

UPDATED REGION 9 TRUSTEE REPORT

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The Board of Trustees met in August 24-25, 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I want to give you the highlights of the meeting.

I raised the issue of GDPR with the Board and the World Service Office staff. Unfortunately, I was not able to get a definite timeline for resolving the issues around the legislation. I will raise it again at the meeting November 15-16, 2018.

The General Service Office of AA was contacted about permission to use translated quotes from AA literature originally published in English. AA would like any quotes to be from their approved translations. I suggest contacting AA Europe to find out what approved translations are available.

The International Publications/Translations Committee will be bringing forward two amendments to the current licences. The first will reflect AA's translations request and the second will make clear that service bodies and meetings are not permitted to post translations electronically without permission. An example would be a daily meditation book where each day is posted and at the end of the year the entire book has been posted.

The Board of Trustees meeting in February 2019 will be held virtually. This will result in a savings of approximately \$17,000. There will be a test meeting held to determine what is needed to hold two days of Board meetings virtually. The bandwidth is too expensive for video conferencing of over 20 people.

The Board approved: "Guidelines for Small Meetings: Help and Hope" for publication. Check www.oa.org for the publication date.

Bariatric Surgery was approved as a special focus topic for OA meetings.

The following two motions were adopted by the Board of Trustees:

Motion 1:

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>PROPOSED WORDING</u>
C-1 Group Registration/Meeting Lists 1. Every group (as defined by the OA Bylaws) that registers with the WSO will be listed. 2. “Special Focus” or “Special Topics” options available within the meeting registration process may be changed only by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.	C-1 Group Registration/Meeting Lists 1. Every group (as defined by the OA Bylaws) that registers with the WSO will be listed. 2. “Special Focus” or “Special Topics” options available within the meeting registration process may be changed only by majority vote of the Board of Trustees. 3. <u>Non-real time meetings held on FaceBook (and any other platform where this might be a feasible option) shall conform to the following additional registration requirement:</u> a. <u>The actual meeting shall be registered with the service as a “Secret” group – one where the membership is not accessible to non-members.</u> b. <u>A public page will be put in place with a way to contact the administrator to express interest in joining the group.</u> c. <u>The public page will be listed in the OA meeting directory.</u>

Motion 2: Move to instruct the office to perform the following task:

In the event that a registered FaceBook group fails to comply with the updated registration requirements for protection of member anonymity, the meeting shall be deregistered as of December 31, 2018.

Each registered FaceBook meeting shall be contacted and provided with the information necessary to conform with the new policy and will be give an opportunity to meet the standard prior to any action being taken,

Intent: To maintain a unified approach to the registration of OA meetings on FaceBook.

Implementation: An email will be sent to the contacts for each registered FaceBook group by the Virtual Region Trustee providing information as