



## Region 5 2019 Spring Assembly

March 8-10, 2019

Location: HYATT Regency, Milwaukee WI

### Saturday 2019-03-09 Morning Session

1. The 2019 Spring Assembly Saturday Morning Session was called to order by the Chair CJ M. at 8:00 AM Central Time. Opened with:
  - a. The assembly said the OA Responsibility Pledge followed by the serenity prayer.
  - b. For Today was read by Amanda M.
  - c. 12 Steps was read by Pamela P.
  - d. 12 Traditions was read by Cecilia S.

2. Credentials Report

- a. The Credential Report Roll Call was conducted by Vice-Chair Steve B.
- b. Counts are:

Voting Reps Present:	27
Voting Officers Present:	4
<b>Eligible Voters Present:</b>	<b>31</b>
Non-voting alternates, guests	4
Parliamentarian	1
Region Trustee	1
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>37</b>

- c. The full credentials report can be found in the packet C file: "C03.Spring 2019 Assembly Credentials.pdf"
- d. The Chair declared a quorum to be present.
- e. The Chair explained unanimous consent.
- f. There was no objection to the credentials report as presented. The credentials report was approved.

3. Standing Rules

- a. Read by Carol D. Bylaws Committee Chair.
- b. There was no objection to adopting the Standing Rules. The Standing Rules were adopted.

4. Agenda

- a. Corrections to the agenda:

- i. Darlene D. asked that we change the Saturday Evening OA meeting to 8:00 PM. A group consensus was taken. The assembly agreed to change the time to 8:00 PM.
- ii. Bylaws committee meeting room changed to in Lakeshore A.
- iii. Lunch will be served in Lakeshore Ballroom A

- b. There was no objection to approving the Agenda as amended. The amended Agenda was approved.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. The Chair placed the following new business motions on the consent agenda: A, D, & F.
- b. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda consisted of motions A, D, & F.
- c. A vote was taken to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda was adopted.

6. Chair read a few responses to our 2018 Fall Assembly Minute Writing Exercise.

7. Region 5 Chair conducted a mini-count down of years of abstinence.

## 8. Recognitions

- a. 7 First-Timers (Green Dots) were recognized.
- b. 2 Former Officers and Trustees were recognized.
  - i. Denise O. Former Region 5 Chair.
  - ii. Judy W. Former Region 5 Secretary.

## 9. Minutes Approval Committee

- a. Barbara K. and Nancy G. were appointed to the Minutes Approval Committee.

## 10. Volunteer Service

- a. Betsy D. was appointed Copy Coordinator.
- b. Deborah K. (alternate representative) was appointed Timer.
  - i Note: This was changed later on to Lynn H.

11. Emergency New Business will be considered by the Bylaws Committee. The chair of the committee is Carol D.

## 12. Nominating Committee

- a. The Service Positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary are up for election at the 2019 fall assembly. We are seeking individuals to fill these service positions.
- b. The following Region Representatives were appointed by state as members to the Nominating Committee:
  - i Illinois: David C. and Kimberlie N.
  - ii Indiana: Theresa H. (not present) and Kevin F.
  - iii Kentucky: Jennifer L. and Cutia B.
  - iv Michigan: Carol D. and Leslie N.
  - v Ohio: Jo A. and Linda P. (alternate representative)
  - vi Wisconsin: Shirley L. and Lori P.

## 13. Executive Committee Reports Q/A

- a. Chair
  - i Region Chairs are using "Each One Reach One" for the forum at the World Service Business Conference.
  - ii No questions were asked.
- b. Vice-Chair
  - i No questions were asked.
- c. Secretary
  - i Joel I. gave an additional report on the state of the website.
    - 1 The web master worked very hard on the website starting at the beginning of the year, though it was delivered late due to technical issues with the theme we requested. During this time no intergroup information or new events were posted.
    - 2 The website was deployed starting during the evening February 21<sup>st</sup>, however there was a technical problem involving incompatible WordPress versions during the deployment of the website, which resulted in a 10 day outage where the website was not available for use. After the second day I asked our web master to post an under construction sign. The cost of the website was \$875.00, however the amount of hours he put was the equivalent of \$2500.00 of work.
    - 3 The website is mostly up and running though there are still problems. I've asked the media committee to do a full review of the website so we can get it back to pristine state.

- 4 Changes to the approved design were the following:
  - a The “Announcements” page was awful and was pulled for redevelopment later on.
  - b Putting the Newsletter directly in the menu didn’t work out so an alternative page was used instead.
  - c The requested footer didn’t work, but we found a better alternative design that does.
- 5 Most of the informal feedback I’ve received to date has been very positive. However we are asking for you give a more formal feedback using a survey to which a link button is available in the footer of the website pages. The results of the survey will be reported for the summer conference call.
  - ii No questions were asked.
- d. Treasurer
  - i Gerri M. is working hard with the Finance Committee to get the financial information to you in an understandable format. The committee has people who are not financial experts, which is exactly what we need to help us make the financial documents more comprehensible. In addition, the committee will be working on a description of how to read the financial reports properly.
  - ii When you send in your checks in please use the form or at least place your group number on the check. There are some unknown group contributions because I am unable to identify which group the check is for. The form is on the website. If you want a receipt, either include a self-stamped addressed enveloped or check the email receipt box on the form and provide your email address. Also, please write legibly so I can understand it.
  - iii No questions were asked.
- e. Trustee
  - i We have lost two groups overall since the Fall Assembly. We went from 508 groups to 506 groups.
  - ii Intergroup Upper Peninsula of Michigan has closed.
  - iii The Newcomer Packet has been replaced with a Newcomer pamphlet, which is all of the contents from the Packet assembly without all of the redundancy.
  - iv *Lifeline* magazine needs your feedback on what to do with it. It has never been self-supporting. It’s a complicated question of what to do with it, because it is also recovery literature. If you have any thoughts about this, use the email address in my report for your comments. There is a Board of Trustee ad-hoc committee trying to decide what to do. No decision will be made for a couple of more years. There are a lot of things that we can do to make *Lifeline* better or increase subscriptions. This will be talked about at the World Service Business Conference.
  - v A revision to the “To the Teen” pamphlet is underway. We need your stories if you came in the OA between the ages of 18 and 30.
  - vi The Board of Trustees met virtually and it went very well. There were about 22 people on line. We got a lot of work done. We met from 10 till 4 and took a ten-minute break every hour. While it was very good and we got our business done, by the end of the meeting about a third of us had a headache from looking at the screen for so long. However, we saved a lot of money.
  - vii There is a message from the Treasurer: an annual appeal will be coming out. At the moment we are doing pretty well financially due to sales of the new 12 & 12 and the new workbook, but we always need money to keep carrying the message.
  - viii The Board of Trustees is in the process of revising all of the suggested meeting formats. One of the big changes is that the suggested Seventh Tradition is being increased to \$5.00 from \$3.00. The format will also say that we should donate as if your life depends on it.

ix Questions

- 1 There seems to be a long delay between when you order *Lifeline* and when you start getting it. It can take months. What is going on with this?
  - a That should not be happening. Please call the World Service office to see why there was the delay.
- 2 How can the Board of Trustees make a decision about literature such as the Newcomer Packet and Pamphlet and the suggested meeting formats and suggested donation without first presenting it to the World Service Business Conference?
  - a OA Inc. Bylaws Part A defines what the Board of Trustees can do and this includes providing literature for the good of the membership. The Newcomer Pamphlet and the Suggested Meeting Formats are published as Board Approved literature.
  - b There are two kinds of literature that OA has: World Service Business Conference Approved Literature and Board of Trustees approved literature. Board approved literature can be changed by the Board of Trustee and does not need conference approval.
  - c There is a seal on the back of the pamphlets that indicates who approved the document.
  - d The newcomer pamphlet was compiled from the conference-approved literature and pulled them together without the redundancy. Each of the individual pamphlets that were available in the Newcomer Packet is still available. None of the words that were used in the Newcomer Pamphlet were changed and as such does not invalidate the original conference approval.

14. Announcements were made.

15. The 2019 Spring Morning Assembly was adjourned at 09:32 AM Central Time for committee meetings with the Seventh Step Prayer.

Saturday 2019-03-09 Afternoon Session

1. The 2019 Spring Assembly Saturday Afternoon Session was called to order by the Chair CJ M. at 1:31 PM Central Time. Opened with:
  - a. The OA Responsibility Pledge followed by the Serenity Prayer.
  - b. The Concepts of OA Service 1-7 were read by Jackie C.
  - c. The Concepts of OA Service 8-12 were read by Wanda C.
2. The Chair read a few more responses to our 2018 Fall Assembly Writing Exercise.
3. Credentials Report:
  - a. The Credential Report Update Roll Call was conducted by Vice-Chair Steve B.
  - b. Counts are:

Voting Reps Present:	26
Voting Officers Present:	4
<b>Eligible Voters Present:</b>	<b>30</b>
Non-voting alternates, guests	4
Parliamentarian	1
Region Trustee	1
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>36</b>

- c. The full credentials report can be found in the packet C file: "C03.Spring 2019 Assembly Credentials.pdf"
- d. There was no objection to the credentials report as presented. The credentials report was approved.

4. Minutes Approval Committee for the 2018 Fall Assembly.
  - a. The 2018 Fall Assembly minutes were in the packet A file: "A06.Region 5 2018 Fall Assembly Minutes.pdf".
  - b. The minutes were approved by the Minutes Approval Committee on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
  - c. There are no corrections to the minutes.
  - d. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved by the assembly.
5. 7<sup>th</sup> tradition was collected.
6. Parliamentary moment was presented by Karen B. on how to declare a motion out of order.
7. Outreach Committee of the Whole:
  - a. There was an hour discussion lead by the Vice-Chair Steve B. on what the committee goals and direction should be for 2019.
  - b. The committee decided to continue the work by the two existing sub-committees and to add an additional sub-committee to focus on Growing Our Membership Region-wide.
  - c. Jennifer L. made a motion to break the Outreach committee of the whole into 3 sub-committees: "Intergroup to intergroup", "Each one Reach one", and "Public Information / Professional Outreach (PI/PO)". A vote was taken and the motion was adopted.
8. Assembly recessed for a 15 minute break at 3:00 pm
9. Assembly was called back to order at 3:15 PM Central Time by the Region 5 Chair.
10. The Outreach Committee of the whole split into 3 sub-committees for additional discussion.
11. Assembly was called back to order at 5:00 PM Central Time by the Region 5 Chair.
12. 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collected was \$222.00
13. The 2019 Spring Saturday Afternoon Assembly was adjourned at 5:01 PM Central Time with "I put my hand in yours".

### Sunday 2019-03-10 Morning Session

1. The 2019 Spring Assembly Sunday Morning Session was called to order by the Chair CJ M. at 8:00 am central time. Opened with:
  - a. Serenity Prayer.
  - b. For Today was read by Darlene D.
  - c. OA Diversity Statement was read by Barbara K.
2. The Chair read a few responses to our 2018 Fall Assembly Minute Writing Exercise.
3. Credentials Report
  - a. The Credential Report Update Roll Call was conducted by the Vice-Chair Steve B.
  - b. Counts are:

Voting Reps Present:	26
Voting Officers Present:	4
<b>Eligible Voters Present:</b>	<b>30</b>
Non-voting alternates, guests	2
Parliamentarian	1
Region Trustee	1
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>34</b>

- c. The full credentials report can be found in the packet C file: "C03.Spring 2019 Assembly Credentials.pdf"
- d. There was no objection to the credentials report as presented. The credentials report was approved.

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### a. Bylaws Committee

- i. The report was presented by the Bylaws Committee Chair: Carol D.
- ii. We had 8 Representatives, 1 Visitor, the Parliamentarian, and the Trustee present at our committee meeting.
- iii. We reviewed all of the motions (B, C, E, & G) not included on the consent agenda. All of the motions except motion E were approved by the committee as read to be presented to the Assembly. A substitute motion for motion E was created by committee.
- iv. We also discussed an emergency new business motion involving the Region 5 Delegate Support Fund, which the committee approved to be presented to the assembly because it is time sensitive.

##### b. Convention Committee (For the Region 5 Convention Sept. 27-29, 2019, Milwaukee, WI)

- i. The report was presented by the Convention Committee Chair: Lynn H.
- ii. The registration flyers for the convention are on the back table for all Representatives to take back to your intergroup. The committee will reach out to intergroups not present at the assembly to distribute flyers and registration forms.
- iii. We are on schedule and are 6 ½ months out from the event date.
- iv. The registration is available online also. PayPal has been taken off of Region 5 website. The new online registration accepts major credit cards.
- v. The program has been reviewed and approved by the board.
- vi. Go Rite Way has a shuttle from the Airport at \$15.00 per person or people can use Uber. When riding Amtrak you will need to be specific that you want to go to downtown station. Parking will be \$15 per night for hotel, which is a reduction from \$28.00. There are refrigerators in each room. Microwaves will be in the Hospitality Room.
- vii. We took a tour of the hotel, looked at rooms, and discussed about placement of tables. A tour of the restaurant space at the top of the hotel will be given later.
- viii. A case of new 12&12 purchased by Milwaukee Intergroup will be sold at the convention.

##### c. Finance Committee

- i. The report was presented by Jackie C.
- ii. Discussed duties of Finance Committee members using the document: "Finance Committee – What to Look for When Reviewing" (March 2019 v1)
- iii. As a group, we reviewed 2018 financial reporting using hard copies of:
  1. Budget to Actual Report
  2. Profit & Loss
  3. Balance Sheet
  4. Reconciliation Detail
  5. Bank Statements
- iv. Committee members will be given access to the financial documents stored on OneDrive. The committee members support the new file folder structure the Treasurer initiated for 2019. This structure stores all relevant documents in a single folder for easy navigation.
- v. Committee members will review the financials on a regular basis to identify discrepancies and ask clarifying questions about income and expenses. The Treasurer suggests members review every other month; however, members are free to review more often if they choose.
- vi. The Treasurer will create a new folder for committee member "Audits". In this folder, members will post comments or questions about their financial reviews and all the information will be visible to all members.

d. Media Committee

- i. The report was presented by the Media Committee Chair: Keri E.
- ii. The group split into two sub-committees: Review Website and Newsletter.
- iii. Website Reviewers checked the updated website for errors and broken links, etc. Keri will compile a list of all of the needed edits and give the list and new graphics to the Region 5 Secretary by March 15, 2019.
- iv. The Spring Newsletter theme is Growing Membership Region-wide. The newsletter sub-committee articles were assigned. Newsletter articles are due March 23, 2019. The newsletter will be sent to the Region 5 Board by April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for approval with the final publish date of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

e. Outreach Committee of the Whole

i. Each one Reach one

1. The report was presented for the sub-committee by Steve B.
2. Will continue spreading word about the phone calls for one to one on the 12th of the month. The flier will be reviewed and revised if necessary. The flier will be distributed.
3. Will put on the Carry the Message workshop at the 2019 Region 5 convention.
4. Will research fellowship and fun on OA.org. A resource will be created on this subject to be posted on the Region 5 website.
5. A follow-up sub-committee meeting will be scheduled.

ii. Intergroup to Intergroup

1. The report was presented for the sub-committee by Deanna B.
2. The next workshop is Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Elmhurst, IL.
3. The workshop format was revised based on feedback from the Lansing, MI pilot workshop. Committee talked through the workshop format and how each section will be presented.
4. Ideal workshop attendees are those interested in giving service in OA to strengthen their groups. This is not a personal recovery workshop.
5. A suggestion was offered that during the "Improving the portrait" a summary of the Intergroup Inventory questions should be displayed on large paper posted on walls.
  - a Participant can then select the top items of most concern, using sticky dots to "vote". This can replace the Darn It basket. The dot votes will determine the top three items to discuss.
  - b The afternoon will start with an IG success story. Three groups will be formed to discuss one of the top three areas of concern. Each group will brainstorm solutions. They will share their proposed solutions with the entire group.
  - c We will allow time for additional ideas and suggestions from the other attendees. Between each group's solution/discuss presentation, another IG success story will be given.
  - d This method, it is hoped, will allow for more interaction and less presentation by Region 5.
6. Workshop format will be revised using these ideas.
7. Registration should be done by April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to allow us time to create packets for distribution.
8. A follow-up sub-committee meeting will be scheduled.

iii. PI/PO

1. The report was presented for the sub-committee by Cutia B.
2. Discussed and defined the purpose of the committee: To help the still suffering compulsive eater by spreading the OA message of recovery to the general public and helping professionals.
3. The sub-committee will purchase PI/PO Books for committee to read.
4. It was suggested that each member of the sub-committee reach out to a health care professional or take a poster to support PI/PO.
5. The sub-committee will reach out to intergroups to encourage them to purchase posters to put them up at community places that will allow posters (possibly colleges too).
6. A follow-up sub-committee meeting will be scheduled.

f. Nominating Committee

- i. The report was presented by CJ M.
- ii. No Chair has been appointed.
- iii. Committee members were given assignments to find additional people to run for Region 5 Vice-Chair and Secretary.

g. Ad-Hoc Video Conference Committee

- i. The report was presented by Joel I.
- ii. The committee will continue its research, now concentrating on what it would take to stream a workshop over a Zoom meeting.
- iii. A follow-up committee meeting will be scheduled sometime in April or May 2019.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. There was no unfinished business because tabled items were revised by the Bylaws Committee.

6. New Business

a. Motion B

i. Motion B is:

**MOVE TO AMEND:**

Article II. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF REGION 5

Section C. Duties of the Region 5 Vice Chair

Paragraph 2. Other Functions.

**CURRENT WORDING**

- a. Attends Region 5 Convention.
- b. Performs other region responsibilities in the absence of the chair, as needed.
- c. Shall conduct workshops as in Section E under Responsibilities and Duties of the Officers and Representatives of Region 5.
- d. Is the direct link between the Region 5 Executive Board and the Hotel Liaison.
  1. Presents hotel recommendations for Board approval
  2. Presents hotel contracts for Board approval.
- e. Chairs the Outreach Committee of the Whole during the Spring Assembly.

**PROPOSED WORDING**

- a. Attends Region 5 Convention.
- b. Performs other region responsibilities in the absence of the chair, as needed.



- c. Shall conduct workshops as in Section E under Responsibilities and Duties of the Officers and Representatives of Region 5.
- d. Is the direct link between the Region 5 Executive Board and the Hotel Liaison.
  - 1. Presents hotel recommendations for Board approval
  - 2. Presents hotel contracts for Board approval.
- e. Chairs the Outreach Committee of the Whole during the Spring Assembly.
- f. Is a member of the Nominating Committee.

- ii. Motion B was proposed by Joel I. and Steve B.
- iii. The Bylaws Committee reviewed Motion B and the committee voted to support this motion.
- iv. The motion is adopted.

b. Motion C

i. Motion C is:

**MOVE TO AMEND:**

Article I. REGION 5 GENERAL POLICIES

Section H. Committee Purpose

Paragraph 6. Nominating Committee:

**CURRENT WORDING**

Seek out qualified members who are willing to serve as a Region 5 officer or trustee. A Nominating Committee will be appointed by the Region 5 Chair at the first assembly each year. This committee shall be chaired by the Region 5 secretary and shall consist of at least one member from each state or province when available. Such members will have at least one year of active service at the Region 5 level, when possible.

**PROPOSED WORDING**

Seek out qualified members who are willing to serve as a Region 5 officer or trustee. A Nominating Committee will be appointed by the Region 5 Chair at the first assembly each year. This committee shall be chaired by the Region 5 ~~secretary vice chair~~ a member appointed by the Region 5 Chair and shall consist of at least one member from each state or province when available. Such members will have at least one year of active service at the Region 5 level, when possible.

- ii. This motion was revised from tabled motion C that was previously submitted at the 2018 Fall Assembly.
- iii. The Bylaws Committee reviewed Motion C and the committee voted to support this motion.
- iv. Motion C was adopted.

c. Motion E

i. Motion E is

**MOVE TO AMEND:**

Article II. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF REGION 5  
Section B. Duties of the Region 5 Chair

**CURRENT WORDING**

3. Schedules and Chairs the Summer Board/Committee Update Conference Call.
  - a. Schedules call to be held no later than the first week of August.
  - b. Provides agenda to include (at the minimum):
    1. Time for question of all reports
    2. Time for intergroup sharing
  - c. No motions or official business shall be conducted during this meeting.
  - d. Attendance shall be taken
  - e. Minutes of the call shall be made available on the Region 5 website.

**PROPOSED WORDING**

3. Schedules and Chairs the Summer Board/Committee ~~Update~~ Conference Call.
  - a. Schedules call to be held no later than the first week of August.
  - b. Provides agenda to include (at the minimum):
    1. Time for questions of all Executive committee reports
    2. Time for meetings for all Business Committees and Outreach Committee of the Whole
    3. Time for reports and questions for the Business Committees and Outreach Committee of the Whole
    4. Time for intergroup sharing
  - c. No motions or official business shall be conducted during this meeting.
  - d. Attendance shall be taken
  - e. Minutes of the call shall be made available on the Region 5 website.

ii. The Bylaws Committee reviewed Motion E and the committee voted propose a substitute motion. The substitute motion is:

**PROPOSED WORDING**

3. Schedules and Chairs the Summer Board/Committee ~~Update~~ Conference Call.
  - a. Schedules call to be held no later than the first week of August.
  - b. Provides agenda to include (at the minimum):
    1. Time for questions of all reports
    2. Time for intergroup sharing
    - c. The agenda may include:
      1. Time for meetings for all Business Committees and Outreach Committee of the Whole
    - ~~d.~~ Except for Committee business, No motions or official business shall be conducted during this meeting.
    - ~~e.~~ Attendance shall be taken
    - ~~f.~~ Minutes of the call shall be made available on the Region 5 website.

- iii. The Region 5 Chair asked if there were any objections to substituting Motion E in place of the motion in the packet. There was one objection to the substitute motion.
- iv. Debate was conducted on substituting the motion.
- v. Jennifer offered an amendment to the substitute motion by adding the word “Also” and remove the 1, as follows:

**PROPOSED WORDING**

3. Schedules and Chairs the Summer Board/Committee ~~Update~~ Conference Call.

- a. Schedules call to be held no later than the first week of August.
- b. Provides agenda to include (at the minimum):
  - 1. Time for questions of all reports
  - 2. Time for intergroup sharing
- c. The agenda may also include time for meetings for all Business Committees and Outreach Committee of the Whole
- ~~ed.~~ Except for Committee business, ~~N~~o motions or official business shall be conducted during this meeting.
- ~~de.~~ Attendance shall be taken
- ~~ef.~~ Minutes of the call shall be made available on the Region 5 website.

- vi. There was no objection to amending the substitute motion.
- vii. A vote was taken to consider the substitute motion E as amended in place of the motion in the packet. The substitute motion was approved.
- viii. The Bylaws Committee recommends to support the motion E as substituted.
- ix. Motion E was adopted.

d. Motion G

- i. Motion G is:

**MOVE TO AMEND:**  
Article I, Region 5 General Policies, Section A., Paragraph 2.

**CURRENT WORDING**  
Article I – Region % General Policies  
Section A – Date and Location of Assemblies  
2. Merrillville, IN will be the central location. Assembly locations may rotate at the discretion of the Region 5 board.

**PROPOSED WORDING**  
2. ~~Merrillville, IN will be the~~ Assemblies will be held in a central location as determined by the Region 5 board. Assembly locations may rotate at the discretion of the Region 5 board.

- ii. The Bylaws Committee reviewed Motion G and the committee voted to support this motion.
- iii. Motion G was adopted.

## 7. Emergency New Business

- a. There is one motion presented for emergency new business. The Bylaws committee reviewed the emergency new business motion and the committee voted to support this motion because the requirement being amended was time sensitive.
- b. The emergency new business motion is

### **MOVE TO AMEND:**

#### II. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF REGION 5

##### J. Region 5 Delegate Support Fund

### **CURRENT WORDING**

##### J. Region 5 Delegate Support Fund

Region 5 currently provides financial assistance to intergroups wishing to attend Region 5 assemblies. A similar Region 5 fund has been established for intergroups to request financial assistance to send a delegate to WSBC. (WSBC also maintains a Delegate Support Fund; information available at oa.org.)

##### 1. Funding

- a. Region 5 will budget \$1000 annually to assist intergroups in sending a delegate to WSBC.
- b. If funding is awarded, the delegate should attend the Region 5 Spring Assembly preceding WSBC.

##### 2. Applicants

- a. The intergroup requesting assistance should complete the Region 5 Delegate Support Fund Application (procedure and application available on the Region 5 website).
- b. The selection process is outlined in the procedure available on the Region 5 website.

##### 3. Responsibilities

- a. Meet all WSBC delegate requirements as stated in OA Bylaws, Subpart B  
Voting delegates shall consist of the following persons chosen in accordance with this Article X, Section 3(c)1.
  - i) Qualifications for selection of World Service delegates/alternates shall be set by each intergroup, region (in the case of region delegates) or service board provided that each delegate/alternate shall have at least one year current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reasons, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to the World Service Office.)
- b. Complete paperwork required by WSO to attend WSBC (including approval signatures).

### **PROPOSED WORDING**

##### J. Region 5 Delegate Support Fund

Region 5 ~~currently~~ provides financial assistance to intergroups wishing ~~to attend Region 5 assemblies. A similar Region 5 fund has been established for intergroups to request financial assistance~~ to send a delegate to WSBC. ~~(WSBC also maintains a Delegate Support Fund; information available at oa.org.)~~

##### 1. Funding

- a. Region 5 will budget ~~\$1000~~ funds annually to assist intergroups in sending a delegate to WSBC.

- b. If funding is awarded and accepted, the delegate should attend the Region 5 Spring Assembly preceding WSBC.
2. Applicants
- a. The intergroup requesting assistance should complete the ~~Region 5~~ Delegate Support Fund Application (procedure and application available on the Region 5 website).
  - b. The application and supporting documentation must be received by the Region 5 Secretary by October 1 of the year preceding the WSBC for which the intergroup is seeking financial assistance.
  - c. ~~The selection~~ allocation process is: ~~outlined in the procedure available on the Region 5 website.~~
    - 1. The board shall review the applications and follow the procedures listed on the WSO Delegate Support Fund.
    - 2. Once all Region 5 funds have been allocated, the approved amounts, plus all of the applications received will be forwarded to the WSO by November 1.
3. Intergroup Responsibilities
- a. Meet all WSBC delegate requirements as stated in OA Bylaws, Subpart B Voting delegates shall consist of the following persons chosen in accordance with this Article X, Section 3(c)1.
    - i) Qualifications for selection of World Service delegates/alternates shall be set by each intergroup, region (in the case of region delegates) or service board provided that each delegate/alternate shall have at least one year current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reasons, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to the World Service Office.)
  - ~~b. Complete paperwork required by WSO to attend WSBC (including approval signatures).~~

- c. The assembly agreed to allow for this motion to be considered as emergency new business.
  - d. The Emergency New Business Motion was adopted.
8. Pamela P. was chosen as the convention chair for the 2020 Region 5 Convention in Cleveland Ohio.
9. 2022 Region 5 Convention Bid
- a. The combined Intergroups from Chicago presented a bid for the 2022 Region Convention. This was presented by Kerry M. and the combined region reps from the Chicago area intergroups.
  - b. No chairperson was submitted for approval.
  - c. Hearing no objection, the Convention bid was accepted.
10. Recognized outgoing representatives
- a. Linda J. Outgoing Region 5 Trustee
11. Announcements were made.
12. Green Dot Ceremony was conducted.
13. Chairperson's Drawing was conducted.
14. The 2019 Spring Sunday Morning Assembly was adjourned at 09:51 central time with "I put my hand in yours".

Joel I.  
Region 5 Secretary

Minutes Approval Committee: Barbara K. representing Indiana - Central Indiana Intergroup and Nancy G. representing Illinois - Chicago Suburban Southwest Intergroup.

Date Minutes were approved: 2019-03-25