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INVITATION TO OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS REGION 9 ASSEMBLY

Dear Region 9 OA Fellows,

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

**Reykjavík, Iceland
Wednesday, November 1st – Sunday, November 5th, 2017**

The **R9 Assembly** will be followed by a **Convention** hosted by the Iceland NSB.

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 or Task Forces where goals and tasks are set for carrying the message in R9
- Elections of Officers for the coming year (Chair - 2 year term, General Officer – 2 year term, Treasurer - 1 year term)
- Election of R9 Banker (2 year term)
- Affirmation of Trustee candidates (for 2018 R9 Trustee election)
- 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/task forces, 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 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 17th, 2017**.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** 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.

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## **R9 Recovery Convention FOLLOWS the assembly:**

**The Convention** follows the assembly starting Friday November 1st – Sunday November 3rd. 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 “12th Step – Carrying the Message.” Many Representatives choose to also attend the convention, where they are joined by local OA members and others from throughout Region 9 (and sometimes from other areas of the world). Details for registering for the convention follow.

**NOTE:** All OA members 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 motions regarding OA in Region 9, these proposals must reach our Chair, Francene (Email - [chair@oaregion9.org](mailto:chair@oaregion9.org)) **before August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017** (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: Chair (2 year term), General Officer (2 year term), Treasurer (1 year term) and Banker (2 year term). Please note, that should the elected Treasurer be from the UK, then there is an option of ALSO being the R9 Banker. Other than the positions mentioned - all other board positions for Region 9 are filled and are 'mid stream' of their service term.

Information with the qualifications for these officer positions and an application is attached. Nominations received ahead of time will be shared with the "binder" mailing. 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 hosting the 2019 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, Appendix A. We will provide service bodies interested in hosting with a "form" to assist you in providing all necessary information for your bid to be considered at the assembly. Look for this in the "binder" information to be sent later. Please contact Emma R9 Secretary [secretary@oaregion9.org](mailto:secretary@oaregion9.org) if you need any information or have any questions about hosting.

On behalf of the Region 9 Board, I am pleased to invite you to the 2017 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:

- a) Register with the Region 9 Secretary for the Assembly: FORM 1 Assembly Registration (submit by **August 17<sup>th</sup> 2017**).  
This form also includes information for you to determine how many representatives can be sent to represent your service body.
- b) Book Hotel Accommodation with meals included: FORM 2 Hotel & Convention Registration
- c) Organise & Book Travel Arrangements: FORM 3 Iceland NSB Invitation  
This form provides additional information about travel, beyond flights.  
Note: Travel is usually cheaper if booked well in advance.
- d) Please read and be aware of the R9 Rep Job Description from the R9 policy manual: FORM 5 Rep. Job Description.

**Service Bodies:**

If your service body is unable to attend, we would welcome keeping you in the R9 loop by subscribing to our weekly mailing (contact [info@oaregion9.org](mailto:info@oaregion9.org) )

**2. Instructions for Registering for Convention**

- a) Register with the Iceland NSB for the Convention: FORM 3 Iceland NSB Invitation
- b) Book Hotel and meal Accommodation: FORM 2 Hotel & Convention Reg
- c) Organise & Book Travel Arrangements

**Note to Representatives:** You must register separately for the Assembly as above.

**3. 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, David, via Email: [treasurer@oaregion9.org](mailto:treasurer@oaregion9.org) by **July 1st, 2017**.

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 August 1st, 2017. 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.**

#### **4. 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 at least ninety days (**August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**) 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 Francene [chair@oaregion9.org](mailto:chair@oaregion9.org).

#### **5. R9 Board Application**

Please refer to Form 8 Board Application, which also includes a job description of the board positions.

Please refer to Form 8a Banker Application to apply for this position. Note: The Banker must reside in the U.K.

#### **6. 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 (for 2018 WSBC)  
Send your application to [treasurer@oaregion9.org](mailto:treasurer@oaregion9.org)