

1. Chair's Report to the 2017 Assembly

Thanks to OA Iceland for hosting the R9 Assembly and Convention this year. All of us in Region 9 are grateful for your efforts and valuable service.

OA Website & Region 9 Websites contain a wealth of information. Check them regularly for service and recovery matters. There are many downloads available for members and service bodies.

Region 9 Announcements are mailed weekly. Contact the R9 General Officer if you are not already on this list. R9 relies heavily on these weekly announcements to send out vital information to R9 members.

Meeting Information and Service Body information is so important for reaching everyone plus getting us all (newcomers especially) to recovery meetings. Please check regularly to see that your meetings and your service body information is correct on the WSO website. R9 also relies upon this same information to reach our service bodies.

Lifeline, our monthly recovery magazine, is available electronically now. Hard copy mailings to R9 members are costly and not self-supporting. OA continues to look at ways to improve Lifeline.

Board and Task Force Chairs meetings were done electronically throughout the year. These help keep all officers on track with goals and commitments. We also have time for discussions of concerns or ideas. Skype meetings have worked well to allow us all to “see” and hear each other as we coordinate our efforts to serve as your R9 Board.

The Region 9 Board had some changes this year after assembly. We thank Úna for her service while Treasurer, and thank David for stepping into that role as needed. Thanks also to Holly for stepping in as General Officer. We created an additional dropbox where we have stored archives of the past R9 A&C documents and other pertinent information. We are also in the process of transferring and storing some of our important financial documents.

Email communications allow me to keep in regular contact with the other R9 officers, R9 Trustee, the Board of Trustees, the World Service Office, Committee Chairs, other Region Chairs, and OA members and Service Bodies within Region 9. The volume is large but this continues to be an easy effective way to exchange information.

World Service Business Conference Chair's report was sent out. It was an honour to serve R9 there. It was very rewarding this year to see our initiative addressed to help simplify the Translations process.

Region Chairs Committee (RCC) is one of the duties of the Region 9 Chair. The first set of meetings took place at WSBC. The second set of meetings, where we also meet with the Trustees to help with the OA Strategic operations planning and execution, is scheduled mid-August and I will report on it later. I will not attend the

third meeting as we decided at last year's assembly our funds would be better directed to sending an additional delegate to WSBC 2018.

The RCC this year has been working on several tasks:

- Submitting the 2017 Forum as a workshop in English, Spanish and French.
- Preparation for the 2018 Forum
- Gathering Experience, Strength, and Hope for Service Body Officer – As a resource to share with them when completed (Aug 2017)
- Continuing the Green Dot Mentor matching program for WSBC
- Creating three OA podcast sets, at least one of which will be non-English. (I am working on this subcommittee.)
- Unaffiliated groups support campaign.

R9 What's App Meeting is a new meeting that came out of an initiative from the R9 Delegates to WSBC. Many thanks to those in R9, David and Travice especially, who have served to get this new type of meeting started. The response has been so overwhelming that we are in the process of starting a second meeting. We hope to be able to share the experience of starting and running these types of meetings with others in OA.

Hosting the R9 Assembly and Convention is challenging, involves work and preparation, but is rewarding. If your service body is interested in hosting in the future, you will find the information for "how to" as an appendix to the P&P Manual. We will hear bids for upcoming years at this assembly. Anyone who is bidding, or who has hosted in the past, is also able to share about the experience.

Looking back, I believe the R9 Board has become better organized plus simplified some of the necessary tasks of running the region board. We are all working on the "best methods" so that we can pass our experience on to the new officers.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve R9. I would also like to thank the R9 Secretary, Treasurer, Banker, Trustee, Newsletter Coordinator, Task Force Coordinators, Volunteer Coordinators, and Representatives for all their service efforts this year. Also thanks to our current Parliamentarian and Rep from South Africa, for their dedication and help in fully revising the R9 Policy manual. It has been a pleasure to serve with you all. Your dedication and enthusiasm is inspiring.

Francene,
R9 Chair

2. Secretary's Report to the 2017 Assembly

I have learned a lot about Region 9 this year, there has been a lot of change since I last served on the Region 9 Board in 2000-2003. It's great to see how active many people are in countries with translation projects etc. As secretary is also very nice to have communication with new groups and lone members trying to set up OA in countries that have no meetings, or are very small.

Coming from the UK where OA has many meetings and is strong, being part of the Region 9 Board has given me the opportunity to see how lucky we are in the UK with so many things established for us; there are many countries with OA in its infancy and some members doing some wonderful service and working hard to keep the meetings and the fellowship alive.

Being on the Board since the internet arrived is definitely a different experience that it was 17 years ago. The secretary role now includes arranging monthly Skype meetings, taking minutes of meetings, working with a TF coordinator, answering queries from members, putting together the paperwork for the Assembly.

There is also quite a lot more communication between Board members, the Trustee, and other volunteers doing work for Region 9, than there was when I served on the Board previously. This must only be positive and I hope it means that as a Region 9 Board we are able to offer greater support to members within the Region. As secretary I also sought feedback from attendees at last year's Assembly and have been the main point of contact with the Icelandic members who have been organising this year's Assembly.

Thank you to all of you doing service in the region, I know people are working very hard to keep the message going across Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Look forward to meeting some of you in Iceland.

Emma C
Region 9 Secretary

3. Treasurer Report – Assembly 2017

I will try and be as brief as possible, letting the actual financial pages show our current financial situation.

Firstly, a big **thank you** to all the Service Boards who have sent contributions over the past 12 months. Without your contributions, there would not be a Region 9.

I took over as Treasurer in February 2017. A big **thank you to Una** for all her service in this position before me.

Region 9's **overall financial situation** is good. Service bodies are contributing, and we are able to cover our expenses each year.

Region 9 **Financial year** ends on May 31st each year. As of May 31st, 2017, we had a total of 12,703 Euro in our main accounts, and 15,126 Euro in Reserve.

In 2017 (since June), we have been able to financially assist Austria and Hungary in **Translations and Projects**, and have been able to **assist Representatives** to Iceland Assembly from South Africa, Austria, Greece and Switzerland.

In the last year we have been able to introduce **online banking** for our banker, allowing for swifter payments when needed, and easier access to information.

We are still working on implementing a **PayPal** account. There seems to be more questions around every corner, but we are not giving up.

This year we have been working on obtaining some new 7th Tradition items for sale – **Sticky Notes**. Many thanks to Chris, OA member from the UK who has been helping out with this.

In the last few months, I have strived to update some of the files used to record the financial documents, hopefully making it easier for the next treasurer.

The position of R9 Treasurer is a rewarding one, helping to carry the message of recovery throughout Region 9 and the world.

Special thanks to Sandra, our Region 9 Banker, to the other members of the Region 9 Board – Francene, Emma and Holly, and to our trustee, Stella, for all their assistance during the year.

David S., Treasurer

4. R9 General Officer Report – Assembly 2017

Having only recently stepped into the General Officer role – in June 2017 – I don't have a great deal to report. I still feel I am very much getting to grips with the role.

I received a very thorough handover from the former General Officer, David.

Since taking on the role, I have been sending the weekly announcements to the Region. I have updated the group and service body information we hold, using WSO records, to ensure our records are accurate and up to date.

I've answered numerous ad hoc queries from members throughout Region 9, as well as liaising with Region 9 coordinators and volunteers when needed. I've kept in regular contact with the Region 9 board through emails and Skype calls.

Between now and the Assembly, I intend on making contact with the unaffiliated groups in Region 9, in an effort to outreach and encourage affiliation.

I'm very grateful for the support I've been given by the rest of the board – Francene, David and Emma. And also to our Trustee, taskforce coordinators, volunteers and reps, who give so much of their time and effort to carrying the OA message throughout Region 9. It has been a privilege to give service in this way, and to be connected to members throughout Region 9 on a daily basis.

From David

The first part of the year was spent creating a position where there was none before, as R9 Assembly 2016 created this position for the first time.

One of the initial tasks involved revamping the internal R9 Board Calendar for events and reminders throughout the year. Keeping track of deadlines for Assembly, Projects/Translations fund process and Rep Assistance process can get complicated. I created a shared Google calendar with the appropriate dates, and integrated Zapier emails to generate emails to the Board in time to remember everything.

I assisted early on with formatting of after-Assembly documents – the revised Bylaws, and revised P&P, making them easier to read and find information quicker.

I incorporated the languages and currencies into the R9 Country list.

Together with Perline, our Webmaster, some pages of the website were updated – but there's still a lot of work to be done in this area.

I liaised with Martine who produced a newsletter, and Perline who produced another one.

I liaised with the Outreach coordinators (Niki and Luisa) as they began their service and they began contacting countries and service bodies not in attendance at Assembly.

Initially, I was in contact with the “Service Task Force”. Unfortunately, this “committee” did not continue beyond the first couple of months after Assembly.

All the above was in addition to the weekly announcements, responding to various emails from throughout the region, correspondence with the Board and Skype meetings before transitioning into the position of Treasurer.

A big thank you to the Board and all the R9 volunteers who helped carry the message of OA to Region 9 this year.

Holly, General Officer

5. R9 Trustees Report – R9 Assembly 2017

Trustee duties as R9 Trustee

- We have all heard ‘Time flies when you are having fun!’ I can only imagine that we are having ‘so much fun’ as I ask, ‘where did the time go!’ I am now in my third year as R9 Trustee. I am much more comfortable in the role but still learning. Grateful thanks go to everyone on the Board of Trustees and our own R9 Board for their service. We form and make great teams in our various committees. The role and objectives of the Trustees includes: -
 - Guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts of Service.
 - Represent the Board of Trustees (BOT) with R9 and liaison between the BOT & R9.
 - Attendance to SB assemblies and conventions.
 - Participation and facilitate workshops.
 - Assistance with service structures.
 - Liaise and advise in Conference (WSBC) & BOT Committees.
 - Answer questions & correspondence via OA WSO & directly to R9 trustee email etc.

Please ask me more about the role if you are thinking of applying for the post.

- As part of the detail behind the summarized description above I report back to you as follows.

Since the last time I reported to you I have: -

- a) Attended various countries and service bodies assemblies and conventions to conduct workshops (please see below).
- b) Answered questions about the steps, service & traditions etc. that have arisen in our region via email & in person whilst in attendance at assemblies and workshops.
- c) Attended the Board of Trustees meetings in Albuquerque, New Mexico (November, February, May & Aug). (please see below).
- d) Attended the R9 Board & task force chair meetings via skype.
- e) Served on the Board of Trustees ‘International Publications / Translations Committee’ (please see below) (BOT – IP/T Committee) (May 2015 to date).
- f) Served on the ‘Unity with Diversity WSBC Committee’ as trustee co – chair. (please see below) (UWD Committee) (May 2017 to date).
- g) Reviewed Bylaws / Statement of Purpose for some service bodies within R9. There is a newly registered Intergroup: - Roma Sud IG, Italy and there were some revisions for other service bodies.
- h) Summarized the Accounts of OA. Inc. to 31 December 2016 and prepared a report to the region entitled: - ‘*Overeaters Anonymous R9 & how we fit into the World Service Office (WSO) Accounts*’. (please see below).
- i) Used the translation software to translate bylaws & motions into English and produce workshop material etc. in draft form.

It was initially thought that we could input a glossary into this software and thus improve its output. Having experimented with it, it appears this is not possible. It is still a useful tool. I could not attend the National Assemblies in the way I have without it.

Board of Trustee Meetings

I meet with the other 16 trustees four times per year. During those meetings we: -

- Report on activities in our regions and committees so that we can all learn what works in other areas.
- Work in our respective committees.
- Meet together as a service body and vote on various motions that affect OA as a whole (e.g. proposed literature such as the revised Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions book voted on at the WSBC & BOT approved literature such as the various guidelines on www.oa.org).
- Meet informally to discuss matters arising that we feel we would benefit from input from other trustees but there is not a need for formal motions.
- We are constantly considering the most efficient way to utilize time and money. As I write this report I am preparing to attend the August BOT meeting via conference call over the next few days. The experience will be interesting and I will update you at the assembly when we meet.

Board of Trustees (BOT) International Publications &Translations (IP/T) Committee

The objectives of this committee are: -

To oversee the translation, reprinting & publication of OA literature outside USA, to review policies & procedures pertaining to publication and to help those who translate OA literature to achieve accurate translations and acceptable publications.

The trustees for Regions 6, 9 & 10 currently sit on this committee and we are often joined and receive input from trustees in Region 2 & Region 8 (they have Spanish & Portuguese meetings).

The new chair of the IP/T committee is Letitia from R10. During this year as a committee we have: -

- Discussed and agreed expenditure from the committee budget to assistance with translation and publication.
- Received & circulated information about translation from the fellowship.
- Tracked and reviewed royalties paid to WSO.
- Worked on the administration procedures for the new Translation Fund (accepts contributions).
- Contacted the fellowship for suggestions on items to translate from the budget where funds remain after all applications are accepted.

World Service Business Conference (WSBC) Unity with Diversity (UWD) Committee

The purpose of this committee is to work at recognizing the significance that acceptance of diversity plays in our ability to effectively carry the message of recovery. The committee encourages awareness within and outside the Fellowship of the importance of unity while honoring and respecting diversity.

It is made up of members across the regions attending the WSBC and is co-chaired by a trustee and a delegate. I am serving as Trustee Co – Chair with Karen N who is the Delegate Co – Chair.

The committee are working through 3 sub-committees.

- They felt the need for a permanent translations subcommittee of the UWD on the basis of unity on a diverse worldwide level through translation of OA literature & materials (Translations Sub Committee).
- To work in increasing awareness of diversity within the Fellowship (Inreach Sub Committee).

- And to attract members from diverse communities and cultures into OA (Outreach Sub Committee).

I will report to you as their projects start to come forth and next year at WSBC.

Trustee Workshops, using the trustee & OA Strategic Plan

Part of the role of R9 trustee is to facilitate workshops around the region.

These can be on any topic that includes: -

- a) Service, Traditions & Concepts, our primary purpose (to carry the OA message of recovery through the OA 12 Steps) and the topics covered on the strategic plan i.e.
- b) Growing OA Unity Worldwide (Strategic Plan for 2017)
- c) Growing OA Recovery Worldwide. (Strategic Plan for 2018)

It's up to your service body to 'use' the trustee as much as possible and as the budget allows for these workshops. Together we recover. Please ask your service body to consider whether you would like a visit and can arrange a workshop with one or more of these topics. Personally, I think it's good to do a combination of the Service, Traditions & Concepts with 'recovery' topics from the others listed.

The OA message of recovery is through abstinence from compulsive eating through working the OA 12 Steps. We have a strategic plan which is our process of defining our direction, and making decisions on allocating resources to pursue that strategy in given time periods.

The current (2017 – 2019) plan is *Keeping OA Strong Worldwide*.

We currently have our projects and task forces in R9.

What would your members and service body like to see as projects in the strategic plan for Growing Unity (2017), Growing Recovery (2018) & Growing Membership (2019)?

Please think about these topics and let me know your ideas. I will bring them to the planning meetings that we have as Trustees & Region Chairs & at WSBC. We will always have to decide from suggestions made (we can't do it all) but it's great to receive input from the fellowship in making those decisions.

Trustee Visits: -

Since I last reported to you I have visited the following service bodies: -

- Spirit of Hope Retreat in Wexford Ireland. 7th – 9th October 2016. Sessions held on: - The disease of the Body, Mind & Spirit (OA 3rd Edition), Action Plan, Working all Twelve Steps, Service & Traditions, Vision of our program choices and Step 11.
- OAGB National Assembly 14th – 15th October 2016. Sessions facilitated – 'Voting Procedures, Roberts Rules & review of OAGB voting procedures, Concepts of Service & Traditions.
- OA IG Berlin, Germany. 4th December 2016. Sessions held on 'Step 3', 'Abstinence Action Plan', 'Working all Twelve Steps and specifically Step 10, 11 & 12' and 'Service and Working with Others'.
- Spanish National Assembly & Convention "OA Comes with me" 31 Mar – 2 April 2017.

Attended the National Assembly as a visitor and answered questions as required. Used the Babylon software to translate information beforehand so I could follow the assembly.

Traditions – workshop facilitator.

- Italian National Assembly & Convention “Being in balance between autonomy and respect for others – Tradition 4” 7 – 9 April 2017. Attended as Parliamentarian. I could translate all the assembly materials for the weekend. The translation was good enough for me to follow the assembly well in Italian and feel that it was effective for an ‘English speaker’ to serve as parliamentarian (the Chair of the NSB speaks English well which is vital in this respect). Tradition 4 "Being in balance between autonomy and respect for others" workshop facilitator. Morning & Evening meditations (English version translated into Italian prior to assembly). Attended a speaker meeting and shared about my own recovery on a threefold aspect.
- Polish National Assembly 26 – 28 May 2017. Attended the National Assembly as a visitor and answered questions as required on bylaws and parliamentary procedures. Again, used the software to translate information beforehand so I could follow the assembly. (The Chair speaks English well). “The Importance of working all Twelve Steps” workshop facilitator. Traditions – workshop facilitator. Attended a speaker meeting. Answered questions regarding translation of OA literature and how OA can grow when members have literature and materials in their own language in order to identify and work the steps of OA.
- Twelve Step Workshop & Study Guide - OA members in Russia and myself attend a weekly skype session. We are working through the Twelve Step Workshop & Study Guide. It is held in English and the other members (Russian) speak in English even though it is their second language.
- OA Stoke – On – Trent Group (my home group) are holding a series of day workshops in 2017 that will work through the Twelve Step Workshop & Study Guide. The group have completed the Introductory Session + Step 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. Plans are being made to complete the other steps.

‘Overeaters Anonymous R9 & how we fit into the World Service Office (WSO) Accounts’.

This report went out to the region earlier this year in PDF format. It is also on www.oaregion9.org. Please go to the main website page and access What’s New. Scroll down & access the file in PPT or ODP format. I would be grateful if you would watch the presentation and bring the information to your service body. Please come to the assembly with lots of questions about the accounts – I am only too willing to answer as best I can. The main information to report to you is as follows: -

OA Inc. (WSO) for the Year Ended 31 December 2016: -

Expenses paid for from the WSO budget for a year amount to \$1,005,069 = €854,309.

R9 ‘portion’ of that is 870 R9 groups / 6312 groups in the world = €117,752.

But only 56% of the costs from WSO are covered by contributions. = **€65941.**

The rest of our income comes from surplus on literature sales etc.

In 2016 the R9 contributions to WSO amounted to **\$21036.**

That’s just about a third of **\$65941.**

R9 is the lowest contributing region in terms of contribution per group to WSO per group.

Extract from the 7th Trad pamphlet

Groups may contribute specifically according to the informed group conscience, frequently choosing to send 60 percent to their intergroup/service board, while forwarding 10 percent to the region and 30 percent to the WSO. Groups may also choose, instead, to contribute funds to their intergroup/service board, knowing that the funds may be forwarded to the region and WSO.

There are lots of reasons why R9 might be the lowest contributing to WSO. R9 countries may pay for translation & printing. R9 members may have further to travel to our annual assembly. Another reason might be that we don't have that simple suggestion of proportions to give to other SBs beyond our IGs in the way other regions have. In R9 we often have an additional level of service – i.e. NSB/ LSB that needs service and contributions to carry out the work they do.

When your group makes their contributions beyond your group – do they assume that funds are contributed further along – e.g. group to IG, IG to SB, SB to Region & Region to WSO?

I will bring a list of SBs Contributions from within R9 to WSO to the Assembly.

Translations Workshop at the R9 Assembly.

There will be a translations workshop at the forthcoming R9 Assembly & Convention. I hope to have a presentation on the R9 website before the assembly and will let you know as soon as it is ready.

OA Region 9 Recovery Activities & Events (Workshops and conventions etc.)

Please let me know what is happening in the OA world in your area (OA workshops, step studies, PI events etc.). These are allways good to share with the outside of OA R9 fellowship.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Stella Cooke, OA Region 9 Trustee, trustee@oaregion9.org

6. Service Task Force - R9 Assembly 2017

At the assembly 2016, the Service Task Force started out with three main goals: a financial glossary, creating a fundraising committee, and creating a service desk (an online forum for FAQ and documentation).

We decided to start with the financial glossary. Partly because it's a rather straight forward task and partly because we, the members of the task force, have seen the need for such a glossary during previous assemblies and Intergroup meetings. Our goal was to clarify various financial expressions in order to make it easier for assembly members to follow/participate in discussing the budget, for example.

We have planned the following steps for this task:

1. Making a list of terms/items
2. Find a basic explanation for each term/phrase in English
3. Circulate the list for feedback
4. Revise after feedback
5. Circulate again

Two of the task force members, Meike and Úna, have collected the relevant terms and compiled a list. This is where we are at this point. Meike and I are willing to continue with the project (steps 2-5 above).

In love and fellowship
Isabella V
service@oaregion9.org

7. Language Listing Coordinators – Assembly 2017

The Language Listing Coordinators have:

- begun working on updating the "literature" and "materials listings
- Sent a general announcement to Region 9 mailing list to request service bodies submit their updated translations of documents/literature
- will soon be contacting service bodies (NSB/LSB) individually to encourage updating
- will begin compiling the information to update the listings
- Have not yet addressed the glossary.

Ester, Nelly, Francene

8. Report on activities of OA Region 9 Sponsors List Committee

During this past year our committee has worked to make the list of available sponsors in OA R9 more user-friendly. We have added a column listing the country in which each sponsor lives. Also it is now possible to filter specific information, such as language/s spoken, for the benefit of OA members seeking sponsors.

In addition, a notice was placed in the OA R9 Announcements with a special call to all male available OA sponsors within R9 to join the list. There have been requests made for male sponsors, yet few males are listed at present.

We are always glad to add new sponsors to the OA Region 9 Sponsors List and try to keep it current and updated.

"Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to those who share my compulsion; for this I am responsible."

Helen & Reva
OA Sponsor List Coordinators

9. Spanish Language Service Board Report

R-9 Representative Update, August, 2017

- Very exciting news that the ad-hoc committee for the SLSB had been approved at the last World Service Conference.
- Since June, we have been meeting every two weeks on Skype to write the Bylaws together.
Attendance is diverse with Alejandra from Costa Rica- chairperson, Monica from Madrid, Gema from Madrid, Yalile from Venezuela , Menchu from Madrid, Eva from Mexico, Sarah from Venezuela, Viviana from Colombia and Sonia from Colombia.
- Tomorrow we will meet with the official ad-hoc committee, comprised of a General Service Trustee, a Virtual Services Trustee, R8 Trustee and R9 Trustee and Chair of the SLSB Ad Hoc Committee, current chair of the SLSB, R8 Chair, two fellows from Mexico, a fellow from Spain (me).
- We would have a committee of 8 made up of a) the current SLSB Chair (R8 member) b) R8 Chair and member of RCC (R8 member), c) a member from R2 (has over 300 Spanish meetings) and d) a member from Spain (R9) and d) the 4 trustees as mentioned above.
- We'll wait to register with the WSO until the bylaws are made.
- We are updating our list of translated literature. Spain's literature subcommittee has sent all translated literature to WSO. There any service body can apply for license to reproduce and distribute said literature while promising to pay royalties.

Gratefully submitted by Monica Carter, Region 9 representative to SLSB

10. Region 9 Chair's Report

Region Chairs Committee (RCC) meetings
Albuquerque, NM 24-27 August 2017

In August the Region Chairs Committee meets over 3 days. During this time we also have some joint meetings with the OA Board of Trustees.

Here are the highlights of the recent meeting with the RCC:

Discussions:

1. Possibility of a virtual region
2. Balance of “service” and “life”
3. Sharing Region “Strengths and Struggles”
4. Future meetings of RCC: Discussion involved how often and where the RCC should meet each year. For 2018 the RCC will meet at WSBC (RCC1) and again at R2 Assembly (RCC3) and will not meet next year in August with the BOT (RCC2). There will be more discussion regarding the frequency, cost, and focus of future face-to-face meetings to ensure we are using our time and money wisely.
5. Ad Hoc OA Restructure Committee: Two Region Chair will serve on this ad hoc committee along with Trustees to look at OA's overall structure.

RCC Goals and Progress:

1. Experience, Strength, and Hope for Service Body Officers document is just about completed. Region Chairs will offer this document (not OA approved – informal document) to their region service bodies soon. This document share experience for officers.
2. 2017 WSBC Forum has been approved for the OA website and will soon be online for use. The document will also become available in Spanish, Portuguese, and French.
3. Podcasts: RCC working on producing 3 sets of podcasts. The first will be on the speakers from the 2017 WSBC forum. At least one of the other sets will be in a language other than English.
4. Unaffiliated Groups Support Campaign: Working on way to reach out to groups that are not affiliated with an IG or Service Body.
5. 2018 WSBC Forum: The Region Chairs Committee will again moderate the forum. Working on preparation for this event.
6. Mentoring: RCC continues with Green dots for WSBC and mentoring new chairs to RCC.
7. Events Guidelines: RCC proposed an addition to the “Events Guidelines” regarding speakers at events. This and additional changes to this document will be coming out soon.

Strategic Operations Plan Meeting (jointly with the BOT)

Ideas were generated for tasks for 2018 around “Growing OA Recovery Worldwide.” The four that were selected to work on are:

1. Downloadable, east to translate, newcomer packet
2. What is working best – make that viral
3. 3 minute video on sponsorship; getting people through all 12 Steps (crossing the finish line)
4. Statement of recovery through 12 Steps

These tasks are in the initial stage and subcommittees (of Trustees and Chairs) will work on them further.

Joint Meeting RCC and BOT:

In this meeting the RCC brings topics for discussion with the BOT.

Discussions:

1. OA Website: Concerns around search function, home page ease of use, website being more phone friendly, find a meeting function, and priority for members finding a meeting or other OA info. While some of these issues may be addressed it was indicated that more funds and more time would be needed to address further.
2. Service Body Count Reports: Looking for ways to make these reports show trends.
3. Meeting Openings and Closures: Getting information more quickly to Chairs/Trustees about these so actions can be taken.
4. Service Traditions Concepts Workshops: Discussed how these are presented and ideas for updating.
5. Guidance for members about sponsorship: Discussed ways to get information to the fellowship about sponsorship “do’s and don’ts.”
6. Guidance for members about dealing with intimacy and vulnerability in the rooms. Discussed how to address and how to raise awareness with solutions.

Please email me if you have any questions or would like additional information about any of these items.

Francene
R9 Chair