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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:

**London, UK
Wednesday, September 26 – Sunday, September 30, 2018**

The **R9 Assembly** will be followed by a **Convention** hosted by the South and East England Intergroup (SEEIG).

You will find initial information for each following below. (Please note there is a second document with additional important information to be read next.)

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
- Elections of Officers for the coming year (Secretary – 2-year term, Treasurer – 2-year term)
- Possible Affirmation of Trustee candidate(s) [for 2019 WSBC 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
- Bidding for hosting upcoming R9 Assembly and Convention

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, and other OA coordinator service positions, 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 **July 12th, 2018**.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Your registration will be confirmed by email. You will then be sent instructions for making payment of Assembly and Convention fees. More details are on the registration forms.

A **Registration fee of 50€** for the Assembly will be charged for each Representative. (Note: Check current exchange rates, Service Bodies paying in GBP are requested to pay the equivalent of €50.)

The **Registration fee including accommodation and meals** will be payable in advance via money transfer. After you have submitted your registration form, R9 will send you a payment number and directions as how to pay your fees.

NOTE: Representatives are required to provide a valid service body officer signature (Chair or Secretary) affirming them. This form will be mailed to registered representatives for their officer to complete after they have registered. An “electronic signature” will be accepted on this form.

For any questions: registration2018@oaregion9.org

Assembly Attendance

PLEASE BE AWARE that the Assembly will start from 5:00PM, on Wednesday, and finish at 5:00PM, on Friday.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT the Representative is aware that he/she should be attending throughout this time.

For Service Bodies:

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 3 – Qualifications

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

- b) 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.
- c) Each representative should have a minimum of six (6) consecutive months of current abstinence and at least one (1) year service beyond group level.

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 attending, so please complete your registration form as soon as possible.

R9 Recovery Convention FOLLOWS the assembly:

The Convention follows the assembly starting Friday September 28th – Sunday September 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 “It Works – It really Does.” Most Representatives 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 are included in your registration form. ***NOTE: The registration for Assembly & Convention plus accommodations and food options are ALL ON ONE FORM this year.***

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) **before June 26th 2018** (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: Secretary (2-year term), Treasurer (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 serving as an officer 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 2020 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.

NOTE: 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 Ewa R9 Secretary 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 2018 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.