

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO REGION 9 ASSEMBLY 2021

It is my great privilege to write this report for the 2021 Region 9 Assembly. My journey to this position began in 2019, when I was nominated as Region 9 Rep for my Intergroup in Gauteng, South Africa.

At this Assembly, I found myself thrown into an exhilarating and often confusing world of a Region Assembly. As is my way, I asked many questions and became very hard to ignore. The result of this was that I was nominated at my first Assembly ever, to be Region 9 Secretary for 2020.

My ego was flattered but thank goodness my HP stepped in and I prayed over this and turned the nomination down as I didn't believe that I was in a position to be of service at that stage in my recovery. The decision was correct and when 2021 Assembly came along, the guidance I received from both my HP and sponsor was to put myself forward for the role of Secretary for 2021.

Whilst the secretary role has its time and organisational challenges, I have found this role; its responsibilities and the learnings, rewarding and very beneficial to my spiritual growth (not to mention its positive effects on my organisational abilities!)

I have been gifted with a Board of remarkable woman all of whom have strong recovery and strong opinions (!) that are always shared with love and tolerance. Every Board meeting teaches me so much about what good recovery looks like and my Chair has lovingly stayed by my side and supported me through any organisational or admin crisis that I have encountered on this journey.

The duties that I have been tasked with doing are the following:

- Accurately capturing, typing and distributing the minutes of the monthly Board and Committee meetings
- Assisting in the coordination of meeting times and submission of reports from Board and Committee members
- Updating the Bylaws and Policies and Procedure documents
- Collection of relevant documents for the Assembly Binder and putting the Binder together
- Monitoring and administering the R9 email service
- Supporting the Chair to the best of my ability

The growth opportunities that I have experienced through this service are:

- Improved organisational skills and better time management
- Compassion to myself when I 'mess up'
- Improved listening skills
- An in depth understanding of the workings of Region 9 thanks to the collation of the detailed Minutes
- A deeper understanding of what makes organisations legal entity which I have found fascinating

- Humility – the secretary position is very much a ‘supportive’ one. I am used to being the Main Actor and I have had to grow into the supporting role which has in turn helped me in playing a supporting role in the show of life of which my HP is director.

I am ultimately grateful for this role of Secretary and look forward to continuing to be of service to R9 in 2022.