

WSBC 2016 Report from Region 9 Chair

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

Attendance: 17 Trustees; 182 delegates
R9 16 delegates representing 10 countries

7th Tradition Collected: \$4423.25

Workshops: There will be more details of the workshops presented in the Final Conference Report.

Forum: The Region Chairs Committee (RCC) lead a forum about how to carry the message in different situations. The new "Carrying the Message" card developed in R9 was given to everyone attending.

Consent Agenda: New business motions A, B, C, E and Bylaws Amendments 1, 2, 3, 7 were adopted by consent.

Deliberated motions:

- **Policy**
 - ✓ Proposal D: Not adopted. Unity Day will still be the last Saturday in February @ 11:30 am PST
 - ✓ Proposal F. Adopted as amended. The last paragraph was amended to read:
Members of Overeaters Anonymous are anonymous: the Fellowship is not. Members of Overeaters Anonymous using social media are responsible for maintain their own personal anonymity and respecting the anonymity of other OA members. This allows for more virtual outreach.
 - ✓ Proposal G: Adopted. A New Virtual Services Conference Committee was created.
- Proposal H: Adopted. Removing a redundant policy
- **Bylaws**
 - ✓ Proposal 4: Not adopted. To limit the Region Chair Committee meetings to North America
 - ✓ Proposal 5: Substitute motion adopted regarding process of service bodies changing affiliation.
 - ✓ Proposal 6: Adopted. Changing the definition of OA "Groups" to encompass virtual groups.

Strategic Planning: I participated in sessions with the other Region Chairs and Trustees involving strategic planning for 2017-2019. It was very exciting. We started with brainstorming about new goals. We determined the focus will be on "Keeping OA Strong

Worldwide.” The upcoming goals each of the three years are: Growing Unity, Growing Recovery, and Growing Membership. The Region Chairs meet again with the Trustees in September to add specific goals and tasks for these areas. My subcommittee as we finish the current operations plan is on Sponsorship. I will provide more information on that as we proceed.

Region Chairs Committee: The Regions Chairs committee is finishing a project to submit to the Board of Trustees on “Service Body Building.” This document is an anthology of resources and information for service bodies. We have agreed to additionally solicit experience, strength, and hope regarding service body officers to share with the fellowship. That project is a follow on from one of the region chairs asking for input. This may be incorporated into the Service Body Building document or may become a stand-alone document to share with new officers. We will also work on the Forum for next WSBC. Additionally, we set a goal to suggest some guidelines when conducting workshops, marathons, retreats etc. regarding use of OA approved literature and general guidelines for speakers/leaders. The RCC meets (virtually and 3 times in person) throughout the year. We share resources with each other and offer support throughout the year.

R9 Informal Meeting: We met together over dinner on Wednesday night. In addition to the fellowship, each delegate shared some of the recovery activities, events, and highlights of their service body.

I will provide the link to the WSBC 2016 final report when it is available. Please contact me if you have questions regarding any of the proceedings.

It was a pleasure and an honour to serve with the other delegates from Region 9. The experience, strength, and hope shared at meetings – both formal and informal – and the strength of the fellowship shown during the week are an inspiration.

In love, fellowship, and service,
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R9 Chair