

REGION 9 CHAIR'S REPORT - 2ND REGION CHAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
2014

The 2nd Region Chairs Committee meeting (RCC) took place from Thursday, August 21 till Saturday, August 23, 2014. There were 5 meetings in total - 2 meetings with the Region Chairs and 3 with the Chairs & Trustees. We met in Albuquerque, New Mexico (USA).

The Region Chairs' meetings consisted of:

- Old business (agenda approval; minutes approval)
- RCC Service Opportunities (Region chairs' responsibilities)
- Importance of physical & monetary help between Regions
- Service Body Renewal workshop (Intergroup Renewal)
- Remote voting at Assemblies
- Skype conference calls between the Region Chairs in the upcoming months
- Brainstorming for the WSBC 2015 Forum
- WSBC 2015 Delegate registration form changes (green dot/mentor)
- Strategic Operations Plan (SOP)
- Sharing a wealth of information between the Region Chairs (example : ways of increasing the importance of Abstinence in your Region; Small Mtgs/Small Towns; Mentor Intergroups, ...)

The Region Chairs & Trustees' meetings consisted of:

- Updates of Trustees' work (example : decision to put BRM into the RCC Dropbox)
- WSBC 2015 changes (example : no official joint dinner/meeting for regions this year)
- WSBC 2015 theme "Miracle of Abstinence"
- Communication with WSO staff
- Professional Tradeshows - money needed for this fund
- Promoting SOP 2014 ideas & distribution of these ideas
- Brainstorming of SOP 2015 ideas (bot & rcc together)
- 2014 - 2016 SOP (Primary Purpose - Abstinence; Working All 12 Steps; Carrying the Message)

Review of the 2014 Ideas of the SOP - increase focus on actions required for Abstinence:

- # 1 - Abstinence Power Point workshop (on the OA Website)
- # 2 - Abstinence / Plan of Eating workshop (still being worked on)
- # 3 - Strong Abstinence Checklist (on the OA Website)
- # 4 - Abstinence literature resource guide (to be finalized)

Brainstorming for the new 2015 SOP Ideas took place with the Region Chairs & Trustees - increase focus on the necessity of working all 12 Steps:

- # 1 - Lifeline articles on working all 12 steps
- # 2 - Virtual workshop - one step per month + podcast
- # 3 - Newcomer quick step study
- # 4 - Twelve Stepping a Problem

The third year of the 2014 - 2016 SOP will be devoted to increasing focus on individual's responsibility to carry the message.

Region 9's Report :

Besides writing a detailed report for the BOT, I did speak about a few other things going on in Region 9 since our last BOT/RCC meetings (April 2014 during WSBC 2014).

1. Strong Abstinence Checklist - my excitement on seeing many service bodies in Region 9 showing an interest in this piece of new OA Literature. Danish, Greek, Italian, Dutch/Flemish, Polish, Hebrew, and German - these S.B.'s translated this piece of literature. Russian, Hungarian, Icelandic, Swedish, Arabic, Spanish, and French - these were the languages which were translated from the original English version of the Strong Abstinence Checklist by the WSO.
2. Region 9 A&C 2014 - 2 countries returning to the Assembly with Representatives who were not present at the previous Region 9 A&C 2013 (Iceland & Egypt), and 1 country coming for the first time to the Region 9 Assembly (Lebanon). Also, that Region 9 has 2 Trustee Nominees up for endorsement at the Region 9 Assembly 2014.

We took care of a lot of business, accomplished a lot by putting our heads together, and even had some time to get to know each other a little bit better. Overall, a very successful trip.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in this way.

Susan
Region 9 Chair