



REGION 5 ASSEMBLY

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Hilton Garden Inn

Chesterton, IN

Proposed Motions

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Region 5 Policies Amendment A

Date: 2018-08-05

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.
As follows:

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. Chairs the Nominating Committee.

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INTENT:

The Vice-Chair is assuming the responsibilities of chair of the Nominating committee.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Changing the Region 5 Policy and Procedure manual.

COST:

Minimal.

RATIONALE:

The secretary and vice-chair have already agreed to this exchange of responsibilities. Steve assumed the service position of the Chair of the Nominating committee in July 2018. This was done to evenly distribute responsibilities between board members.

Region 5 Policies Amendment B

Date: 2018-08-05

MOVE TO AMEND:

Article II. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF REGION 5
Section D. Duties of the Region 5 Secretary
Paragraph 3. Other Functions
As follows:

CURRENT WORDING

- a. Chairs Nominating Committee.
- b. Answers mail, email and phone calls and initiates correspondence as needed.
- c. Shall conduct workshops as in ***Region 5 Policies and Procedures*** Article II, Section E, Responsibilities and Duties of the Officers and Representatives of Region 5.

PROPOSED WORDING

- ~~a. Chairs Nominating Committee.~~
- a. Answers mail, email and phone calls and initiates correspondence as needed.
- b. Shall conduct workshops as in ***Region 5 Policies and Procedures*** Article II, Section E, Responsibilities and Duties of the Officers and Representatives of Region 5.
- c. Attends Region 5 Convention.

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INTENT:

The Vice-Chair is assuming the responsibilities of chair of the Nominating committee. Line a is no longer needed. This motion is dependent on Policy Amendment Motion A being passed. Line c is being added to correct an oversight. All of the Region 5 board members except the Secretary have some verbiage that indicates that they are to attend the Region 5 Convention. The Region 5 Secretary is expected to attend the convention. A few years the secretary was the only officer who was not attending. A motion was passed that enabled the secretary to attend. Since this is already the expected practice, this motion includes the missing service commitment.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Update the Policy and Procedure manual.

COST:

No additional costs will be incurred as this is already in practice. Policy and Procedure Manual Article I.F.2 already indicates "Region 5 Convention expenses are paid for all current Region 5 officers."

RATIONALE:

The secretary and vice-chair have already agreed to the exchange of responsibilities for the nominating committee. Steve assumed the service position of the Chair of the Nominating committee in July 2018. This was done to evenly distribute responsibilities between board members.

The update on the Region 5 convention would also just reflect what is already expected of the Region 5 Secretary.

The Region 5 Secretary is expected to attend the Region 5 convention for the following reasons:

1. Provides the ability for the Region to meet all of the members of the Region 5 Executive board at the convention.
2. Adds another officer at the convention to help with Registration and the collection of money.
3. Adds another officer at the convention to help with breaks (IE: meal, bathroom, and speaker opportunities).
4. Add another opportunity to express our experience, strength and hope at the convention.

Region 5 Policies Amendment C

Date: 2018-08-05

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 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.

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INTENT:

The Vice-Chair is assuming the responsibilities of chair of the Nominating committee. This motion is dependent on Policy Amendment Motion A passing.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Changing the Region 5 Policy and Procedure manual.

COST:

Minimal.

RATIONALE:

If Policy Amendment Motion A passes then this motion continues to adjust the Policy and Procedure manual to align with the exchange of responsibilities between the Secretary and the Vice Chair.

Region 5 Policies Amendment D

Date: 2018-08-05

MOVE TO AMEND:

Article I. REGION 5 GENERAL POLICIES
Section H. Committee Purpose
Paragraph 4. Media Committee:
As follows:

CURRENT WORDING

- b. To create, solicit, edit, and submit for approval and distribution and/or posting content pertinent for Region 5's media presence, including the newsletter *Freedom from Bondage*.
- c. To give guidance and suggestions regarding best use of media and technology, which may include maintaining a list of tech savvy members of the Region 5 fellowship who are willing to serve as resources for Region 5 service bodies.
- d. Perform other duties regarding technology and media as assigned by the Region 5 Board.

PROPOSED WORDING

- a. To create, solicit, edit, and submit for approval and distribution and/or posting content pertinent for Region 5's media presence, including the newsletter *Freedom from Bondage*.
 - 1. The newsletter Freedom from Bondage will be maintained as a webpage on the Region 5 website.
 - 2. Content will be updated at least four times a year and will contain the following:
 - a. Content may cover subjects including recovery, traditions, concepts, principles, unity, attracting newcomers, and how to make groups stronger and more effective. Content will be based on a theme as set by the Media committee. The theme and a schedule for content publishing will be approved by the Executive Board during the Fall Assembly. Content may be written articles, artwork, photos, and short audio podcasts in keeping with the OA traditions. All Content will be created by OA members and approved by the Region 5 executive board before being published to the website.
 - b. Announcements will spotlight important upcoming Region / Intergroup sponsored events, content on OA.org, campaigns being conducted by Region 5 committees, and volunteer requests for service positions.
 - c. When new content is posted the Secretary will send out a notification by email to OA members.
- b. To give guidance and suggestions regarding best use of media and technology, ~~which may include maintaining a list of tech savvy members of the Region 5 fellowship who are willing to serve as resources for Region 5 service bodies.~~
- c. Perform other duties regarding technology and media as assigned by the Region 5 Board.

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INTENT:

The intent of this motion to

1. Move the newsletter from a PDF file to the website.
2. Define the type of content to be published on the website.
3. Define how often the website is to be updated with new content.
4. Define how the content will be reviewed for tradition violations before being published on the website.
5. Remove the requirement to maintain the list which doesn't exist.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The media committee will define a content theme and schedule to be followed for the content during the upcoming year at the Fall Assembly. The theme will be approved by the Executive Board before being implemented. During the year the Media committee will gather or create content for the website to be published at least 4 times a year. The content will be posted on the website on a Freedom from Bondage page. All content will be reviewed for the traditions and approved by the Executive Board before being published on the website. The Freedom of Bondage page design will be determined during the Website redesign.

Announcements will spotlight important upcoming Region / Intergroup sponsored events, content on OA.org, campaigns being conducted by Region 5 committees, and volunteer requests for service positions. This will be published either on the Freedom from Bondage page, Home page, or Side bar common to all pages.

COST:

Minimal

RATIONALE:

The newsletter is currently published by PDF and distributed by email blast. This motion provides some guidelines to move this to the website. The newsletter is hardly read anyway. By moving the newsletter to the website we are modernizing how its content and announcements is being delivered to our audience. It will be more accessible and will bring new rotating content and announcements to the Region 5 website. This allows for the website to remain attractive and usable for Region 5 OA members, curious newcomers, and professionals. If the content and announcements are kept fresh people will want to come back over and over again. The objective of this motion is to provide guidelines on how that content will be created, approved and published.

Even though we tried multiple times to put together the list of tech savvy members of the Region 5 fellowship, we were not successful. Removing this requirement only makes sense. However, the media committee can still perform the research needed by the executive board and the assembly.

Region 5 Policies Amendment E

Date: 2018-09-21

MOVE TO AMEND:

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

A. General Duties

e. Meals

As follows:

CURRENT WORDING

e. Meals: Region 5 Officers shall be reimbursed for actual expenses not to exceed \$40.00 per day. The amount of \$40.00 per day shall be used for budgeting purposes.

PROPOSED WORDING

e. Meals: Region 5 Officers shall be reimbursed for actual non-alcohol expenses ~~not to exceed \$40.00 per day~~. The amount of \$40.00 per day shall be used for budgeting purposes.

SUBMITTED BY:

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INTENT:

To make sure Region 5 Officers are reimbursed for their actual qualifying expenses.

IMPLEMENTATION:

COST:

None

RATIONALE:

When we have meetings in downtown locations, Region 5 Officers are often forced by time constraints to eat within the hotel. These meals are generally more expensive and could exceed the \$40 per day. In general, the \$40 per day guideline for budgeting is sufficient. While the issue has not come up, it should be addressed: OA should not reimburse for alcohol-related expenses.

Region 5 Policies Amendment F

Date: 2018-09-21

MOVE TO AMEND:

I. REGION 5 GENERAL POLICIES

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8. Committee budget requests

As follows:

CURRENT WORDING

8. Committee budget requests shall be given to the Finance Committee chair by July 1.

PROPOSED WORDING

8. Committee budget requests shall be given to the Finance Committee chair ~~by July 1~~ three weeks before the Fall Assembly

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INTENT:

To increase the amount of time to submit budget requests. This allows committees to have a better understanding of how they expect to function in the coming year.

IMPLEMENTATION:

COST:

None

RATIONALE:

As Committees work throughout the year, they are better able to predict their expenses. By shortening the amount of lead time for submitting, it will increase accuracy.