April 2016

Dear Region 9 OA Fellows,

**INVITATION TO OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS REGION 9 ASSEMBLY**

Region 9 is pleased to provide you with information regarding the upcoming
Region 9 Assembly and Convention:

**The Netherlands - Wednesday, October 26th – Friday, October 28th, 2016**

The **R9 Assembly** will be followed by a **Convention** hosted by the Dutch Intergroup. You will find information for each following.

**R9 Business Assembly FIRST:**

The **Assembly** takes place over 2 days (Wed 17 :00 – Friday 17 :00). The Assembly, involves the ‘business’ portion of ‘carrying the message’ within Region 9. R9 Service Bodies (IG’s, NSB’s, LSBs) are asked to send their elected Representative(s) to participate in the business of R9 for this assembly. Assembly representatives are also asked to make a commitment to R9 service the following year. We realise not all service bodies are able to attend, but we hope your service body will consider this valuable service.

The business conducted includes:

- Reports as to the year’s R9 service work (Board, Officers, Committees, Trustee)
- Committee meetings where goals and tasks are set for carrying the message in R9 (Literature & Translations, 12th Step Within, Public Information, Electronic Communications, Bylaws & Finance)
- Elections of Officers for the coming year
- Deliberation with group conscience on Business motions regarding R9 Bylaws and Policy Manual
- R9 Budget proposal discussion and adoption of budgets
- Information from WSBC, and other OA Service Bodies
- Workshops, presentations, discussions

R9 service bodies benefit from participating as their representatives:

- Gain experience, strength, and hope from the fellowship
- Bring important OA information back to the service body
- Exchange ideas and learn about ways service bodies can carry the message locally
- Develop a network of support
- Learn about service responsibilities
With the R9 committed service work carried on throughout the following year by the representatives through R9 committees, we find that together we can carry the message of recovery in Region 9.

The organizing committee will do their best to ensure that your representative feels at home. We expect that you as a representative will enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and service which enriches your recovery program while you help with much needed service for OA.

You will find the information about registering and attending the Assembly in October contained here. If anything is unclear or you need more information, please let us know.

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES**

Please note that you will need to register for the Assembly by **August 11th, 2016.**

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:** Our R9 Secretary will confirm your registration information by email. You will then be sent instructions for making payment of the registration fee to R9. Specific details are on the registration form attached.

**R9 Recovery Convention Follows the Assembly:**

The Convention follows the assembly starting Friday October 28th – Sunday October 30th. Over these two days, this recovery portion provides wonderful OA meetings, workshops, speakers, and various sessions to enhance your OA program. The Theme of the Convention this year is “Together We Can.” Many Representative choose to also attend the convention, where they are joined by local OA’s and other from throughout Region 9 (and sometime from other areas of the world.) Details for registering for the convention follow.

**NOTE:** All OA’s are welcome to attend the convention. OA Visitors are welcome at the assembly but only designated R9 Representatives participate in the business meetings. Visitors are also welcome to serve on R9 Committees.

**PROPOSING BYLAWS OR POLICY MANUAL CHANGES:**

If your service body would like to propose any bylaw or policy amendments, or other business motion regarding OA Region 9, these proposals must reach our Bylaws Committee Chair, Meike, Email - bylaws@oaregion9.org before **July 26, 2016** (at least 90 days prior to the Assembly). See the attached motion form to be submitted.

**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 Treasurer (2 year term), Secretary (1 year term), Bylaws 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 find information with the qualifications for these officer positions and the method of application attached. 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 both the 2017 & the 2018 Assembly & Convention. Each year we hope to hear and vote on the Assembly two years in advance. All bids should include the probable date(s) of the Assembly, information about the venue (costs of lodging & meals), travel (closest airport/s and any additional travel to the venue), plus any other pertinent information. Please encourage your service body to consider hosting these upcoming Region 9 Assemblies so that we can make the best decisions for our Region and make these plans in advance. Details for consideration and planning procedures for hosting IG’s are found in our R9 policy manual. Please contact Isabella R9 Secretary secretary@oaregion9.org if you need a copy.

On behalf of the Region 9 Board, I am please to invite you to the 2016 R9 Assembly and Convention. We look forward to your participation.

Francene Allen
Region 9 Chair

OA’s Responsibility Pledge: Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion; for this, I am responsible.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND CORRESPONDING ATTACHMENTS

1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING FOR ASSEMBLY

To attend the Region 9 Assembly representatives will need to:

Register with the Region 9 Secretary for the Assembly: FORM 1 Assembly Registration (submit by August 11th 2016). This form also includes information for you to determine how many representatives can be sent to represent your service body.

Book Hotel Accommodation with meals included: FORM 2 Hotel & Convention Reg

Organise & Book Travel Arrangements: Form 3 Dutch IG Invitation
This form provides additional travel beyond flights.
Note: Travel is usually cheaper if booked well in advance.

2. SERVICE BODIES:

If your service body is unable to attend – please complete and return: Form 4 SB unable to attend

R9 Representatives please read and be aware of the R9 Rep Job Description from the R9 policy manual: Form 5 Rep. Job Description.

3. INSTRUCTION FOR REGISTERING FOR CONVENTION

Register with the Dutch Intergroup for the Convention: Form 3 Dutch IG Invitation

Book Hotel and meal Accommodation: Form 2 Hotel & Convention Reg

Organise & Book Travel Arrangements
4. **HOW YOUR SERVICE BODY MAY APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND R9 ASSEMBLY**

You will find attached an application form for financial assistance, Form 6 Rep Assistance Application, which is to be submitted to our Treasurer, Una via Email: treasurer@oaregion9.org by June 26th, 2016.

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 26th, 2016. The Treasurer will liaise with you regarding disbursement of funds if your service body is funded. You will be asked to acknowledge receipt of the money. **If for any reason your funded SB’s representative is unable to attend – all funds must be reimbursed to R9 immediately.**

5. **PROPOSING BUSINESS MOTIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY**

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 26 17, 2016) before the Region 9 Assembly.

Those service bodies or committees wishing to propose any business motions shall use the attached motion form, Form 7 Draft Motion. If you have any questions, please contact Meike bylaws@oaregion9.org

6. **R9 BOARD APPLICATION**

Please refer to Form 8 Board Application, which also includes a job description of the board positions. We will be electing officers for R9 Treasurer (2 year term) and R9 Secretary (2 year term).

7. **R9 WSBC DELEGATE APPLICATION**

Would you be interested in representing Region 9 at The World Service Business Conference? If you would like to apply for the chance to have this amazing service opportunity please fill in the application form attached, Form 9 WSBC Application.

Delegates will be selected at the Region 9 Assembly. Send your application to Treasurer@oaregion9.org
**R9 ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM: DATE: October 26 – 28, 2016**

Please be aware that the assembly will start from 5:00 PM, Wednesday, October 26 through to 5:00 PM, Friday October 28, 2016. Ensure that the representative is aware that he/she should be attending throughout.

Please note; new procedure: A registration fee of 50€/£33 for the assembly will be charged for each representative. Rather than bringing this payment to the assembly: Registration fee will be payable via money transfer to R9. As soon as you have registered you will receive a payment number and directions as how to proceed from the R9 secretary.

Please send this registration form by email, to be received by Region 9 Secretary by August 11, 2016 to: Region 9 Secretary. Email: secretary@oaregion9.org

**NOTE:** Not valid without a SB Chair/Secretary signature.

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**OFFICERS COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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**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 (Isabella) your registration form as soon as possible. Isabella's email is on the form.
OA the Netherlands has reserved rooms at the Assembly & Convention venue, Bovendonk (Hofstraat 8, 4741 AK, Hoeven). If you would like to reserve a room and or attend the Assembly or and Convention, please read the following information and complete the registration form below for accommodation and attendance.

**IMPORTANT:**
Payment and reservation is to be made to OA the Netherlands, not directly to the venue. Furthermore, our organizing committee does not deal with any fees connected to the R9 assembly.

**RESERVATION:**
Once complete please email this form to: [oa.dutch.convention@gmail.com](mailto:oa.dutch.convention@gmail.com) BEFORE August 1st 2016. Once we have received your form we will confirm your reservation within 10 days and will send you your invoice with payment options and your additional information package. Please note that your payment must be due before September 1st 2016.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** *(We prefer if you pay by (international) bank transfer)*
**OPTION 1:** To pay by international bank transfer (please note that the bank may charge you for this): Please be sure to indicate your full name, country and the title "OA Region 9 A&C" in the name of your transfer.

**OPTION 2:** To pay in cash (Euros only), please inform us of your intention to do so by email and pay at the OA the Netherlands welcome desk upon arrival.

**REGISTRATION:**

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*Roommate (optional)*

*If you have a roommate please send you and your roommates form at the same time.*
Please mark your choice of attendance and accommodation in the box below the price:

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PLEASE NOTE:
*Prices include all taxes, a compulsory OA Convention Fee of €25 for the complete convention and €10 if you visit the convention for a day and are per person, not per room.

Please indicate what type of room you would like. All efforts will be made to accommodate your 1st choice.

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OA REGION 9
ASSEMBLY & CONVENTION 2016

Together we can do...

October 26th –October 30th
Bovendonk
Hofstraat 8, 4741AK, Hoeven
The Netherlands
WELCOME!

**OA The Netherlands** is honoured to host the Region 9 Assembly and Convention in Hoeven, The Netherlands. We invite all OA members of Region 9 and worldwide to join us. Together we can do what we could not do alone.

You will find all you need to know about registering for and attending the Convention in this flyer.

Details of how your service body can register for the Region 9 Assembly are included in the Region 9 invitation.

Our email address for all you questions is [oa.dutch.convention@gmail.com](mailto:oa.dutch.convention@gmail.com)

**VENUE**

**Bovendonk** is an large old property partly used for seminary Bovendonk. This is a unique, independent catholic seminary from the bisdom Breda. The other part of the property is run commercially to maintain this Dutch heritage and is being rented out to associations for meetings and conventions.

Bovendonk has plenty of meeting rooms, a beautiful library, places to relax, and a wonderful garden.

Check the website [www.bovendonk.nl](http://www.bovendonk.nl) for more information.
Rooms

Bovendonk features 106 rooms, of which there are 24 single- and 24 double rooms with television, desk, bathroom with shower and toilet. The other rooms 42 double and 3 single rooms use communal bathrooms. The double rooms have single beds, and all rooms are non-smoking.

Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included. The meals are served in a buffet style. Of course the kitchen will take notice of allergies, diets etc. Please inform us if you have special needs.

Lodging possibilities

We arranged ‘packages’ for making reservations for a room. These packages include access to the meeting rooms, all meals and a bedroom. The price of the package is depending on the length of your stay and which room you prefer. On the registration form you will find the exact content of the packages.

Our organising committee will be taking care of your registration and payment, please do NOT contact Bovendonk directly if you need any information, but contact us.

There is ONE registration form, including registration for the hotel and the convention. Please send in your registration form before August 1st.
DIRECTIONS to BOVENDONK FROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

From Schiphol Airport
Take the train from Schiphol airport to Breda Central Train Station, and then transfer to the 311 bus.
See www.9292.nl or download the app for detailed information.
(use Hofstraat in Hoeven as your destination)
Costs: approx. € 21,50
Duration: approx. 1 hour and 45 minutes

From Eindhoven Airport
Take the bus 401 to Eindhoven Central Train Station.
Take the train to Breda, than transfer to the 311 bus.
See www.9292.nl for detailed information (use Hofstraat in Hoeven as your destination)
Costs: approx. € 16,50
Duration: approx. 1 hour and 45 minutes

From Breda Central Station
Take bus 311 towards Oud Gastel, approx. 19 stops, get off at Hofstraat in Hoeven.
Costs: approx. € 3.50
Duration: approx. 35 minutes

Taxi
You can also take a taxi from Breda Central Station to Hoeven. The costs are € 32,50 if you make a reservation at least 3 hours in advance.

By road
Highway Rotterdam-Roosendaal (A17)
Exit nr. 22, Oudenbosch. Exit Oudenbosch. Drive this road through Oudenbosch till Hoeven. On the traffic roundabout you take the first exit. On your right hand (after 200 mtr) you see the entrance of the park Bovendonk, Hofstraat 8.

Highway Breda-Roosendaal/Vlissingen (A58)
Exit nr. 20, St. Willebrord. (Take NOT exit Hoeven). Go right direction Hoeven. First and second roundabout go right away. After 300 m. you can see on your left the entrance of the park Bovendonk, Hofstraat 8.

Parking
There is a parking for 150 cars. Besides you find two electricity units for electric cars/bicycles.
USEFULL MAPS
PROGRAM

The Region 9 Assembly will commence at 17.00 pm on Wednesday, October 26, 2016. Region delegates please ensure you arrive at the hotel before then. The Assembly will close at 17.00 pm on Friday, October 28, 2016. Full details of the assembly including registration forms, agenda and other material will be issued directly by the Region 9 Board.

The Region 9 Convention will open at 20.00 pm on Friday, October 28, 2016 and close at 14.00 pm on Sunday, October 30, 2016. The theme for the convention is:

Together we can do what we could never do alone.

OA members are also welcome to attend the assembly as guests. The convention program will include sharing of strength, hope and recovery of OA members around R9, panels, workshops, and lots of fun and entertainment! Meetings will be held in English and Dutch.

Region 9 Convention fee: to be paid by invoice, as noticed on the registration form.

THE OA DUTCH MEMBERS WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU

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TOURIST INFORMATION

Oudenbosch is a village on 15 minutes distance where you can visit the cathedral H.H Agatha & Barbara from 1865. Nearby Bovendonk – on walking distance - there is a small village centre with also a supermarket. In Hoeven and Oudenbosch there is a possibility to attend a church service.

Nearby Hoeven you can make some nice walks in the park/woods.

Alson Oudenbosch you can visit a beautiful botanic garden, worth to visit beautiful flora and fauna.

The city of Breda takes 20 minutes by car, 45 min. by bus, nice for shopping, make a city walk along the canals or visit the nice parcs and church.
NOTIFICATION – SERVICE BODIES IN REGION 9 - UNABLE TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY

DATE: OCTOBER 26 – 28, 2016, NETHERLANDS

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YOU CAN SEND THIS NOTIFICATION OF NON ATTENDANCE BY EMAIL. PLEASE SEND IT, TO BE RECEIVED BEFORE AUGUST 11, 2016 IF YOU CAN TO: Region 9 Secretary. Email: secretary@oaregion9.org.

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REGION 9 REPRESENTATIVE

A Region 9 Representative is an OA member chosen by an Intergroup/NSB/LSB/unaffiliated group meeting within Region 9 to be its representative during the Region 9 Assembly, and to carry out all the associated tasks of a liaison between the Assembly and the represented group. Groups are encouraged to choose their representatives for a 2 or 3 year period, so that the representative is able to learn the Assembly procedures and stand for regional elections.

1. According to the Region 9 Bylaws Article IV, Section 2f and Section 2(II)c, a representative of an unaffiliated group may be granted a voice and even a vote if and only if this is approved by the majority of the Assembly.

The group might decide to send its representative to the Region 9 Convention as well.

1. Registration for the Assembly/Convention.
After the Assembly/Convention details have been decided upon by the hosting group and sent out to service bodies by the Region 9 Secretary, it is the responsibility of the representative to:
a) Register for the Assembly with the Region 9 Secretary (using the form provided by the Region), taking care to do so before the registration deadline stated on the form. If the representative wishes to participate in the Convention, they should register for that event following the instructions provided by the hosting service body. In addition to that, the representative can ask the region for financial assistance, in case the cost of participating in the Assembly prove to be too high for their service body to cover. The request has to be made within 2 months after receiving the Assembly invitation. Note that the funds allocated for representative assistance are limited and there is no guarantee that the support will be granted to all those applying.
b) Book Hotel Accommodation – the representative may choose to stay at the place where the Assembly and Convention are held (details will be provided by the Region), which usually proves the most convenient option, but if they wish, they may also find a different place to stay.
c) Organise and book the travel arrangements.
2. Receive the Assembly Materials Binder before the Assembly.
Materials relating to the business that is to be carried out during the Assembly will be sent out before the Assembly takes place. The representative should read those materials (they will include information on the motions that are to be voted upon) and, if possible, discuss them with the service body they represent. The service body has the right to instruct its representative according to the way they should vote. However, as new information and amendments to the motions may appear during the Assembly, most service bodies allow their trusted representatives to make the final decision as to the voting during the Assembly itself.
3. Committee Participation.
The representatives are encouraged to join one of the following Region 9 committees: Budget and Finance, Public Information (2012b), Bylaws, Electronic Communications, Literature and Translations, (2012q) Twelfth Step Within. Although committee meetings take place during the Assembly, in most cases members are required to work for the committee throughout the year.
4. Assembly Participation.
The representative is to attend all of the business sessions of the Assembly in order to vote and participate in the debates.
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.

6. Reporting back to the Service Body.
The representative is supposed to report the matters discussed by the Assembly back to their service body. The report should also cover the Assembly workshops, as well as any ideas and goals for the future. The form of this report is up to the representative and their service body. Many representatives prepare written reports and present them during workshops.

7. Hand your service to the next representative.
Encourage your group to choose its next representative a year before your term is due to end. During that year, allow the person chosen to have a closer look at your work and assist them when their term begins. (2010d)
Please fill in this form if you wish to be considered for financial assistance for attendance at the 2016 Region 9 Assembly in The Netherlands. (Please note; priority to those IGs and NSBs that cannot afford to fund a delegate on their own, to those with the greatest distance to travel and to those attending their first Assembly). Consideration will be given to the overall financial position of the service body applying for funding in comparison with the other applications and therefore it is required that you attach the latest financial summary of the service body and give details of any funding for attendance at Region 9 Assembly from elsewhere.

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Please estimate your costs in **Euros** and provide a detailed breakdown of your expenses (please, see the Assembly and Convention flyer for cost of accommodation and food).

**It is important to vote in an alternate in case your representative is unable to go.**
Travel (airplane/train tickets, mileage) €………………
Travel (taxi, subway, bus) €………………
Travel (visa, if needed) €………………
Registration fee €………………
Food €………………
Accommodation €………………
Total Cost €………………
Own S.B. contribution €………………
Funding received from other S.B.’s €………………

**Funding requested from Region9** €………………

Please submit this form, not later than June 26th, 2016 to the Region 9 Treasurer and enclose a financial statement of your service body. It is important that those service bodies requiring assistance return the application form in time so that we are able to provide financial help.

Please note that once your service body has been granted representative assistance, you still have to register with the R9 secretary in order to attend the assembly.

Email: treasurer@oaregion9.org
Postal address can be requested via e-mail.

You will be contacted by July 26th, 2016 if your SB is to receive funding.

The Treasurer will liaise with you regarding disbursement of funds if your service body is funded. You will be asked to acknowledge receipt of the money. **If for any reason your funded SB’s representative is unable to attend – all funds must be reimbursed to R9 immediately.**
Please see notes below for details of dates extracted from the Region 9 Bylaws & P&P.

Date of forthcoming Assembly & Convention in The Netherlands 26th October to 30th October 2016

Therefore dates to be extracted from the details below:
Representative Assistance form to be returned by June 26th 2016 (2 months after date of sending).
Region 9 Board authorized to make the payments for assistance by 26th July 2016 (3 months before).

As per Region 9 P & P
V FINANCE AND BUDGET

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO REGION 9 ASSEMBLY

Financial assistance be granted to representatives of Region 9 service bodies and R9 Committee Chairs travelling to Region 9 Assemblies. Draft claim form approved. (1985b) (2013k)
That the mailings to all member groups and Intergroups as in article 5(ii) of the Bylaws, shall include applications for assistance. This application form will also be posted on the R9 website.
Completed application forms will be submitted to the R9 Treasurer at least 3 months prior to the date of the Assembly. (2012g)
It is required that the service bodies requesting such funds attach to the application form for assistance – the latest financial summary of the service body and that they give details of any funding for attendance at Region 9 Assembly from elsewhere. The Region 9 Board are authorized to consider (by email) those applications (2012g) having regard to the funds agreed in the budget by the Assembly (2014c). (N.B. Budget for The Netherlands agreed at €3000)
The Assembly resolves that priority for financial assistance for Regional representatives travelling to the R9 Assembly will be given to those IGs and NSBs that cannot afford to fund a representative on their own, to those with the greatest distance to travel and to those attending their first Assembly. (1996h) (2011c).

Please note: Payment of this assistance will be made through the Region 9 Treasurer who will determine with recipient details of payment.

All Service Bodies, please take notice to what is written about Qualifications for Representatives at Region 9 Assembly, in the Region 9 Bylaws (in Article IV – Membership of Region 9 Assembly, Section 3 – Qualifications (page 5):

a. Each representative shall be elected by the Intergroup, National/Language Service Board
   or unaffiliated groups they serve.

a. The term of Region 9 representative shall be designated by their Intergroup,
   National/Language Service Boards or unaffiliated Groups and each representative is always subject to recall by those who selected them.

b. Each representative should have a minimum of six (6) consecutive months of current abstinence and at least one (1) year service beyond group level.
Proposal Item:
Order of Debate Number:

REGION NINE ASSEMBLY 2016
NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS

MOTION:

SUBMITTED BY:

INTENT:

IMPLEMENTATION:

COST:

RATIONALE:

Please make sure this motion reaches our Bylaws Committee Chair, Meike
Email: bylaws@oaregion9.org before July 26, 2016, (at least 90 days
prior to the Assembly.)
Region 9 Board Application

Form must be submitted to Region Secretary at least six weeks prior to Assembly at which election will be held. Submit to secretary@oaregion9.org.

Office applied for:  □ Chair  □ Secretary  □ Treasurer

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THE REGION 9 BYLAWS STATE:
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. 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.
Please, submit the following:

1. Brief account of OA-story:

2. Summary of OA Service (including service beyond Group level):

3. Business, Professional skills or other experience and skill you can bring to the Board:

4. Why do you want to be a Region Board Member?

Date__________________________ Signature__________________________

THE REGION 9 BYLAWS STATE:
ARTICLE VII – COMPOSITION OF REGION 9 BOARD
The Region 9 Board shall consist of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Duties of members of the Region 9 Board shall include but not be limited to the following:

a. The Chair is responsible to see that a notification of the Assembly is emailed in accordance with Article V – Section 2; to see that Region 9 Intergroups, National/Language Service Boards are notified that amendments to these Bylaws should be sent in accordance with Article XII – Section 1; to prepare an agenda for the Assembly and see that the agenda is emailed in accordance with Article V – Section 4; to preside over the Assembly; and in accordance with the Bylaws of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. – Subpart B is entitled to be a voting delegate to the annual World Service Business Conference.

b. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining accurate minutes and records of all Region decisions and actions at the Assembly. The Secretary must see that the Minutes are emailed when possible within 45 days of the Assembly to all participants of the Assembly, unaffiliated groups in Region 9 and Service Bodies that have not sent a representative to the Assembly. Any Service Body interested can ask the Region 9 Secretary for a copy of the Minutes by email.

c. The Treasurer is responsible to chair the Budget and Finance Committee; and to see that the annual financial statements are mailed to all members Intergroup and National/Language Service Boards.

d. In an emergency situation, approval of two members of the Region 9 Board is required to execute decisions deemed necessary for Region 9 as a whole. Notification of such decision shall be sent within 45 days to all registered Groups, Intergroup and National/Language Service Boards within Region 9.

e. For additional and a more detailed explanation of duties for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer refer to the Region 9 Principles & Procedures manual.
At the 2015 Assembly in France a business motion was adopted that changes the priority when selecting delegates to represent “Region 9 as a whole” at The World Service Business Conference.

This service position is open to all EXCEPT people who will be representing their own Service Body at WSBC.

Selection of delegates will be made at the Annual Region 9 Assembly.

All candidates have to comply with the qualifications for delegates in the Bylaws OA Inc., Subpart B Article X Section 3), c), 1) in that “each delegate/alternate have to least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level.”

Additionally, in keeping with WSBC Policy Manual 1988a section 3) c) Delegate candidates shall “be selected for judgement, experience, stability, willingness, and for faithful adherence to living within the concepts of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Overeaters Anonymous”.

It is further suggested that a World Service Delegate be a current or past representative.

Intergroups that submit candidates to be selected as Region 9 Delegates to the WSBC have to file an application at least 60 days prior to the Region 9 Assembly where the selection will be made.

The Region 9 Delegates are expected to fulfill some service during the following year.

If interested in representing Region 9 please fill in the enclosed application form and send to the Region 9 Treasurer; treasurer@oaregion9.org

Please make sure that the application form is signed by Chair of Intergroup/Service Body before sending it.
REGION 9 WSBC DELEGATES APPLICATION 2016

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| | ○ NSB         |
| | ○ Language Service Board |

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R9 Policy Manual, Section IX, WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE,

REGIONAL DELEGATES TO WSBC
1. If the Region is represented by less than forty per cent of its Intergroups, up to 5 additional delegates to WSBC could be selected.
2. Preference shall be given to Delegates from Intergroups and service bodies that otherwise will not be represented.
3. If there are no candidates from those Intergroups, the Region 9 Assembly will select the candidates from among its voting members who will be able to attend WSBC.
4. The selection of candidates will be made at the yearly Region 9 Assembly.
5. All candidates have to comply with the qualifications for delegates in the Bylaws OA, Inc., Subpart B Article X Section 3) c) 1) in that “each delegate/alternate shall have at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level,” Additionally, in keeping with WSBC Policy Manual 1988a Section 3) c) Delegate candidates shall “be selected for judgement, experience, stability, willingness and for faithful adherence to living within the concepts of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Overeaters Anonymous. It is further suggested a World Service delegate be a current or past representative.
6. Intergroups that submit candidates to be selected as Region 9 Delegates to the WSBC have to file an application at least 60 days prior to the Region 9 Assembly where the selection will be made.
7. All applications are to be sent to the Region 9 Treasurer.
8. The funding of the Region 9 Delegate will depend on the availability of funds. If the funds are available the Region 9 Delegate to the WSBC will be funded according to the Policy and Procedure 1996h.
9. Prior to selection of the delegates, the Treasurer will inform the Assembly of the funds available for this purpose.
10. The number of delegates selected will depend on the funds available, but in any case shall not be more than five. (2006c)
11. The Treasurer will inform the Region 9 Assembly of candidate applications on the Friday. The Assembly will make a selection from among those having filed the Application provided they meet the requirements. If it is determined R9 is able to send more delegates than have applied, additional delegates shall be elected as per 3 above from the R9 assembly voting members which shall include R9 officers provided these candidates meet the requirements.
12. The delegate/s representing Region 9 as a whole will be expected to:

a) Register for WSBC (WSBC Policy Manual 1991a Section 3 “by March 1”). Make travel and hotel arrangements in advance in consultation with the R9 Treasurer. Submit expense reimbursement forms to the Treasurer as soon as possible. Be prudent with use of R9 funds while participating as a delegate.

b) Vote during group conscience business meetings at WSBC in a manner in keeping with WSBC Policy Manual 1988a Section 3 d) and e) which states delegates “may be instructed as to the desires of the [region].” “As participants, delegates shall not be bound by the wishes of their [region], but should not vote against these wishes unless situations arise at the Business Conference that make it necessary for the best interests of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.”

c) Participate in a WSBC Committee during conference and follow up committee work during the following year. A committee preference form, submitted by the delegate (by April 1 in order to be considered for committee membership – see WSBC Policy Manual 1991a Section 3) should give consideration to where other R9 delegates are serving so as to spread R9 committee participation across the various WSBC committees. If necessary, the delegate may be asked to serve on a committee other than their choice.

d) Delegates should be willing to serve as part of the Reference Subcommittee, the Region Appeals Committee, and/or assist with R9 7th Tradition fundraisers if asked to do so.

e) Write a report on their activities as Region Delegate and submit that report to the region representatives (and their own service body) within 45 days of close of conference. It is suggested this report be sent electronically to the R9 representatives. (2015u)