



### Chair Report for Assembly – July 2015

I hope this report finds you on high ground....we've sure had an abundance of rain lately!

I am very much looking forward to seeing you in Louisville, KY as Region Assembly 'hits the road'. We certainly appreciate all the planning and effort given by Louisville Metro Intergroup to host all of us.

I had the honor of representing our unaffiliated groups in Albuquerque, NM at the 2015 World Service Business Conference...and performing as "Tin Woman" in the "Wizard of OA" (but that's another story!). About 200 delegates from 21 countries gave their time and service to our Fellowship that week. Some long hours and busy days, but oh...what a wonderful recovery experience it is! I hope all of you will someday give yourselves this gift....there are no words to describe celebrating recovery and abstinence with OAs from all over the world.

By now, you've been notified of the updated wording for the OA Preamble, the results of the Trustee election (Bonnie L from Region 5 was elected General Service Trustee), 3 updated pieces of literature that were granted the Conference Seal of Approval, and several other items. Another important change – the new deadline for registering for World Service Business Conference will be March 1 instead of December 31.

Since our March Assembly, our website has been updated to provide online convention and assembly registration. Additional content continues to be added. Now that we're in a more 'day-to-day' mode, we will seek fellowship support to direct the future of the site – sort of a Region 5 "user group". If you have an interest in this service, there will be an opportunity provided at the July Assembly to discuss further. If you're interested but won't be at Assembly, please contact me directly – [cole3616@gmail.com](mailto:cole3616@gmail.com).

Please extend a warm Region 5 welcome to Karen B, our guest Parliamentarian for this Assembly. She has served the OA Fellowship in many roles, including Region Chair, Trustee, center mic at Business Conference, and others. She is currently the Region 7 Parliamentarian. WELCOME KAREN!

Have you registered for the 2015 Region 5 Convention yet? Deadline for pre-registration is August 1...the Committee is hard at work with the planning and preparations for this event. "Transformation" awaits you in Schaumburg, IL!

Have you given serious consideration to running for the Region 5 Board? We will be electing a Vice Chair and Secretary in November 2015. Qualifications are listed in your Bylaws – Article VI, Section A. Please take a moment to read these and see if you meet the requirements. Then talk with your sponsor, pray about it...without service, there is no Region 5 Fellowship. HP will qualify the called! *If not you, then who? If not now, then when?*

Since March, I spoke at the Milwaukee Area Intergroup convention and presented a workshop in London, Ontario for Land between the Lakes Intergroup. Another opportunity is planned for August.

The 2015 Strategic Plan focus is "carrying the message" – what are YOU doing to carry the message of OA? What is Region 5 doing to carry the message? I challenge all of us in Region 5 (including me) to make sure we are doing all we can, when we can, with what we've got to carry the message of recovery from this deadly disease through the 12 Steps of OA.

*Please* continue to pray for those who face health/life/family/abstinence challenges in our Region...collectively our prayers strengthen each other and our Fellowship.

*Thank you my family...*for the opportunity to serve God (my HP) and our fellows in this trusted servant role...*I continue to be very, very blessed by you.* ☺

Denise O.  
Region 5 Chair