications can be elected provided that they comply with ARTICLE IV – Section 3 c (Each representative should have a minimum of six (6) consecutive months of current abstinence), and can demonstrate that they have a good record of service to the Fellowship, and faithful adherence to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA.

c Board members are elected for a term of two consecutive years in the same position.

e Nominations for qualified nominees to the Region 9 Assembly may be made from the floor at the Assembly. Upon nomination, the nominees shall be called upon to present their qualifications briefly to the Assembly.

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II BOARD POSITIONS, AND DUTIES

SECRETARY:

The main responsibilities of the Secretary are to produce and mail minutes of all Region 9 Assemblies, and maintain updated listing of R9 Intergroups and National/Language Service Boards. The procedure for this is as follows:

MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY:

3. At Assembly, the Secretary needs to collect copies of all reports to be included with the minutes. It is also necessary that all motions are given to the Secretary in writing. It is important to note the name of the proposer and seconder, and the count of the voting on each motion.

4. The time scale for producing the minutes is short, and it is helpful to have copies of all paperwork to be included with the minutes in your possession, when coming home from the assembly, as there may not be time to use the postal system and still get the minutes out in the timescale set out in the bylaws.

UPDATE OF LISTS:

Another duty for the Secretary is to see that an up to date list of all R9 Intergroups and National/Language Service Boards is mailed periodically to each R9 officer. This is compiled from information which the

Intergroups may send directly to the Secretary and also from the information which the World Service Office sends directly to the Secretary. The World Service Office will send a list of all Intergroups and meetings in R9 to the Secretary periodically, as well as all enquiry letters they may have received. It is helpful for the Secretary to inform the R9 Trustee or Chair of new Intergroups forming in the Region. It is useful to keep in contact with the R9 Chair on a regular basis. (1999h) Move that reports and documents be delivered to the registered representatives prior to Assembly. (2002h) Addresses are to be provided on the contact list attached to the assembly minutes. Any person not willing to have their address published, should advise the secretary at the Assembly, who will not publish their address. (1999a) Move to adopt the Region 9 Minutes to a manageable size. The Region 9 Minutes will contain: Date/Time and place of Region 9 Assembly, names of Officers, number of representatives present, record of action taken on the minutes of the previous meeting, the exact wording of each motion as it was voted on , and whether it passed or failed, the maker's name. If the vote counted, the count should be included. Any notice given at the meeting. Points of order and appeals, and Committee reports. A note that the revised version of Region 9 Bylaws and P & P can be obtained from the Region 9 web site or can be requested from the Region 9 secretary. To avoid confusing the Minutes with other Region 9 Assembly materials, they will be called Region 9 Minutes. (2005a)

REGION 9 REPRESENTATIVE:

5. Standing for Elections

During every Assembly, elections for positions of Committee Chairs and members of Region 9 Board are held (see Region 9 Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3 and Article IX, Section 3). A representative that feels willing to serve at region level is welcome to put themselves forward as a candidate. They may want to discuss such a decision with the Region Chair and their sponsor.