

## <u>Chair Report for Assembly – November 2019</u>

The Milwaukee Area Intergroup hosted the 2019 Region 5 Convention – Ride the A Train – on September 27<sup>th</sup> through September 29, 2019 in downtown Milwaukee. It was a wonderful event and we are so thankful for the hard work and dedication of the MAI and Lynn the convention chair and the Convention Committee! Your creativity was inspiring.

Looking toward the future, we are looking for hosts for the 2023 and beyond Region 5 Conventions. Please discuss this with your Intergroup and consider putting in a bid. Conventions are a great way to express the dedication to recovery and the creativity of the members in your area.

The Region Chairs Committee (RCC) met in Minneapolis, Minnesota for the Region 4 Fall Assembly at the beginning of October. This was especially joyful for me because we had our first ever All Illinois Day in July which brought together the Illinois Region 4 members and Intergroups and the Illinois Region 5 members and Intergroups for a workshop in Decatur, Illinois. The Region 4 Board welcomed us to their Assembly and two of the Region Chairs were invited to speak at the convention which was going on at the same time. For the Region Chairs Committee business meetings which were held on Thursday and Friday, we discussed our on-going committee work and the schedule for the 2020 World Service Business Conference.

Please think about inviting a friend or two from your meetings to attend your Intergroup meeting with you. It would be great if you would also bring a friend to the Assembly. Visitors are always welcome at the Assembly and we hope your friends will want to start giving service at your Intergroup and Region 5. Often times, that personal touch makes all the difference. I know it did for me!

Please consider creating a flyer or tabletop tent which lists the websites for your local area Intergroup and the Region 5 website – Region5OA.org and OA.org for display at your meetings. There is a great deal of information available to the fellowship and also podcasts and free downloads of pamphlets and information.

Respectfully submitted,

CJ M. - Region 5 Chair