

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



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To Region 9 OA Friends,

INVITATION TO OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS REGION 9 ASSEMBLY – FRANCE - Wed , OCTOBER 28 – Fri, OCTOBER 30, 2015

The **Assembly** will be followed by a **Convention**.

For those of you who are new to this sort of service and fellowship and to explain what the Assembly & Convention are -

The Assembly takes place over 2 days (Wed, Oct 28 – Fri, Oct 30, 2015) and covers the **'business'** part of carrying the message within Region 9 – representatives from Service Bodies within Region 9 are asked to attend on their Service Bodies behalf. There will be a formal agenda of business which entails what is happening in Region 9 service at the present and which will include – Committee Reports & Meetings (Literature & Translations, 12th Step Within, Public Information, Electronic Communications, Bylaws, and Finance & Budget), Board Member Reports and feedback on activities at WSBC and other OA Regions, as well as debate & voting on motions that service bodies may present to the Assembly. There will also be workshops, presentations, and discussions.

You will find all you need to know about registering and attending the **Assembly** in October within this letter, Appendix A and the attached Assembly Registration Form. **DO TRY TO ATTEND – IT ENHANCES YOUR PROGRAM IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS.** The organizing committee will try to ensure that you feel at home and that you enjoy a wonderful time with enrichment to your program and much needed service for OA.

Do not hesitate to ask questions if something is unclear, or if you need more information.

If your service body would like to propose any bylaw amendment or a business motion that affects OA Region 9, then they must make sure they reach our Bylaws Committee Chair, Meike. Email - bylaws@oaregion9.org **before July 13, 2015**– see Appendix C and use the attached draft motion.

Please note that you will need to Register for the Assembly **by July 28, 2015.**

The Convention follows (Fri, Oct 30 – Sun, Nov 1, 2015) and again is spread over 2 days and promises **wonderful OA meetings, workshops and various sessions to enhance your OA program.** The Theme of Convention is **Voices of Recovery.**

This letter (from the Region 9 Chair) invites your service body to attend **The Assembly**. A flyer is included with this invitation for The Convention. This year our hosts for our 2015 Assembly and Convention is France. A special thank you to the NSB of France for all your motivation and service efforts to organize this assembly and convention for us.

SERVICE TO OA REGION 9

Giving service to OA Region 9 is vital to our continuing existence. We will be holding elections for the position of Region 9 Chair (2 year term), Banker (2 year term), TSW Committee Chair (2 year term), Literature & Translations Committee Chair (2 year term), and Electronic Communications Committee Chair (2 year term). Other than the positions mentioned - all other service positions for Region 9 are filled and are 'mid stream' of their service term.

You will receive information with the qualifications for R9 Chair, Banker, TSW Committee Chair, Literature & Translations Committee Chair, and Electronic Communications Committee Chair, and the method of application. Such elections are vital for the continuing existence of OA Region 9 - if you or your service body feel you could give service - please consider these positions and discuss it with your service body / sponsor prior to attending the Assembly.

HOSTING OF FUTURE REGION 9 ASSEMBLY & CONVENTION

The Region 9 Assembly this year will hear and vote on bids for the 2016 and 2017 Assembly & Convention. We are well aware that France is hosting the 2015 Region 9 A&C. Please consider whether you can host us for the 2016 or 2017 Region 9 Assembly & Convention.

Each year we hope to hear and vote on the Assembly two years in advance. All bids should include the probable date of the Assembly and information about the venue (and its costs) and how to travel. Please encourage your service body to consider hosting the 2016 or 2017 Region 9 Assembly so that we can make the best decisions for our Region and make these plans in advance (contact R9 Secretary).

ATTENDANCE AT REGION CHAIRS COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEFORE WE MEET IN OCTOBER 2015 FOR THE REGION 9 ASSEMBLY & CONVENTION -

In April/May, I will be going to Albuquerque, New Mexico (USA), where I will attend the 1st Region Chairs Committee meeting, and World Service Business Conference (WSBC). The theme of WSBC this year is '**The Miracle of Abstinence!**'. My report will go out on the Region 9 website, email, and our May newsletter. The R9 delegates will report to their service bodies, but they will also contribute articles for our May newsletter.

The 2nd Region Chairs Committee meeting, with the OA Board of Trustees, will also be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in August. The middle of October, the 3rd Region Chairs Committee meeting will be held in Australia. On returning home after these meetings, I will also send out reports so that Region 9 can be updated on World Service.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to continue doing this service for Region 9.

Susan
Region 9 Chair

REGION 9 ASSEMBLY & CONVENTION 2015 ... APPENDIX A, B, C

To attend the **Region 9 Assembly** your representative will need to:-

- a) Register with the Region 9 Secretary for the Assembly (form attached) **by July 28, 2015.**
- b) Book Hotel Accommodation (information included in the flyer from the NSB of France).
- c) Organise & Book Travel Arrangements (this is usually cheaper if booked well in advance).

To attend the **Region 9 Convention** your representative will need to:-

- a) Register with the NSB of France for the Convention (information included in the flyer from the NSB of France).
- b) Book Hotel Accommodation (information included in the flyer from the NSB of France).
- c) Organise & Book Travel Arrangements.

To bring a motion to the Assembly your service body must make sure the proposal reaches our Bylaws Committee Chair, Meike **before July 13, 2015.**

To apply for financial assistance – your service body will need to complete the form (as attached) and send it to the Treasurer, Elena Haines, **by June 28, 2015.**

APPENDIX A - HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE ASSEMBLY

A registration form FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERGROUPS, NSB/LSB for The Assembly is attached. This will need to be completed and returned by email to reach Region 9 Secretary, Mette Thykier. Her email :

secretary@oaregion9.org. Make sure the signature of the service board chair/secretary is on your form and received by the R9 Secretary **by July 28, 2015.**

A separate registration form is attached FOR REGION 9 BOARD MEMBERS (Susan, Mette & Elena) AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS.

Committee Chairs; (Bylaws – Meike, PI – Miranda, Literature & Translations – Irenne, 12th Step Within - Catherine, Electronic Communications – Webmaster). If representing service bodies, fill in the Representative's Registration Form only.

By completing your Assembly Registration Form and sending it to the secretary – you are registering for the Assembly. You will need to book your hotel accommodation separately and register for the Convention separately – details included in the flyer from the NSB of France.

APPENDIX B - HOW YOUR SERVICE BODY MAY APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ATTENDING THE ASSEMBLY

You will find attached - an application form for financial assistance, which you should submit to our Treasurer – Elena Haines. Email: treasurer@oaregion9.org **by June 28, 2015.**

It is important that those service bodies requiring assistance return the application form in time so that we are able to provide financial help.

The Region 9 Board will give you an answer by July 28, 2015. Wherever possible, the money will be given to you in cash (in Euros) during the Assembly. You will be asked to sign on receipt of the money.

APPENDIX C - HOW YOUR SERVICE BODY MAY PROPOSE REGION 9 BYLAW AMENDMENTS OR BUSINESS MOTIONS.

Please note the following extract from our OA Region 9 Bylaws concerning any proposals to amend those bylaws:

Proposed amendments should be submitted to the Region 9 Bylaws Committee at least ninety days (July 13, 2015) before the Region 9 Assembly, and are to be submitted, in writing, by this committee to the Region 9 Chair at least seventy-five days before Assembly (July 28, 2015).

Those service bodies wishing to propose any bylaw amendments must make sure they reach our Bylaws Committee Chair, Meike before June 13, 2015. Email – bylaws@oaregion9.org . Please use the attached draft motion.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE ASSEMBLY WILL START FROM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 28, 2015 (5.00 PM) THROUGH TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 (5.00 PM). PLEASE TAKE NOTE - THE REPRESENTATIVE NEEDS TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE ASSEMBLY AND SHOULD ARRIVE BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY BEGINS. WE PLAN TO COLLECT THE REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY STARTS, SO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD ARRIVE EARLY

REGISTRATION FORM FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERGROUPS, NATIONAL / LANGUAGE SERVICE BOARDS TO REGION 9 ASSEMBLY

DATE : OCTOBER 28 - 30, 2015

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE ASSEMBLY WILL START FROM 5:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 THROUGH TO 5:00 PM, FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2015. ENSURE THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE IS AWARE THAT HE/SHE SHOULD BE ATTENDING THROUGHOUT.

A **registration fee of 50€ / £33** for the Assembly will be charged for the Representatives – this will be payable (in cash only please) upon registration - before the Assembly begins on Wednesday afternoon. Please arrive early so that this administration can be done before 5.00 p.m.

Type of Service Board (Ring around selection):	Intergroup / National Service Board / Language Service Board	Name of Service Body / Board.	
Total number of representatives :			
Name of Service Board Chair / Secretary			
Signature			
Date			
	FIRST REPRESENTATIVE	SECOND REPRESENTATIVE	THIRD REPRESENTATIVE
Name:			
Full address including zip code:			
Telephone:			
Email: (if available)			
Please indicate if the rep you are sending has been to Region 9 Assembly before and if so is willing to mentor a person who is new to the Assembly.			

PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY EMAIL, TO BE RECEIVED BY REGION 9 SECRETARY **BY JULY 28, 2015** TO: Region 9 Secretary. Email: secretary@oaregion9.org

NOTIFICATION – SERVICE BODIES IN REGION 9 - UNABLE TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY

DATE : OCTOBER 28 – 30, 2015...FRANCE

PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY EMAIL SO THAT THE REGION 9 SECRETARY CAN RECEIVE IT **BY JULY 28, 2015**.

(NOT VALID WITHOUT A SERVICE BODY CHAIR/SECRETARY SIGNATURE) TO:
Region 9 Secretary. Email: secretary@oaregion9.org .

Type of Service Board (Ring around selection):	Intergroup / National Service Board /Language Service Board
I confirm that I am sending apologies on behalf of the service body mentioned – we are unable to send a representative at this time because :- _____ _____ _____	Name of Service Body : - _____ Name of Service Board Chair/Secretary _____

YOU CAN SEND THIS NOTIFICATION OF NON ATTENDANCE BY EMAIL.
PLEASE SEND IT, TO BE RECEIVED BEFORE JULY 28, 2015 IF YOU CAN TO:
Region 9 Secretary. Email: secretary@oaregion9.org .

REGISTRATION FORM FOR REGION 9 BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WHO ARE NOT REPRESENTING A SERVICE BODY

DATE : OCTOBER 28 – 30, 2015...FRANCE

Position:	
Name:	
Full address including zip code:	
Telephone:	
Email: (if available)	

PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY EMAIL, TO BE RECEIVED BY REGION 9 SECRETARY **BY JULY 28, 2015** TO:
Region 9 Secretary. Email: secretary@oaregion9.org .

DRAFT MOTION

REGION 9 ASSEMBLY 2015

Proposal Item:
Order of Debate Number:

REGION NINE ASSEMBLY 2015
NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS

MOTION:

SUBMITTED BY:

INTENT:

IMPLEMENTATION:

COST:

RATIONALE:

Please make sure this motion reaches our Bylaws Committee Chair, Meike **by July 13, 2015.** Email : bylaws@oaregion9.org

APPENDIX D

How many Representatives can be sent to the Assembly?

For service bodies that are not sure exactly how many representatives they are entitled to, the following is taken from our bylaws and defines membership of the Assembly:

Article IV - Section 2

The voting membership of this Assembly shall consist of

- a) Representatives from Intergroups who are registered with the World Service Office and who are within the geographical boundaries of Region 9.
- b) Representatives from National /Language Service Boards, who are registered with the World Service Office and who are within the geographical boundaries of Region 9. National/Language Service Boards shall not represent Intergroups which have sent representatives to the Assembly, however if all Intergroups are represented the National/Language Service Boards will still be entitled to one representative.
- c) Region 9 Board Members.
- d) The Chair shall not have a vote at the Assembly, except to break a tie and for elections.
- e) Committee Chairs, who are not Intergroup or National Service Board representatives.
- f) In the event of a Region 9 representative from a registered unaffiliated group receiving a voice as per Article IV Section 2 (II) c) of these bylaws, they may also be given a vote, subject to majority approval of the voting body. The proposed delegate should submit a written statement on why they are unaffiliated, if they plan to be affiliated in the future and if they meet the delegate requirements.

Article IV - Section 4 - Representatives -

- a) Each member Intergroup/National/Language Service Board shall be entitled to one representative at the Region 9 Assembly. Intergroups/National/Language Service Boards serving more than 10 groups shall be entitled to two representatives. Intergroups/National Service Boards serving more than 50 groups shall be entitled to three representatives.

As you know, it is important for the planning of the Assembly to know how many representatives will be able to attend, so please, do send the Region 9 Secretary (Mette Thykier) your registration form as soon as possible. Mette's email is on the form.