



**REGION 9 VIRTUAL  
ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
2020**

15th-30th October 2020

**Thursday October 15th, 2020**

**08:00-10:00**

**INTRODUCTORY SESSION (SESSION 1)**

The Chair of Region 9, David S welcomed the representatives to the 39<sup>th</sup> R9 Annual Assembly in OA's 60<sup>th</sup> year.

***Opened with the Serenity prayer in Russian and English***

**Readings:** *Twelve Steps (Darren), Twelve Traditions (G Kristin), Twelve Concepts of OA service (Irene), R9 Statement of Purpose (Loudovika).*

**Getting Started**

- The Chair introduced the other Board members Alexandra D, Treasurer, Bernie R9 Secretary, Alexandra S, R9 Communications Officer and Vasiliki, R9 Trustee. and Mel the R9 Banker.
- Thank you expressed to the R9 Board, to the Virtual Assembly organising committee, to Vassiliki, our R9 Trustee, to Francene our Parliamentarian, and to all the Reps and Visitors
- Special Welcome to Green Dots
- Special Welcome to service bodies participating in R9 Assembly for first time: Iran NSB, Coastal IG SA, Sharon IG Israel, Moscow IG, Russia, Barcelona IG, Spain.
- Special mention of former Region 9 Chairs Francene, Susan, Stella and Adele, and former R9 Trustee Esti.
- Explanation of the term Service Bodies to include all Intergroups, National Service Boards and Language Service Boards. Reminder about Vital Link. Zoom meeting (on Service Structure in OA) to be scheduled before our next session.
- Explanation of Zoom etiquette: reminder to review the Ground Rules
- Explanation regarding email process and deadline (19.10.) for questions related to Officer Reports, motions about new literature and GDPR Policy, Nominations for Board positions and Committee assignment request and voting

**Roll call by the Secretary:**

Representatives 27: Irene (Austria IG), Nadja (DDOA), Christina (Greek NSB), Amodini (Piraeus IG Greece), Kika (Thessalonika IG), Loudovika (OA Greece NSB), Aniko (First Hungarian IG), G Kristin (Iceland NSB), Ehsan (Iran NSB), Marie (Spirit of Hope Ireland IG), Anna S (OA Israel Sharon IG), Esti (NSB Israel), Ricki (Shfela Israel IG), Yifat (Shfela Israel IG), Daniela (Piemonte IG), Guilia (Intergruppo Sud Italia), Emilia (Italian NSB), Terese (Oslo IG), Fidana (OA Mosco IG), Kim (Coastal IG), Ilanit (Gauteng IG), Viviana (Barcelona IG), Mel (West of England IG), Jill (South Coast IG), Darren (South & East England IG), Stella (Heart of England IG), Margaux (BSN OA France).

Excludes Regula (Non-Affiliated Group Lausanne from Switzerland) and Alexis from R9 WhatsApp GCC) for now (discussion of voice & vote follows later) = 27 voting reps

Board: 4 board members.

Trustee: 1

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Parliamentarian: 1

Visitors at start: not captured.

27 voting reps present + 4 board members. Also 1 trustee (voice but no vote).

15 countries represented: Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Spain, UK and Wales (Please note Wales noted here but counted as part of UK). Excludes Switzerland (unaffiliated) before Vote.

### **Credentials Report**

Total number of voting members present:

27 reps (Excludes Lausanne Group & GCC IG) and 3 voting board members.  
Needed to constitute a Quorum: five (5) countries.

We have 15 countries and therefore have a quorum.  
Quorum declared and accepted.

### **Unaffiliated Meetings & Virtual Service Bodies (Voice & Vote)**

Group Lausanne sought representation. Discussion and votes taken.  
Regula from OA Group Lausanne was given a voice (29 votes *for* / 1 vote *against*) and a vote (25 votes *for* & 4 vote *against*) and 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. Alexis from GCC IG was given a voice (27 votes *for* & 1 vote *against*) and a vote (27 votes *for* and 3 *against*).

### **Updated Credentials Report**

Total number of voting members present:

29 reps + 3 board members = 32 voting members  
Needed to constitute a Quorum: five (5) countries.  
Sixteen (16) countries represented (with Switzerland now included).

### **Committees**

The Chair explained the 3 official R9 Committees – *Translations*, *Twelfth Step Within*, and *Loving the Differences*, as well as other ad hoc committees such as the *GDPR committee* and a *Virtual Assembly Committee*. Last year the *STC (Service, Traditions and Concepts) Committee* was created and will resume in the future.

Introductions of the Committees: The Committee Chair shared for one minute about their committee: *Translations* (Esti), *TSW* (Stella), *LTD* (Alexandra D), *STC* (Alexandra W)

**Announcements**

The Chair made announcements regarding Fellowship meetings over the next two weeks and the delegate support fund applications for WSBC.

***Session closed with the Serenity Prayer in Russian and English.***

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**08:00 – 10:00**

**ASSEMBLY SESSION 2**

**Serenity Prayer:** Guilia said the Serenity Prayer in Italian and then English.

The Chair welcomed everyone and the following readings were read: 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Region 9 Statement of Purpose, Voices of Recovery.

**Credentials Report**

SECRETARY did the roll call out (call out of names of registered Reps to make sure they were all present).

The credentials report was presented and a quorum was confirmed (at least 5 countries is required for a quorum).

The total number of voting members present was:

\_\_\_\_ 28 \_\_\_\_ Representatives  
\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_ Board Members (not incl Chair) (Chair votes elections only)  
\_\_\_\_ **31** \_\_\_\_ **TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS**

**Non-Voting Members: Trustee, Parliamentarian**

The Chair welcomed back everyone and thanked the fun and fellowship sub-committee and everyone who gave service for the fellowship meetings over the past two weeks.

The amended agenda was sent out via email prior to this session with proposed changes as in our opening session two weeks ago we did not manage to cover all the material that we were hoping to.

The Assembly was invited to carry out the process of approving the amended Agenda for the remaining part of Assembly.

**Review of AMENDED Agenda**

The Chair asked if there are any other proposed changes to the agenda?  
The chair asked if anyone has any objections to these changes?

Stella mentioned that the budget meeting is on the agenda before the committees meet which makes it is difficult to ask for an amendment to the budget if the committees need to do so.

The Chair proposed to amend the agenda.

A vote was taken first for the proposed amendment to allow personal sharing instead of an Ask it session. This was adopted 28/2.

Two votes took places concerning two types of amendments to allow the committees meet before the budget workshop. The option to switch Session 4 to Session 3 was adopted as the proposed amendment 20/11.

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A vote then took place whether to adopt the amendment to switch Session 4 to Session 3 or stick with the original proposed amended agenda. It was adopted by 18 to 11 to adopt the newly amended agenda to switch Session 4 to Session 3.

A final vote took place in favour of adopting the total amended Agenda. This was adopted by 28 votes.

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5 minute break  
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**Adoption of Ground Rules**

Refer to A 7-9 of the Binder documents.

Francene read the Ground Rules.

The Chair asked if there are any objections to the Ground Rules?  
Hearing no objections, The Ground Rules were adopted.

**Approval of the 2019 Assembly Minutes**

Refer to Section H

The Chair asks if there are any corrections to the Assembly Minutes 2019 as presented, by anyone present at that assembly?

Hearing no objections, the 2019 Assembly Minutes were approved.

**Appointment of the Minutes Approval Committee**

Kim and Irene have agreed to be on the minute's approval committee.

**Our time-keeper** for this session was Ewa.

**Motions:**

The chair explained the process for deliberating about new literature.

The Assembly can either approve the new piece of literature AS IS, or not. If the Assembly votes AGAINST the new literature, then it will be returned to the committee that prepared it for review.

The Chair explained that for the second proposal, regarding our new GDPR policy, it was decided to treat this like a new literature proposal. If anyone here believes that the policy is NOT ok to approve, then it can be sent back to committee for review.

The Chair explained that an amendment to **Proposal 3**, needs to be in writing and requires a "second", and needs to be sent to Bernie, our Secretary. Bernie can send you a Motion Amendment form for this. Amendments can be made at any time from now until the end of deliberation on this motion.

## **New Business Motions**

### **REMINDER AND TIMER:**

The Chair explained the rules for discussion of main motion.

#### **Motion 1 – New Literature Brochure**

Motion from the Twelfth Step Within (TSW) committee to request OA Region 2020 assembly approval of a tri fold leaflet as “locally approved literature”. This will then be uploaded to the OA R9 website, be available for translation and printing as OA service bodies require.

Locally Approved Literature: This motion is to approve literature by our service body (Region 9).

**This motion requires a simple majority to pass.**

Stella from the 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within Committee spoke to the motion followed by 3 pros, no cons and 5 questions.

**The Assembly has voted to adopt this proposal. Number of votes for 28 and 1 against.**

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#### **Motion 2 – New GDPR policy. Please refer to section pages D5-D27 of your Binder**

Motion from the GDPR committee to adopt the attached “*Region 9 Data Protection, Information Security, and Privacy Policies*” as an Appendix to the R9 Policies and Procedures Manual. The intent is to set forth in these documents the varied responsibilities and duties of the Region 9 Officers, Committee Chairs, Committee members, Service Coordinators and any others serving R9 regarding data protection, information security and anonymity.

The Chair explained this motion is to approve a new policy for OA in Region 9, referring to the important issue of data protection. Some service boards may have already adopted similar policies in recent years. This policy was prepared by the *R9 GDPR ad-hoc committee* that was created a couple of years ago and has worked very hard on this policy and other GDPR issues.

We will be handling this motion like a literature motion, asking for either a “yes” or “no” vote and it will not be subject to amendments.

**This motion requires a simple majority to pass.**

Darren from the GDPR committee spoke to the motion followed by a 3 pros, 0 cons and 3 questions.

**The Assembly has voted to adopt this proposal: 30 votes for and 0 votes against.**

The chair reminded attendees to share a personal donation for the 7th Tradition.

Motion 3 will be discussed tomorrow.

We closed the session with the Serenity prayer by Kim M in Afrikaans and then English.

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Mid-session break  
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**11:00 – 13:00**

**ASSEMBLY SESSION 3**

The Serenity Prayer was said by Therese in Norwegian and then English.

### **Workshop 1 – Service Traditions and Concepts**

The Chair invited Alexandra D to run the workshop on service, traditions and concepts.

If anyone would like to run a STC Workshop in their local area please email to [Stc@oaregion9.org](mailto:Stc@oaregion9.org)

### **Committee Meetings**

The Chair advised that the Assembly would divide into four break-out rooms, based on Committee preferences already communicated via email and asked everyone to change their username so that the start reflects their committee choice – Trans, TSW, LTD, STC.

The chair explained the goals of the committees and about the role of Officer Liaisons:

Committee Chairs are elected for a two-year term, and they were elected last year. However, two out of the 3 committee chairs are unable to continue this year (TSW, LTD). As a result, those two committees were asked to nominate a chair for the coming year, and those nominees will be voted upon tomorrow after the Officer elections.

Some responsibilities of the committee chair are to join R9 Board meetings once every 2 months, and to continue the committee's work during the year. Also, a committee chair can ask for funding to attend the following year's assembly if they are no longer a Rep for their service board.

If committees wish for additional members, we can ask for participation from other members in the region.

The main goals of today's committee meetings are to meet the other members of the committee, to brainstorm some initial ideas, and most importantly, to establish a schedule on when to meet next to discuss the goals and ideas of the committee.

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Committees can use the R9 Zoom account to meet – just schedule the time with the R9 Communications Officer.

7<sup>th</sup> tradition Announcements:

**We closed the session with the Serenity prayer said by Kiki in Greek and then English.**

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Lunch break  
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**14:00 – 15:00**

**ASSEMBLY SESSION 4**

The Serenity Prayer was said by Aniko in Hungarian and then in English.

**Approval of budget**

The Chair said the 2020-21 Budget was preliminarily approved last assembly and the budget, financial statements have been seen by the Reps. There have been no adjustments to the budget already shown.

**Suggested adjustments to the current budget:**

The Treasurer revealed that there has been £33500 in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions versus an anticipated budget of £10000.

Alexandra, the Treasurer proposed we set aside the surplus budget and create an ad hoc committee to review the needs of Region 9 and how this money should be spent.

Stella proposed that she was not comfortable with this and the surplus funds need to be included in this year's budget. She proposed that the contribution to WSO be increased from £3000 to £10000.

Emilia asked for £3500 for the Twelve Step Within Committee and the Treasurer proposed increasing the budget amount for committees to £5,000.

**Budget amendment votes:**

The Chair asked the secretary if there had been any changes to the Credentials Report?

The secretary confirmed the total number of voting members present:

\_\_\_\_\_28\_\_\_\_\_ Representatives  
\_\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_ Board Members (not incl Chair) (Chair votes elections only)

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The Chair proposed we vote on 2 suggested changes:

- Increasing the WSO contribution to £10000
- Increasing committee fund to £5000

### **Budget amendment no. 1: Increasing committee fund to £5000**

2 spoke Pro (Emilia & Esti), no Con

The Assembly voted 26 for and 0 against so this amendment was adopted.

### **Budget amendment no.2: Increasing WSO committee fund to £10000**

2 spoke Pro (Stella & Esti) & 2 con (Darren & Ilanit).

Darren proposed that we increase line item 3101 to £7000 not £10000.

### **Voting**

Three votes took place in relation to this year's budget.

#### **Vote no. 1**

The first vote was to decide on whether to keep the current contribution amount to WSO of £3500 proposed or not.

The Assembly voted 24 to 4 to change the current amount.

#### **Vote no. 2**

The second vote was on the amended amount whether to increase it to £7000 or £10000.

The Assembly voted 18 to 12 in favour of increasing the contribution amount to WSO to £10000.

#### **Vote no. 3**

The third vote was to adopt the amended budget including the amendments just voted on in its entirety for the 2020/21 budget.

The amended budget has been adopted with 29 yes and 0 nos.

**The Assembly has voted by 29 to 0 to approve the amended budget for 2020/21 and this now becomes the budget for the remainder of this financial year which runs until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.**

The Chair proposed what we vote on next year's budget tomorrow.

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Mid-session break  
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The details of the approved budgets will be presented and can be found in Appendix One in the minutes of this assembly and be available on the Region 9 website.

The Chair invited all attendees to do a one minute share on how they were doing.

### **Announcements**

Translation Committee asked to meet at 10am during the break in a breakout room. Twelfth Step Within committee requested a breakout room too.

Applications were invited for attendance at WSBC 2021, as a representative for Region 9. In order to be a candidate, you must send in a written application. Application forms are on the Region 9 website. Deadline has been extended to tonight. Please send the application to the Treasurer this evening.

The Chair also asked REPS to consider putting themselves forward for a vacant board position.

Reminder that the zoom code for the assembly sessions is different tomorrow and will be posted on the WhatsApp Group.

**Session closed with the Serenity prayer said by Alexandra in Welsh and then in English.**

## **Friday October 30th**

**08:00 – 10:00**

### **ASSEMBLY SESSION 5**

We opened with the Serenity Prayer said by Fidana in Russian and then by everyone in English.

The Chair welcomed everyone and the following readings were read: 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, Region 9 Statement of Purpose, Voices of Recovery

### **Credentials Report**

SECRETARY: The total number of voting members present is:

\_\_\_\_29\_\_\_\_ Representatives  
\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_ Board Members (not incl Chair) (Chair votes elections only)  
\_\_\_\_32\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS**

7 Visitors, 1 Chair, 1 Trustee and 1 parliamentarian and hosts.  
44 attending altogether.  
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### **Next year's Budget 2021/22 continued:**

**Please note the Budget 2021/22 runs from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022:**

The Chair invited the Treasurer to present next year's budget.

Proposed changes to next year's budget

- Stella proposed to increase committee funds to £1000.
- Loudovika proposed to increase the translations and projects funds and rep assistance fund to our Assembly.
- Stella suggested increasing Rep Assistance fund to £3500.
- The Treasurer suggested to add another line to the budget (line item 3100d) and to add £3500 for the WSBC Delegate Support Fund.
- Esti suggested increasing the WSBC fund to £3500.
- Darren commented that if the Assembly is virtual next year, there may be no call on the rep assistance fund, so it may not be needed.
- Another representative suggested to increase the GDPR Projects (line item 3100a) to £1500

A Rep suggested to the parliamentarian that we vote on all the changes together: a consent agenda. This was seconded by another Rep.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Chair explained what a consent agenda is when we take a few different motions for voting and we vote on them together all at once. In this instance it would mean voting on the 5 budget changes proposed together.

However, in such a situation someone can ask for one of the items to be discussed and voted separately.

The Chair asked the Assembly if there are any objections to treating the changes as a consent agenda?

Seeing no objections, it was agreed to treat the proposed changes to the budget as a consent agenda.

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5 minute break  
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Serenity Prayer in English

### **Workshop on Translations**

The Chair invited Vasiliki our R9 Trustee to present a workshop on Translations.

The key question is not what to translate but why translate and for whom?

We translate to carry the message for the still suffering COE.

Recommended to translate for medical professionals.

Our basic book OA 12x12 new edition is only translated in two languages. The previous one was translated in 7 languages. This could be an excellent start.

How? Ask for permission. Ideally use professional translators within program. If this is not possible use professional translators outside of the fellowship but it is very important to use a team of translators and their proposals should be submitted to members for validation and authentication, again a team of 2-3 people in fellowship speaking the language required to review one after the other. The team usually takes some common directions, always thinking of the purpose of the translations – to carry the information and not based on personal preferences. As with everything in our program, together we can achieve what we cannot do alone. Copyright license is not needed when we translate from all the materials available on the OAGB or WSO websites.

When to translate? The answer is given by the program. When do I need abstinence? Today. We begin as soon as possible. Translation is like abstinence. In the beginning it seems very hard, but later it is very rewarding. I connect with the program, I learn to work with others and go deeper into spiritual principles.

All information about how to translate is available on

<https://oa.org/guidelines-oa-translation/>

There is also a workshop available to use on Translations which can be found here:

<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2019/12/OA-Translations-Workshop.pdf>

All the documents available in the document library on the oa.org website can be translated and published without requiring permission:

<https://oa.org/document-library>

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Break 10.00 – 11.00  
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**Friday October 30th**

**11:00 – 13:00**

**ASSEMBLY SESSION 6**

**The session was opened with the Serenity Prayer said by Nadja in German and then by everyone in English.**

The Chair welcomed everyone and reminded the Assembly of the order of the agenda to come:

**Credentials Report**

The Secretary confirmed the total number of voting members present:

\_\_\_\_26\_\_\_\_ Representatives  
\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_ Board Members (not incl Chair) (Chair votes elections only)  
\_\_\_\_29\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS**

**Vote on the amendments suggested to the budget for 2021/22.**

The Assembly moved to adopt the changes to the budget by 28 for and 0 against. The amendments have been accepted to the preliminary budget 2021/22.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the preliminary budget 2021/22. There were no objections. The Chair declared that the preliminary budget for 2021/22 has been accepted.

**Motion 3 - New Board Member (Vice Chair).**

This Motion is brought by the Region 9 GDPR Committee for one additional Region 9 Board member to the Board, that of Vice-Chair. There are two parts to the Motion: Part A applying to the R9 Bylaws and Part B applying to the R9 Policies and Procedures Manual.

This motion adds another member to the board thereby increasing its size from 4 members to 5 members.

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to Motion 3. There were none.

Alexandra S was invited to present the main motion, 2 people spoke PRO the motion and there were no Cons. The Chair invited the Assembly to ask questions. A Rep asked what the policy is in other Regions. The Parliamentarian responded that it is common in other Regions to have a Vice Chair position apart from Region 9 and Region 10.

Stella asked if we had thought about doing a Group conscience? The Chair responded no.

**The Secretary confirmed the updated credentials.**

28 reps

3 voting board members:

**31 voting members**

The question before the Assembly is to vote on whether to adopt the position of Vice Chair.

The Assembly voted by 28 votes for and 0 against. The Chair declared that the Assembly has voted to adopt this motion.

**Elections:**

The Chair explained that at this point in time in Assembly, the Chair would usually appoint a “teller committee” to oversee the counting of ballots. As we are conducting all of the ballots using the Zoom poll function, these votes are all being done anonymously in accordance with OA guidelines, and there is no need for a teller committee.

We will have the results as we proceed.

According to R9 bylaws, the Chair is allowed to vote for elections.

The positions that we will be electing today are:

- R9 Chair (1-year term)
- [R9 Vice Chair (2 year term)]
- R9 Treasurer (2-year term)
- R9 Secretary (2-year term)
- R9 Communications Officer (1-year term)
- WSBC 2021 R9 Delegate (1 and alternate)
- Trustee affirmation (up to 3 candidates)
- TSW Committee Chair (1 year)
- LTD Committee Chair (1 year)

There were no applications for the WSBC 2021 R9 Delegate which would mean that R9 will not be sending a delegate to the WSBC next year.

The Chair explained as we proceed, we will take nominations from the floor for these positions EXCEPT WSBC delegate and that REPS may nominate themselves.

The Chair explained:

To respect the process, and especially when there is more than one person running for one position, it is customary in OA to NOT clap or call anything out after we hear the voting results.

When presented with the Zoom poll for voting, if only 1 nominee, the voting options will be YES or NO.

If there is more than one nominee, there will options for NAME 1, NAME 2, NO – voting “No” means that you think neither nominee should hold the elected position.

**Region 9 Chair (1 year term)**

We have received one application for the Region Chair position from Alexandra D. Darren seconded that.

There were no other nominations for the position.

The nominee for Chair position Alexandra was invited to speak to the Assembly for 2 minutes. The Chair invited the Assembly to ask questions.

Emilia asked Alexandra what her contribution will be in order to guarantee better communication and understanding inside Region 9 non English speaking countries.

Alexandra said that she would organise a quarterly meeting, that she speaks multiple languages and that she is willing to listen.

Alexandra S asked Alexandra D to share her general vision for R9.

Alexandra said that she has a vision for the way we work, to open it out to encourage more participation beyond the Assembly.

The Chair asked if there were any questions regarding the marking of the ballots or the voting procedure?

Visitors were moved to a breakout room.

The Zoom poll was run and the Chair declared the poll closed, and that the Assembly has elected Alexandra D to the position of R9 Chair by 28 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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5 minute break  
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**Region 9 Vice Chair (2 year term)**

There were no advance nominations for this position.

The Chair asked if there were any nominations for R9 Vice Chair?

There were five nominations from the floor, but all declined.

The Chair reminded people that there is a mechanism for appointment of board members if no-one is elected.

Ewa nominated herself and was seconded.

The nominee, Ewa was given 2 minutes to speak.  
There were no questions.



The Chair opened the voting by Zoom poll. Visitors were removed to a waiting room.

The Chair said that the vote before us is to elect Ewa as Region 9 **Vice Chair** for a term of 2 years.

The Chair declared the poll closed, and that the Assembly had elected Ewa to the position of R9 **Vice Chair**. There was a total of 30 votes: 26 voted FOR and 4 against.

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### **Region 9 Treasurer (2 year term)**

There were no advance nominations for this position.  
The Chair asked if there are any nominations for R9 Treasurer?  
Ricki nominated herself.

The Chair asked if there were any other nominations?

Gudrun Kristin was nominated and declined.  
Stella was nominated and declined.

We have one nominee for the position of Region 9 Treasurer. Ricki was invited to address the assembly for 2 minutes.

Ricki was asked to give her service history and how she deals with conflict.

The Chair opened the voting by Zoom poll. Visitors were moved to the waiting room.

The Chair explained the vote before us is to elect Region 9 Treasurer for a term of 2 years.

The Chair declared the poll closed, and that the Assembly has elected Ricki to the position of R9 Treasurer. Total number of votes 32., 32 FOR and 0 against.

### **Region 9 Secretary (2 year term)**

There was one advance application for the position of R9 Secretary from Ilanit.  
Her application was seconded.

There were no other nominations.

Ilanit was invited by the Chair to speak to the assembly for 2 minutes.

Emilia asked how she planned to contribute to spreading the message to non-English speaking countries in Region 9?

There were no other questions.

Visitors were removed to the waiting room.

The Chair explained the vote before us is to elect Region 9 Secretary for a term of 2 years.

The poll was run by Zoom poll.

The Chair declares the poll closed, and that the Assembly has elected Ilanit to the position of R9 **Secretary**. The total no. of votes is 32. 31 votes FOR and 1 vote against.

### **Region 9 Communications Officer (1 year term)**

There were no advance nominations received for this position.

The Chair asked if there are any nominations for R9 Communications Officer?

There were six nominees, 5 declined and Gudrun Kristin was nominated and accepted and this was seconded.

Gudrun Kristin spoke for 2 minutes to the Assembly.

The Chair asked the Assembly if there were any questions.

There was a question from Emilia regarding her previous positions in Service.

She has been a treasurer for the NSB for the past 3 years.

Ilanit asked if she was good at following instructions and she said she is because she follows the OA traditions.

Stella asked if she had any strategies for balancing her service elsewhere?

She said OA was her priority and she might step down from her other positions.

Visitors were moved to the waiting room.

The Chair reminded the Assembly that the vote before us is to elect Region 9 Communications Officer for a term of 1 year.

The Zoom poll was run.

The Chair declared the poll closed, and that the Assembly has elected Gudrun Kristin to the position of R9 Communications Officer. The total no. of votes is 32. 31 voted for and 1 voted against.

The Chair reminded the Assembly that there will be a meeting after the Assembly for newly elected and outgoing board.

**We closed with the Serenity prayer by Ewa in Polish and then in English.**

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Lunch Break 13.00 – 14.00  
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**14:00 – 15:00 ASSEMBLY SESSION 7**

**The Serenity Prayer was said by Gudrun Kristin in Icelandic and then by everyone in English.**

Everyone was welcomed back by the Chair.

**Committee Chairs (1 year term)**

The Chair explained that we would now elect a Chair for the TSW Committee (Twelve Step Within) and for the LTD Committee (Love The Differences).

As Committee Chairs, they are responsible for leading the group, reporting to the Board and others, and other duties as agreed amongst themselves or their committee. Committee Chairs participate on a conference call every other month with the R9 Board and Trustee. As this position has become vacant mid-term, we are electing this position for one year.

The Chair asked was there any nominations for TSW Committee Chair?  
Emilia was nominated and seconded.  
There were no other nominees.

Nominee Emilia was asked to speak to the assembly for 2 minutes.

The Chair opened to the Assembly for questions for this candidate.

Emilia was asked about her service and the importance of service to her. She said it helps her to work on her character defects and on her relationships while maintaining her natural fire. She also wants to bring a project to promote acceptance of working the steps in different ways.

Visitors were moved to the waiting room.

The voting will be by Zoom poll.

(Reminder: either Yes/No, or Name1/Name2/No).

The Chair reminded us that the vote before us is to elect **TSW Committee Chair** for a term of 1 year.

The Zoom roll took placed

The Chair declared the poll closed, and that the Assembly had elected Emilia to the position of TSW Committee Chair. The total no. of votes was 30, 28 for and 2 against.

### **Nominations for the LTD Committee Chair:**

The Chair asked if there were any nominations for LTD Committee Chair? Loudovika nominated herself, was seconded and spoke to the assembly for 2 minutes.

Questions were posed concerning the projects discussed and how she would handle the broad remit.

Visitors were removed from the waiting room. The voting poll was run by Zoom.

The Chair explained that the vote before us was to elect LTD Committee Chair for a term of 1 year.

The Chair declared the poll closed, and that the Assembly had elected Loudovika to the position of **LTD Committee Chair**. The total no. of votes was 30, 29 for and 1 against.

### **Affirmation of Region 9 Trustee (3 year term)**

The Chair explained that the position of Region Trustee is elected by the World Service Business Conference. In accordance with OA Bylaws and Region 9 Bylaws, we, the Region 9 Assembly may affirm up to 3 candidates for the position of Region 9 Trustee.

Application forms needed to be sent to the Region 9 Chair one month before Assembly.

This year, we have received one application, from Vasiliki. A copy of this application was sent to the Reps by email on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Vasiliki was invited to address the assembly for 2 minutes, then there will be 5 minutes for questions. She said she is very passionate about representing non English speakers in OA so all non English speakers have the same opportunity for recovery.

Stella asked her what she enjoyed most about the position?

She said she loves the connection and that there is amazing recovery in Region 9 and it is not so well known because they are not English speaking. She would like to encourage people from Region 9 to do service beyond their country for the good of all of us.

Ilanit asked how else she represented R9 at WSBC level. Vasiliki said language and translations was only one aspect. Many other challenges for eg. international days were only planned with Christian and Jewish holidays, but there are other religious holidays in R9. It's the same as the Dignity of Choice there are a number of plans.

Visitors were removed to the waiting room.

The Chair explained that the vote before us was to affirm Vassiliki as **Nominee** for Region 9 Trustee for a term of 3 years.

The poll was run by Zoom.

The Chair declared the poll closed, and that the Assembly had agreed to affirm the nomination of Vasiliki to the position of **R9 Trustee** nominee. The total no. of votes were 30; 30 voted for and 0 against.

### **Region 9 Coordinators List**

**The Chair** explained there are a number of positions vacant for service coordinators.

**The webmaster** has stepped down. The Chair asked if there was anyone available who has the experience. No-one volunteered.

**Unaffiliated meetings liaison** position is vacant. No-one volunteered.

**Newsletter vacancy** – it is done once a year after Assembly. It can be done by a number of people and there can be any number of newsletters. Terese volunteered for this position.

**Byelaws and P&P position** is available. No-one volunteered.

**Fundraising assistant** position is vacant. Stella volunteered to do this.

**The Country Liaison Officer** – there is a position vacant here. Daniela volunteered.

Aniko asked a question if each position is supported by anyone?

The Chair explained that each position has a Board liaison member. People can volunteer after Assembly and ask other people to help as well.

Ilanit shared her experience of doing the Newsletter service position.

Marie S asked the abstinence requirements and if it should be brought back to the IGs. The Chair responded it can, but the board can also appoint people into vacant service positions.

### **5 minute break**

#### **Emergency Motion**

The Chair said there was a suggestion to amend the agenda. We did not receive any applications for the Delegate Position to represent Region 9 at WSBC this year. However, it has been presented to the Chair that there might be people willing to fill the position in the Assembly if the Assembly were willing to rescind this policy. But this discussion would take time away from people sharing.

The Chair presented this in the form of a Motion: The motion is to temporarily suspend the R9 policy of NOT accepting nominations from Reps from the Assembly floor. The motion has been seconded.

The Chair invited two people to speak FOR and TWO against.

Alexandra D & Emilia spoke for. Charlotte & Stella spoke against.

There were 5 minutes given to questions from the floor.

A yes/no vote was run.

The Chair declared the motion to suspend the R9 policy of not accepting nominations was adopted by the Assembly; 17 voted yes and 9 no. The motion was passed.

Prune was nominated and accepted. A number of other people were nominated and declined.

Prune was invited to speak to the Assembly.

5 minutes of questions from the floor.

Two questions were posed.

The visitors were moved to the waiting room.

A zoom poll was run.

The Chair declared the poll closed and the Assembly passed the motion to send Prune as the WSBC Delegate for Region 9 in 2021. 30 votes in total; 24 voted for and 6 votes against.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **7th Tradition contribution**

7th Tradition was collected from Assembly. Mel, the Banker confirmed the 7th Tradition contribution amount of £558.00

#### **Green Dot Ceremony**

The Chair explained that at face to face assemblies, we would take a moment to recognise all the Green Dots at assembly, and ask them to remove the green dot stickers from their name badges. He said to all of Green Dots here at R9 Assembly "Well Done – you made it! You have completed your first R9 Assembly and you are no longer Green Dots. I sincerely hope that you will come back again next year (to Ireland) and share your experience as a Mentor to the new green dots that will be attending".

**A word from next year's hosting committee:**

Invitation to Region 9 Assembly & Convention in 2021 (27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> November) in Newry Northern Ireland by Marie S, Spirit of Hope IG, Rep

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**REMINDER**

The Chair reminded the Assembly that the Office handover meeting for all outgoing and incoming Board members and Committee Chairs would be taking place here in this Zoom room right after we finish with the formal proceedings.

We finish up with Responsibility Pledge and OA Promise

Thanks from the Secretary, Communications Officer and Treasurer.

The Chair shared many thanks again to all who have been here at this most extraordinary Region 9 Assembly, and to those who have offered to give service to Region 9 going forward. He said that it has been his privilege to have been able to serve as R9 Chair for the past year, and in other positions for the previous 6 years and that he hoped to be able to see everyone at Region 9's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly next year in Ireland!

The 2020 Region 9 Virtual Assembly was closed with the Serenity prayer in Irish and Hebrew, and then together in English.

**16:00 ASSEMBLY CLOSED**

**APPENDIX ONE**

	<b>OA Region 9 Annual Budget</b>	Final Figures 2019-2020 in GBP	<b>Preliminary Approved Budget 2020/21 GBP</b>	Proposed Updated Budget 2020/21 GBP	<b>Preliminary Approved Budget 2021/22 GBP</b>
	Opening Bank Balance	£17,442.84	£21,644.00	£25,598.28	£30,448.28
	Prudent Reserve	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
	Working Surplus	£8,500.00	£8,500.00	£8,500.00	£8,500.00
	Total Reserve	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00
	<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>£5,442.84</b>	<b>£9,644.00</b>	<b>£13,598.28</b>	<b>£18,448.28</b>
	<b>INCOME</b>				
1004	Taken from Available Funds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2001	Contributions from OA R9 Groups and Service Bodies	£17,019.57	£11,000.00	£33,500.00	£10,000.00
2002	Contributions from OA R9 Assembly and Convention	£2,046.86	£1,000.00	£200.00	£500.00
2010	Misc Fundraising	£1,922.25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2009	Members Contributions	£262.54	£1,000.00	£500.00	£500.00
2006	Bank Interest	£138.44	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Contributions via PayPal	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£21,389.66</b>	<b>£13,000.00</b>	<b>£34,200.00</b>	<b>£11,000.00</b>
	<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>£26,832.50</b>	<b>£22,644.00</b>	<b>£47,798.28</b>	<b>£29,448.28</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
3001	Chair Travel Expenses for RCC1 (WSBC)	£1,032.65	£1,950.00	£1,950.00	£1,950.00
3002	Chair Travel for RCC2 (Aug)	£0.00	£1,750.00	£1,750.00	£0.00
3003	Chair Travel for RCC3 (Oct/Nov)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3004	Nominee Trustee Travel Expenses for WSBC	£0.00	£1,950.00	£0.00	£0.00
3005	Region 9 Board Assembly Travel and Accomodation	£1,726.00	£2,950.00	£0.00	£3,250.00
3006	Region 9 Assembly Materials	£0.00	£90.00	£90.00	£100.00
3008	Region 9 Assembly Rep Assistance Fund	£1,005.81	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,500.00
3005a	Region 9 Assembly Parliamentarian	£0.00	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
3008a	Region 9 Delegates to WSBC (Apr)	£763.62	£1,850.00	£1,850.00	£1,850.00
3009	Technology	£223.58	£260.00	£260.00	£300.00
3012	Secretary Expenses: Board	£0.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00

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3012a	Secretary Expenses: Committees	£0.00	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00
3013	Bank Charges	£218.15	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
3014	Misc (7th Tradition Items)	£1,485.63	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3100	Translations and Projects Fund	£1,736.50	£2,400.00	£2,400.00	£2,400.00
3100a	GDPR Projects	£195.78	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
3100b	Committee Projects	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	£1,000.00
3100c	STC Projects	£0.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£1,000.00
3100d	WSBC Delegate Support Fund				£3,500.00
	Total Expenses before Contribution to WSO	£8,387.72	£23,000.00		
3101	Contributions to WSO	£4,843.50	£0.00	£10,000.00	£3,500.00
	<b>TOTAL Expenditure</b>	<b>£13,231.22</b>	<b>£23,000.00</b>	<b>£29,350.00</b>	<b>£24,650.00</b>
	Projected Income Less Expenditure	£13,598.28	(£356.00)	£18,448.28	£4,798.28