

MINUTES OF REGION 9 ASSEMBLY

23 – 25 October 2019

CIAMPINO, ITALY

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

ASSEMBLY SESSION 1 17.00 – 19.15

Opened with the Serenity prayer in Italian and English

Readings: *Twelve Steps (Pat H), Twelve Traditions (Lisa D), Twelve Concepts of OA service (Darren W), R9 Statement of Purpose (Chema / Jose M),*

Note: All other sessions were opened and closed with the Serenity Prayer in English and another language from Italian, Finish, Irish, French, Greek, Hebrew, Afrikaans, German, Spanish, Icelandic, Scottish, Swedish & Welsh.

Getting Started

- Introductions from: Chair, Secretary (Temporary), Treasurer, General Officer & Trustee
- The Chair welcomed the representatives to 38th R9 Annual Assembly.
- Thank you expressed to the R9 Board, the R9 Reps (present & past), & our hosts – The Italian NSB
- General introduction of the assembly proceedings from the Chair.
- 2 Min Meditation
- Each member / rep / board member around the room introduced themselves and gave a general introduction and expressed their personal intention for the assembly and their experience from it.
- Green dots (11 present) to sit by their mentor, communication by note, no 'side' talking during assembly. Questions answered.

Present:

Representatives: Alessandra A (IG Oriente Italia), Alexandra S (IG GCC****), Anu K (IG of Finland), Bernie K (Spirit of Hope IG), Daniela P (Piermonte IG), Darren W (South and East England IG), Dimitrios B (OA Greece NSB), Emilia I (Italy NSB), Esti O (Israel NSB), Flavia C (IG Sicilia), Giulia B (IG SUD Italia), Irene B (Austria IG), Jill C (South Coast IG), Jose M (NSB Spain), Kirstin P (North West IG), Kristin G (Landsthjonusta Iceland NSB), Lisa D (OAGB NSB), Mairi MD (Caledonian IG), Pat H (Heart of England IG), Patricia G (Group Lausanne Switzerland****), Prune J (NSB France), Sandra B (NSB Sweden), Sophia P (Peloponnesus IG).
i.e. 23 members listed.

Removing **** for now (discussion of voice & vote follows later) = 21 voting reps

Additional reps due to arrive later: - Mel MD (West of England IG), and Ilanit (Gauteng IG South Africa)

Board: David S (General Officer), Alexandra W (Treasurer), Francene A (Chair), Stella C (Temporary Secretary). i.e. 4 board members.

Trustee: Vasiliki T

Visitors: Beth B (USA), Gianna G (Italy), Giovanna G (Italy), Lisa R (Italy), Maddalena N (Italy), Maria Antonia N (Italy), Nelly P (Italy), Patrizia R (Italy), Regula R (Switzerland), Robin S (UK), Rossana B (Italy), Tamara T (Italy), Tricia R (UK)

21 voting reps present + 4 board members. Also 1 trustee (voice but no vote) and 12 visitors.

13 countries = Italy, United Kingdom, Finland, Ireland, France, Greece, Israel, South Africa, Austria, Spain, Iceland, Switzerland & Sweden.

Mel MD (West of England IG) and Ilanit (Gauteng IG South Africa) joined the assembly, therefore 2 additional voting reps.

Credentials Report

Total number of voting members present:

23 reps (Excludes Lausanne Group & GCC IG) and 3 voting board members.

Needed to constitute a Quorum: five (5) countries.

We have 13 countries and therefore have a quorum.

Quorum declared and accepted.

Unaffiliated Meetings & Virtual Service Bodies (Voice & Vote).

Group Lausanne sought representation. Discussion and vote taken.

Patricia from OA Group Lausanne was given a voice and a vote by the assembly in accordance with BL Article IV Membership:

2b(iii) Gives a Voice, Article IV 2a(vi) Gives a Vote.

GCC IG – made up of OA membership of several R9 WhatsApp meetings, which were a R9 initiative. Large proportion of the members reside in R9.

Discussion and vote taken. Alexandra S from GCC IG was given a voice and a vote.

Further explanation given that there is a motion on the floor that will be considered later. This vote now taken – *is just for this assembly.*

The future will depend on what happens with that motion.

Note: - information given – we have 123 unaffiliated groups in R9.

Updated Credentials Report

Total number of voting members present:

25 reps + 3 board members = 28 voting members

Needed to constitute a Quorum: five (5) countries.

Thirteen (13) countries represented:

Secretary moved the credentials report is accepted as presented. (2/3 to carry and therefore needs 19 votes), the motion was seconded. Unanimous vote.

Credentials report accepted and adopted as presented.

Business Basics

Assembly Overview & Process

Francene as chair explained the mentor assistance process, use of the binder and the materials, questions if not understanding, agenda approval, parliamentary procedures, voting, elections procedure, workshops, committees and the agreement of the agenda for the Assembly, including an explanation of upcoming informal sessions. Chair explained the contents of the "OA Handbook for Members, Groups and Service Bodies" and showed an UPDATED COPY to the assembly.

Workshop 1: G.D.P.R.

Darren from S & E IG, UK and member of GDPR Committee led the workshop.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for the notes.

Queries to: - gdpr@oaregion9.org

Business Basics continued

Assembly Overview & Process Continued:

- Agenda was approved by the assembly.
- Ground Rules were adopted and approved.
- Minutes of the 2018 R9 Assembly were approved.
- Minutes approval committee for this assembly will be: Ilanit, Bernie, Esti & Stella (Temp Secretary).
- Timekeeper appointed by the chair – Ilanit. The role was explained to the assembly by the chair.
- Some general information – Service Body = IGs, Groups without an IG, LSB & NSB.
- Information to take back home – refer the information sheet sent out ahead of the assembly.
- Strengthen your recovery & take the fact we are part of the OA greater whole – service strengthens my recovery.
- Hosting committee welcome – Emilia welcomed everyone on behalf of the Italian NSB.

Announcements –

- 7th Tradition will be collected once on Thursday morning.
- Visitors welcome but do not have a voice unless the chair asks them to address an issue. Visitors will help with collection and counting of votes. Visitors can participate in committees.
- OA meetings am and pm
- Nov 1st – if SB is planning on sending a delegate to WSBC – this is the deadline. But applications must come to R9 Treasurer first i.e. Need to be reviewed and confirmation given that R9 does not have the money to assist.
- Announcements to come in via the secretary to the chair.
- List of service positions to fill in the coming year – will add to the list. We are not sure we will have a SB willing to host the R9 Assembly 2020. If we end the assembly with that same situation there will be 3 reps + the R9 board to form an organizing committee.

Session closed with the serenity prayer.

ASSEMBLY SESSION 2

20.30 – 21.45

Session opened with serenity prayer.

Getting to Know Each Other

'Speed dating' exercise in an abbreviated form was fun.

Length of abstinence count: 272 years amongst those present at the Assembly

Workshop 2: R9 Budget Workshop

Alexandra, the treasurer provided explanations and led the discussion about the budget. More discussion tomorrow about Prudent Reserve, General Reserve, Bank Balance and possible budget Surplus, which will determine the amount of money available for the next couple of years and the plans for R9. It seems we have more money at the region's disposal than we thought.

Session closed with the serenity prayer.

Thursday, October 24, 2018

ASSEMBLY SESSION 3

9.00 – 11.00

Session opened with serenity prayer.

Emilia from Italian National Service Board read Voices of Recovery for 27th September.

Taking of the 7th Tradition. Total will be announced later – see ++++

Business resumed

Questions arising out of the reports (given prior to assembly in the binder):

- Chairs report Addendum – 11 Region chairs, meet 3 times per year (once at WSBC), the next time is in Aug with BOT and the 3rd time is at another region assembly. This year some Region Chairs attended virtually by zoom – our Region 9 chair attended via zoom. That experience worked out really well and the timings worked on this occasion. 4 region chairs attended virtually. There were some tech issues, but they were overcome.
- Secretary – not a touch typist, however, the job can be done with some computer knowledge.
- Treasurer – no questions or additional comments.
- General Officer – no questions or additional comments.
- Trustee - Addendum – assemblies mentioned in the report were a plan, now they are a reality. Since the report has visited Spain, Switzerland & Russia. Gave encouragement that the fellowship needs the experience from both 'non-English' speakers & English speakers.
- WSBC discussion re delegates from R9 – you can reapply for the job. It can be overwhelming at times and it takes quite a while to understand the flow of the week.
- Elections for R9 Board discussion and announcements - brief introduction and explanation given regarding each of the jobs coming up for election. Including emails and other general aspects of each role. E.g. highest month 750 emails for the chair, 600 emails for the treasurer.

Budget Discussion and agreement

Treasurer reviewed the budget for 2019 – 2020, as discussed the previous evening.

Member expressed a need to add in a line for bank balances. We have more money than we felt we had. We have an additional £17,000.00. i.e.

Bank balance at 31 May 2019 = £29,244.71 less the reserves £12,000.00 = money available to bring from the bank account = £17,244.71.

In the suggested budget as shown in the binder we are saying to take £2,180.00 and in effect we have an additional £14,820.00.

Suggest - Take £17,000.00 from the bank account for now as a figure of money to use.

Given that we have already suggested to use £10,000.00 for next year i.e. 2020 – 2021. Then we have £7,244 left to bring from available funds. i.e. £2180 as shown in the suggested budget and a further £4,820.00.

Proposal made for £4,820.00 to go to WSO. Seconded, debated and questions asked at the assembly.

Suggestions & questions raised: -

- Perhaps we have a change of mindset that WSO contributions becomes part of our group conscience not a 'left over' amount at the end and is thus part of our responsibility.
- Perhaps it becomes a set amount or a percentage of income.
Motion carried and £4,820 will be contributed to WSO.

Consideration of the 2019 – 2020 budget overall: -

Questions –

Is the Service, Traditions & Concepts budget sufficient? – response from the treasurer - we will need to work to spend the amount currently in the budget of £2,000.00.

Why has money not been allocated to the Committee budget?

Proposal to allocate £600.00 for committees. Seconded, debated. Agreed.

Motion carried and £600 added for committees.

Amended budget – add £4,820.00 + £600.00 to the budget as discussed.

Voting carried out for the budget for 2019 – 2020.

Budget for 2019 – 2020 agreed as amended.

Note – the details of this adjusted budget will be in the minutes.

Consideration of the 2020 – 2021 budget as suggested in the binder and discussed previously: -

Points were made regarding the fact that there is a nil line item for a contribution to WSO.

Agreed - The treasurer will come next year with a suggested contribution to WSO and going forward that figure will not be nil in the suggested budget put before the assembly.

Voting carried out for the budget for 2020 – 2021.

Provisional Budget for 2020 – 2021 agreed as presented in the binder.

Big vote of thanks given to the treasurer. – Acknowledge the energy around the agreement of the budget.

The agreed budgets are in Appendix 2.
Session closed with the serenity prayer.

ASSEMBLY SESSION 4

11.15 – 13.30

Informal discussion on Motions.

The assembly did not deliberate the motions during this session. Explanation of locally approved literature and how the approval process works. Literature is voted on as a whole – i.e. YES or NO.

In the pieces of literature to be considered at this assembly, there are some grammar & expressions that will be edited before being ‘published’ on the R9 website. However, the assembly will consider the literature ‘as its stands’. There will be no amendments accepted. The changes after the assembly will be purely editing.

R9 Bylaws require a 2/3 majority to pass, whereas Policies & Procedures need a simple majority (51%) to pass.

Emergency new business motions to be typed and sent to David.

Discussion and general questions raised regarding the various motions on the floor.

Formal Business

New Business Motions

Consent Agenda currently: - **Motions 2, 3 & 4.**

Explanation that the assembly is voting on all 3 motions together on the consent agenda to adopt the 3 motions as a whole.

2/3 majority required = 19. Vote taken.

Voting was unanimous. Motions were adopted.

Adopted motions 2,3 4 as agreed by the assembly as follows.

Motion 2

Amend the R9 Bylaws, ARTICLE VII –
COMPOSITION OF REGION 9 BOARD,
Section 3 – Elections, subsections g) and h), by deleting the ~~struck-out~~ text, and
inserting the underlined text and numbering as follows: -

3g) Vacancies (other than the position of Chair) that occur during the term of office
between Assemblies shall be filled by a person appointed by the Chair. ~~In the event
that the position of Chair becomes vacant, the Secretary shall act as the Chair until
the next Assembly with the authority to perform all prescribed duties and
responsibilities. In the event that the position of Secretary becomes vacant, the
Treasurer shall act as the Chair until the next Assembly with the authority to perform
all prescribed Chair's duties and responsibilities.~~ All vacancies shall be filled by an
election at the next Region 9 Assembly.

3h) In the event that the position of Chair becomes vacant, then the position of Chair
will be filled by one of the other Board members based on the following order of
preference – General Officer, then Secretary, then Treasurer – whereby they the
Secretary shall act as the Chair until the next Assembly with the authority to perform
all prescribed duties and responsibilities. In the event that the position of Secretary
becomes vacant, the Treasurer
In the event that none of the current serving Region 9
Board members are able to fill the position of Region 9 Chair, then the Board may
appoint another person, providing they adhere to criteria as set out in Bylaw Article
VII, Section 3b (above). All vacancies shall be filled by an election at the next Region
9 Assembly.

3 h i) Each officer of Region 9 who will be selected as a delegate or alternate for the
World Service Business Conference should comply with the requirements in the OA
Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c 1. Current requirements are one (1)
year current abstinence and at least two (2) years of service beyond the group level.

Motion 3

Amend both the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures Manual by replacing all references to the term "General Officer" with the term "Communications Officer" by deleting the ~~struck-out~~ text, and inserting the underlined text and numbering as follows:

In the Region 9 Bylaws - Section 1 and Section 2d of Article VII:

Section 1

The Region 9 Board shall consist of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and General Communications Officer.

Section 2d

The ~~General~~ Communications Officer shall assist other board members and perform the duties of any board position when required.

In the Region 9 Policies and Procedures Manual – Section 2.7 under Board Positions and Duties:

2.7 ~~GENERAL~~ COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

(a) In addition to assisting the other officers as needed, the ~~General~~ Communications Officer is responsible for R9 announcements sent to the R9 mailing list. The ~~General Communications~~ Officer also maintains and updates R9 listings. The ~~General Communications~~ Officer also sends reminders of important dates to the Board. (2017)

(b) R9 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ~~General~~ Communications Officer distributes announcements to the R9 fellowship, regarding OA in R9 and other applicable OA news or information (such as from WSO), along with information from the Officers, Trustee, R9 Service Bodies, and other information determined of import to R9 members. (2017)

(c) UPDATE OF LISTS

(i) The ~~General~~ Communications Officer maintains the up to date list (Countries and Contacts) of all R9 contacts and group representatives. (2017)

(ii) The ~~General~~ Communications Officer reconciles the WSO quarterly listings of all R9 Intergroups and National/Language Service Boards with R9 listings for R9 Board use. (2017)

(iii) The ~~General~~ Communications Officer provides data for the binder showing (per WSO listing) 1. Count of R9 service bodies. 2. Meeting count per country in R9. 3. Also where possible languages and currencies of R9 countries. (2017)

(d) OUTREACH TO R9 COUNTRIES / SERVICE BODIES

The ~~General~~ Communications Officer works with other officers and/or volunteers to reach out to countries / service bodies not present at assembly or in contact with Region 9. (2017).

Motion 4

Amend R9 Bylaws, ARTICLE VII – COMPOSITION OF REGION 9 BOARD, Section 2 – Duties, subsection f), by deleting the ~~struck out~~ text, and inserting the underlined text as follows:

Bylaws Article VII 2 f) as is proposed in this Motion:

For additional and a more detailed explanation of duties for Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer and General Officer, refer to the Region 9 Principles Policies & Procedures manual.

From this point, motions were discussed and voted upon individually.

Motion 1

Add Bylaws Article IV - new Section 2 b Non – voting Membership with the wording as follows (in underline):

(iv) Virtual Intergroups may participate in the activities of Region 9, including voting, with the permission of the Region.

Debate and questions raised.

2/3 majority required = 19. Vote taken.

Votes For: 21; Opposed 3 Motion 1 carried and agreed.

Motion 5

To approve new literature, "R9 Twelve Traditions Workshop and Study Guide" locally through the R9 Service Body (following OA's Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature) as presented in the Assembly binder documents.

Explanation regarding use of this literature by R9, other regions, and OA as a whole. There will be a statement on the end of the literature piece that it was adopted by OA R9 Assembly. Cost is zero. It will be downloadable from the R9 website.

Debate and questions raised.

Majority required = 15. Vote taken.

Votes For: 28 (unanimous); Opposed nil. Motion 5 carried and agreed.

Motion 6

To approve new literature, "Instructions on How to Facilitate Virtual Workshops" for use in facilitating virtually step and tradition studies, as presented in the Assembly binder documents.

The instructions apply to –

1. the OA Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide (OA approved Step study workbook guide) and
2. the R9 Twelve Traditions Workshop and Study Guide, a locally approved companion to the step study book which provides study of the traditions.

Debate and questions raised.

Voting requires a majority = 13. Vote taken.

Votes For: 23; 1 vote against. Motion 6 carried and agreed.

Motion 7

To allow OA Visitors to attend R9 Assembly virtually, to be trialled for the first time at Assembly 2020.

Debate and questions raised.

Majority required = 13. Vote taken.

Votes For: 23; 1 vote against. Motion 7 carried and agreed.

Session closed with serenity prayer.

ASSEMBLY SESSION 5

14.30 – 19.00

Session opened with serenity prayer.

Announcements:

- WSBC Reference Committee volunteer.
- Chain of communications.
- Conflict resolution sheet. (Attached to the minutes – see appendix 7)
- R9 Board – do ask questions if needed.

Trustee seeking ideas with regards to the OA service structure and affiliation and participation to carry the message where members have common needs with regards to language or virtual proximity etc.

Perhaps we in OA ought to consider that all groups are automatically affiliated with their geographic SB. And then 'opt out' if the group does not want to affiliate. This is rather than as now where affiliation is an option.

If automatic affiliation took place with a group's 'immediate' land-based SB then other service entities participation (and vote) may become an option.

Break 15.30 and then we will gather for the S T & C workshop.

Workshop 3: - Service, Traditions & Concepts Workshop

- The Region 9 Board and some Representatives performed the skit: Rotation of Service.
- The members and reps then took part in a game of matching the concepts to their principles.
- The Steps, Traditions & Concepts and their respective principles were presented in various languages.

To contact the ST&C Committee: stc@oaregion9.org

Committees

Formulation of the Committees and brainstorming of project ideas.

- List of service opportunities of service to R9 circulated for members to sign up. (refer Friday morning for names given to David).
- Committee explanation given including their rights and responsibilities.

Current Committees (have been these for the previous 2 years)

- Translations
- General
- PI

Possible ideas coming from the members as a brain storming exercise.

- Courage over comfort. Take action in terms of getting to a meeting. Moving out of our home groups and into another or a SB. i.e. encourage the growing edge of R9.
- List of virtual meetings on the website with the Time, Date, Language.
- Links on the OA.Org. website – where I can find translated literature. Same for Region 9.
- Seeking the spiritual path e.g.– translate literature that is not yet printed in another language. E.g. "Where do I start?" pamphlet – possible from the WSO budget. Glossaries. i.e. New Languages.
- Teenager outreach
- Member retention and new groups mentor and explanation of how OA works.
- Outreach Calls on 12th of each month – flyer for circulation.

Discussion followed and members were asked which ideas would appeal to them and which committees might suit to take such projects forward.

Various names of committees were put forward as follows and the various projects as above allocated. The new committee may also come up with additional projects if they so wish.

New Committee names ideas but not yet finalised (will be for the next 2 years)

Translations

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- Seeking the spiritual path e.g.– translate literature that is not yet printed in another language. E.g. Where do I start? Pamphlet. – possible from the WSO budget.
- Glossaries. i.e. New Languages.

Twelve Step Within

- Member retention and new groups mentor and explanation of how OA works.
- List of virtual meetings on the website with the Time, Date, Language.
- Outreach Calls on 12th of each month – flyer for circulation

Unity with diversity

- Innovation, doing things differently, trying new things.
- Teenager Outreach.
- Courage over comfort.

Representatives were asked to join whichever committee that attracted them but to consider that the numbers of reps ought to be reasonably distributed amongst the committees if they are to be successful in their projects. Committees to consider and determine their purpose, set their goals & allocate tasks to members.

Committees will recommence tomorrow.

Session closed with the Serenity prayer

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Session opened with the Serenity prayer

Workshop 4 - Translations.

Conducted by Vasiliki the R9 Trustee. Refer Appendix 3.

For more information: trustee@oaregin9.org

Session closed with serenity prayer

FRIDAY, October 25, 2019

ASSEMBLY SESSION 6

9:00 – 11:00

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Reading from Voices of Recovery read by Mel from UK October 25th

9:00: Deadline for submitting Emergency new business motions.
No emergency new business motions were submitted

Committees Meetings were continued

Committees continued to meet and finalized plans for goals and tasks and assigned tasks to members for 2019 – 2020.

REPORTS from Committee Chairs - of the Goals and Tasks for 2019-20

Reports were given verbally from a member from each committee.

The reports below were drawn up by each committee and passed to the secretary for inclusion in these minutes.

Translations Committee

Committee Chair Candidate: Esti

Committee Recorder: Prune

Team Members: (email & phone no's available upon request).

Chema (Spain), Prune (France), Daniela (Italy), Vasiliki (Greece), Esti (Israel), Regula (Switzerland), Flavia (Italy), Emilia (Italy), Patricia (Switzerland), Maria Antonia (Italy), Alessandra (Italy). i.e. 11 members present.

Follow up – On Telegram

Goal 1: Help establish translation committees for R9 languages in need.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Complete By</u>
Contact R9 Countries	Esti	OA.org	End of November
Answering questions	Chema		Ongoing
Asking for digital copies for WSO and R9	Prune	Communications Officer & Committee Chair	December

Goal 2: Lists.

Virtual Meetings in R9	Chema		January
Link to where to find Literature	Emilia		February
Glossary	Esti		December

Love the Differences Committee

Committee Chair Candidate: Kirstin

Committee Recorder: - Alexandra S

Team Members: (email & phone no's available upon request).

Dimitrios (Greece), Sandra (Sweden) Alexandra S (UK), Giulia (Italy), Alexandra W (UK), Robin (UK), Tricia (UK), Kirstin (UK). i.e. 8 members present.

Follow up - Within 1 month

Goal 1: Establish a safe space.

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Complete By</u>
Safe Space			
Create Email address			

<u>Goal 2: Celebrating Diversity on 'Unity Day'</u>			
Celebrating Diversity on 'Unity Day'			
Zoom			

Twelve Step Within Committee
Committee Chair Candidate: Sophia
Committee Recorder: Bernie
Team Members: (email & phone no's available upon request).
Irene (Austria), Nellie (Italy), Mairi (UK), Jill (UK), Anu (Finland), Mel (UK), Stella (UK), Pat (UK), Bernie (Ireland), Sophia (Greece), Darren (UK), Ilanit (South Africa), Kristin (Iceland) i.e. 13 members present.

Follow up -Set up WhatsApp group to post progress

Goal 1: Strengthening Recovery Within
Sub Committee – Stella (Chair), Pat, Bernie, Mairi, Anu, Kristin & Mel

<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Complete By</u>
Raise awareness of the ' <i>New 12 Traditions Study Guide & 12 Steps & 12 Traditions virtual instructions for WhatsApp.</i> ' i.e. Flyer for R9 website, email communications, WhatsApp OA groups.	Mel & Mairi		ASAP
Review ' <i>Resources for relapse</i> ' (from R1) and produce similar for R9. i.e. Notice for R9 website, NSB & IGs and look at other formats e.g. pocket card.	Kristin & Bernie	Possibly print on home computers of list in adapted format of pocket card.	ASAP
Adapt flyer for ' <i>Reach out to Suffering Members in the Fellowship</i> ' on 12 th each month' (originally R6)	Pat, Stella & Anu		ASAP

Goal 2: Strengthening our Intergroups
Sub Committee – Ilanit (Chair), Sophia, Darren, Jill, Irene & Nellie

' <i>New Group mentor</i> ' suggested position at National / IG level to actively contact newly reg'd groups to give support.	Sophia & Jill		
Scope out job description for the <i>New Group Mentor</i> position.			

<p>Welcome Letter to new groups from IGs. Letter to be sent by New Group Mentor. Post on R9 website & National & IG websites & promote through email and in meetings.</p>	<p>Ilanit & Darren & perhaps Jill</p>	<p>Handbook, New Group Starter Pack (<i>Stella will send – refer below</i>) and Strong Meetings checklist</p>	
<p>Purchase Handbooks and New Group Starter Packs and distribute to TSW members.</p>	<p>Stella</p>	<p>Handbooks and New Group Starter Packs from OAGB</p>	

Closed with the Serenity Prayer

ASSEMBLY SESSION 6 Cont.
Opened with the Serenity Prayer

11:00 – 13:00

Election of Service Positions

Positions eligible for election are:

- R9 Chair (2-year term)
- R9 Secretary (1-year term)
- R9 Communications Officer (2-year term)
- R9 Banker (2-year term)
- R9 Delegate to WSBC (1-year term), and 1 alternate
- Committee Chairs

Explanation that one application form for the position of Chair was received in advance (and forwarded to registered Reps to Assembly), but the assembly can also accept nominations from the floor (with the exception of WSBC delegate - for which an application must be made prior). Candidates may also nominate themselves.

<p><u>Region 9 Chair (2-year term)</u> There was one application for R9 Chair prior to assembly.</p>	<p><u>David's</u> application was shared with the R9 reps prior to the assembly. There were no further nominations from the floor.</p>
<p><u>Region 9 Secretary Election (1-year term)</u> There were no applications for R9 Secretary prior to assembly.</p>	<p><u>Bernie</u> was nominated from the floor.</p>
<p><u>Region 9 Communications Officer (2-year term)</u> There were no applications for R9 Communications Officer (previously referred to as General Officer) prior to assembly.</p>	<p><u>Alexandra S</u> was nominated from the floor. <u>Ilanit</u> was nominated from the floor.</p>
<p><u>Region 9 Banker (1-year term)</u> There were no applications for R9 Banker prior to assembly.</p>	<p><u>Darren W</u> was nominated from the floor. <u>Mel M</u> was nominated from the floor.</p>

<p><u>Region 9 WSBC Delegate</u> There were 2 written applications for R9 WSBC Delegate before the vote took place. The candidate with the highest vote (assuming a majority) will be the delegate and the next highest votes will be the alternate.</p>	<p><u>Sophia P from Greece & Jose M (Chema) from Spain</u></p>
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- The chair explained to the assembly about the teller committee duties and the appointment of Robin as the 'Teller Committee Chair'.
- Members were referred to Section E of the Binder for qualifications.
- As each election took place for each position – the chair explained the instructions for voting and the qualifications and duties were projected.
- Explanation that voting for service positions is by ballot.
- Each candidate in turn, and as the elections took place, addressed the assembly for 2 minutes and then answered questions.
- Voting took place and, on each occasion, and the Chair instructed the teller committee to collect and count the ballots.

Elections and Votes report for the various positions: -

Chair – David received 26 Yes Votes & 1 No vote – David is elected.

Secretary – Bernie received 27 yes votes and 0 No votes – Bernie is elected.

Communications Officer – Alexandra S received 14 Yes votes. Ilanit received 11 Yes votes. – Alexandra S is elected.

Region 9 Delegate to WSBC 2020. – Tie vote for Sophia & Chema i.e. 13 votes each

The Chair explained that the candidates would address the assembly again and that a second vote would be taken. If this did not result in a clear decision, the names would then be drawn from a hat.

Both Sophia and Chema addressed the assembly for a further 2 minutes, and questions were asked to both.

Voting took place. Chair instructed the tellers committee to collect and count the ballots.

R9 Delegate to WSBC 2020. – in the second round of voting Chema received 17 votes and Sophia received 11 votes.

Chema is elected Region 9 Delegate to WSBC 2020 and Sophia will be the alternate.

Election of R9 Committee Chairs (each for a 2-year term)

The chair explained that the assembly will elect 3 Committee chairs to lead the respective Committees. The committee chairs are responsible for leading the committee, reporting to the R9 board and others, and participating on a conference call every other month with the R9 board.

Positions are for two years.

Translations Committee Chair

Esti was nominated by the Translations committee.

Twelve Step Within Committee Chair

Sophia was nominated by the Twelve Step Within committee.

Love the Differences Committee Chair

Kirstin was nominated by the Love The Differences committee.

Each committee chair addressed the assembly for 2 minutes, and answered questions.

The chair explained the voting. Voting took place. Chair instructed the teller committee to collect and count the ballots.

Elections and Votes report for the various positions continued: -

Translations Committee Chair. Esti received 27 yes votes and 0 No votes – Esti is elected.

Twelve Step Within Committee Chair. Sophia received 27 yes votes and 0 No votes – Sophia is elected.

Love the Differences Committee Chair. Kirstin received 21 yes votes and 6 No votes – Kirstin is elected.

Closed with the Serenity Prayer

ASSEMBLY SESSION 6 14:00-15:30

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Election of Assembly/Convention Venue ----

For 2020

At the start of the assembly R9 did not have any SB who applied to host next year. P&P provides the Board will handle this if we have no applicants.

Various board members had petitioned SBs to find out if they could host.

Scotland will host OAGB National Assembly in 2020 and consideration was given as to whether these could be combined.

However, despite discussion at the assembly no SB finalised to host 2020.

Past hosting countries have been: - 2019 Italy; 2018 UK; 2017 Iceland; 2016 Netherlands; 2015 France; 2014 Greece; 2013 Israel; 2012 Poland; 2011 Belgium; 2010 Iceland; 2009 Italy; 2008 Netherlands; 2007 Israel; 2006 Spain; 2005 Sweden; 2004 UK; 2003 Belgium.

A committee will be formed to help organize a host for the 2020 R9 assembly & convention.

Reps came forward to help form a committee – Jill, Mairi, Esti & Ilanit and the R9 Board.

For 2021

Three applications came forward for hosting Region 9 Assembly and Convention in 2021: Scotland, Israel and South Africa. (Applications will be added as appendices to these minutes)

Presentations were given and questions asked and answered.

Vote taken.

R9 Assembly in 2021 will be held in Scotland. Dates to be advised

For 2022

Further presentations were given by Israel and South Africa and questions asked and answered.

Vote taken.

R9 Assembly in 2022 will be held in South Africa. Dates to be advised

Closed with the Serenity Prayer

Wrap up session 15:45 – 17:00

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

- Thanks again to hosting SB – **Italian National Service Board.**
- 7th Tradition collected from Assembly **€ 319.75 and £ 30.00**
- Some service bodies had brought their 7th tradition for collection and banking by the treasurer and banker.
- Number of years of abstinence = 272 was announced the second time.
- David reviewed the Coordinator sign-up sheet and various members offered their services.
- Green Dot Ceremony was carried out.
- Personal Sharing from each member in turn at the assembly, including the visitors.

Closing Prayer – I Put My Hand in Yours

Responsibility Pledge said by all.

Reminder given about R9 Board and officer handover meeting right after this here in this room. This will include incoming, outgoing officers including committee chairs.

ASSEMBLY CLOSED 17:00

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List of Appendices

1. GDPR Workshop
2. Budgets
3. Translations Workshop
4. Scotland bid for Assembly 2021
5. South Africa bid for Assembly 2021
6. Israel bid for Assembly 2021
7. Conflict Resolution Sheet
8. Updated R9 Bylaws (to be added once updated)
9. Updated R9 Policies and Procedures (to be added once updated)