



OA REGION 5 TREASURER
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Dear Region 5 Fellowship,

This is my end of my first term as Region 5 Treasurer. Over the two years, we have streamlined the chart of accounts and updated the budget layout. Also, the Group Contributions Report now shows the locations of your meetings making it easier for you to find. To reduce printing and mailing costs, documents have been moved to the cloud. Online bank payments and autopay of approved budget items have been setup to ensure timely payments.

As of September, 2018, the balance in our checking account was \$49,166.38. In the savings account, we maintain \$13,704.63 as a prudent reserve. Combined, the balance was \$62,871.01. Because of this increase in our checking account, you will see a proposed budget increase in 2019 WSO contributions.

We are down over \$500 in our Group Contributions receipts compared to this time in 2017. As your Intergroup's representative, please let your groups know how important and appreciated their contributions are. Quarterly contributions, no matter how much, help keep a consistent cash flow. While OA has no dues or fees, it is not free. These contributions do more than just pay our expenses. We use these contributions to spread the message of recovery. Our committees have submitted additional budget requests this year in an effort to help spread this message.

Our 2018 Convention's income was \$28,581.39. Expenses for 2018 were \$20,122.84. Therefore, our 2018 Convention made \$8,458.55 after a \$2,819.52 payout to Central Indiana Intergroup. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and attendance.

Please download the new Contribution Form on the Region 5 website's FORMS tab. For a mailed receipt, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. You can request an email receipt on the new forms. To speed up delivery of your contributions, please note the **Region 5 post office address is Post Office Box 1087, Lombard, IL 60148**. The Post Office is no longer in Indianapolis and they will no longer forward the mail. Also, we are now Region 5 not Region V. Please make out your checks to reflect this change.

We have a budget challenge because we submit the next year's budget at the Fall Assembly but the Committee of the Whole does not meet until the Spring Assembly. When subcommittees form in the Spring there is no clear idea of what expenses they will need. We have tried to forecast these expenses but we can expect to see some variances in this area. I hope you will continue your trust in your Officers to control these costs. We keep the good of our members at the forefront in our decisions.

I appreciate the ongoing support of the current and past Board Members. They have patiently answered my questions, provided advice and helped to keep me on track. I am indebted to the Finance Committee who work with me on the budget revisions. I am so grateful to OA and my higher power for the support I receive.

Please let me know if you have questions. I work for you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri M
Region 5 Treasurer