



OA 2024 Fall Assembly

Location: Chesterton, IN

Saturday, November 1, 2024 – Morning Session

- 1) The 2024 Fall Assembly Saturday Morning Session was called to order by the Region 5 Chair – Eileen C. at 8:30 AM CT, 9:30 AM ET. Opened with:
 - a) The OA Responsibility Pledge, a moment of silence for those who are still suffering, and the Serenity Prayer.
 - b) For Today was read by Thomas M.
 - c) The 12 Steps were read by Megan P.
 - d) 12 Traditions were read by Suzy R.
 - e) Welcomed everyone, especially the visitors.

2) Credentials Report:

- a) The Credential Report Roll Call was conducted by the Region 5 Vice-Chair – Kevin F.
- b) Counts were:

Voting Reps Present:	15
Voting Officers Present:	4
Eligible Voters Present:	19
Non-voting Alternates, Guests	5
Parliamentarian	1
Region Trustee Liaison	1
Total Attendance	26

- c) The approved full Credentials Report can be found in Packet C: “C03_Region 5 2024 Fall Assembly Credentials Report”.
 - d) The Region 5 Chair declared a quorum to be present.
 - e) There was no objection to the Credentials Report as presented. The Credentials Report was approved.
- 3) Kevin F. is acting as Hotel Liaison for any meeting room, general hotel or lunch issues. Any sleeping room issues should go to the front desk.
 - 4) Standing Rules:
 - a) The Standing Rules, distributed in Packet A, were read by Bylaws Committee Chair Barbara H.
 - b) Hearing no objections, the Standing Rules were adopted.
 - 5) Agenda:
 - a) Update to the Proposed Agenda from Packet A. Added to the numbered bullet list under Morning Business Session/• Morning Business/5. Consent Agenda (Packet A – PAGE 4).
 - b) Hearing no objections, the updated Assembly Agenda was adopted.
 - c) The adopted Agenda will be in Packet C as file “C04_Region 5 2024 Fall Assembly Agenda_Adopted”.
 - 6) Consent Agenda:
 - a) The Consent Agenda, as presented in Packet B, was pulled from consideration.
 - b) The Consent Agenda was not adopted.

- 7) Eileen C. shared 2024 Spring Assembly Five Minute Writing Exercise responses.
- 8) Countdown for years of Abstinence was conducted.
- 9) Introduction of Assembly Newcomer Reps (Green Dots) was conducted.
- 10) Former Region 5 Officers and Trustees were introduced.
- 11) Volunteer Services:
 - a) Minutes Approval Committee – Kerry M. and Susan M.
 - b) Tellers for the Elections – Wanda C. and Barb K.
 - c) Copy Coordinator – Wanda C.
 - d) Timer – Deanna B.
- 12) Executive Committee Reports and Letter with Q/A:
 - a) Region 5 Chair
 - i) Q and A discussion.
 - ii) No additional questions.
 - b) Region 5 Vice-Chair
 - i) Nothing additional to report and no questions.
 - c) Region 5 Secretary
 - i) Nothing additional to report and no questions.
 - d) Region 5 Trustee
 - i) Barb K. shared some items from her Report.
 - ii) Q and A discussion.
 - iii) No additional questions.
 - e) Region 5 Treasurer
 - i) Linda P. shared some items from her Report.
 - ii) Q and A discussion.
 - iii) No additional questions.
- 13) Announcements were made.
- 14) The 2024 Fall Morning Assembly was adjourned at 9:32 AM CT, 10:32 AM ET for Business Committee Meetings and then lunch, with the 7th Step prayer.
- 15) Business Committee Meetings met in their established locations.
 - a) Bylaws Committee
 - b) Convention Committee
 - c) Finance Committee
 - d) Media Committee
- 16) Luncheon at 12:00 PM CT, 1:00 PM ET.

Saturday, November 2, 2024 – Afternoon Session

- 1) The 2024 Fall Assembly Saturday Afternoon Session was called to order by the Chair – Eileen C. at 1:31 PM CT, 2:31 PM ET. Opened with:
 - a) The OA Responsibility Pledge followed by the Serenity Prayer.
 - b) OA Concepts 1-7 were read by – Carolyn S.
 - c) OA Concepts 8-12 were read by – Kerry M.
- 2) Eileen C. shared 2024 Spring Assembly Five Minute Writing Exercise responses.
- 3) Credentials Report:
 - a) The Credential Report Update Roll Call was conducted by the Region 5 Vice-Chair – Kevin F.

b) Counts were:

Voting Reps Present:	16
Voting Officers Present:	4
Eligible Voters Present:	20
Non-voting Alternates, Guests	4
Parliamentarian	1
Region Trustee Liaison	1
Total Attendance	26

c) The full Credentials Report can be found in Packet C: "C03_Region 5 2024 Fall Assembly Credentials Report".

d) There was no objection to the Credentials Report as presented. The Credentials Report was approved.

4) Minutes Approval for the 2024 Spring Assembly

a) No corrections were proposed.

b) As there were no objections to the 2024 Spring Assembly Minutes as presented, the Minutes were approved by the Assembly.

5) 7th Tradition for the Assembly was collected.

6) Parliamentary Moment was presented by Gerri M.

7) Executive Board, Trustee, and Trustee Liaison Candidate three-minute presentations.

a) Pam P. for Chair

i) Five-minute Q and A discussion.

ii) No additional questions.

b) Juliette R. for Trustee Liaison

i) Five-minute Q and A discussion.

ii) No additional questions.

c) Preston F. for Trustee

i) Five-minute Q and A discussion.

ii) No additional questions.

d) Nomination from the Floor for Treasurer

i) Barb K nominated Barbara H. from KY.

ii) Barbara H. accepted the nomination

(1) Barbara H. three-minute presentations about her qualifications in OA and financials.

(2) Five-minute Q and A discussion.

(3) No additional questions.

8) Outreach Committee of the Whole Sub-committee Meetings.

a) Outreach Sub-Committee Groups for 2024

i) Everything Intergroup Sub-committee

ii) Sponsorship-Speakers Sub-committee

iii) Communications Connectivity Sub-committee

9) New Region 5 Convention Bids were announced.

a) Central Indiana Intergroup bid for the Region 5 2026 Convention.

i) 12 Freedoms suggested as the theme.

ii) Barb and Theresa will be Co-chairs

iii) Megan P. helped with presentation.

10) 7th Tradition collection was \$282.

11) Announcements were made.

12) The 2024 Fall Saturday Afternoon Assembly was adjourned at 4:13 PM CT, 5:13 PM ET, with The OA Promise.

Sunday, November 3, 2024 – Morning Session

- 1) The 2024 Fall Assembly Sunday Morning Session was called to order by the Region 5 Chair – Eileen C. at 8:30 AM CT, 9:30 AM ET. Opened with:
 - a) The OA Responsibility Pledge and the Serenity Prayer.
 - b) For Today was read by Amy G.
 - c) The OA Diversity Statement was read by Pam P.

2) Volunteer Services:

- a) Timer – Deanna B.

3) Credentials Report

- a) The Credential Report Update Roll Call was conducted by the Region 5 Vice-Chair – Kevin F.
- b) Counts were:

Voting Reps Present:	15
Voting Officers Present:	4
Eligible Voters Present:	19
Non-voting Alternates, Guests	4
Parliamentarian	1
Region Trustee Liaison	1
Total Attendance	25

- c) The full Credentials Report can be found in Packet C: “C03_Region 5 2024 Fall Assembly Credentials Report”.
- d) There was no objection to the Credentials Report as presented. The Credentials Report was approved.

4) Business Committee Reports:

a) Bylaws Committee

- i) Report presented by the Bylaws Committee Chair – Barbara H.
- ii) Q and A
- iii) No additional questions.

b) Convention Committee 2024

- i) Report was presented by the Convention Committee Vice-chair – Pam P.
- ii) No questions.

c) Convention Committee 2025

- i) Report was presented by the Convention Committee Liaison – Kevin F.
- ii) Q and A
- iii) No additional questions.

d) Finance Committee

- i) Report presented by the acting Finance Committee Chair – Linda P.
- ii) No questions

e) Media Committee

- i) Report presented by the Media Committee Liaison – Keri E.
- ii) No questions.

5) Committee of the Whole Reports:

a) Everything Intergroup Sub-committee

- i) Report presented by Sub-committee Chair – Susan M.
- ii) No questions.

- b) Sponsorship-Speakers Sub-committee
 - i) Report presented by Sub-committee Chair Beverly B.
 - ii) No questions.
- c) Communications Connectivity Sub-committee
 - i) Report presented by Sub-committee Chair Ed L.
 - ii) Q and A
 - iii) No additional questions.

6) New Business:

a) Bylaws Motion 1

Region 5 Policies Amendment

MOVE To add a new Article V to the Region 5 Policies and Procedures and renumber the subsequent Article as follows:

V. PREASSEMBLY CONNECTION WITH NEW REPRESENTATIVES

A. The Secretary posts the registration form including options to identify mentors and new representatives.

B. When registration closes, the Secretary sends the Trustee Liaison information about new representatives and returning representatives who volunteered to be mentors.

C. The Trustee Liaison

1. Electronically sends out a welcome to new representatives with the *OA Handbook for Members, Groups and Service Bodies: Recovery Opportunities*
2. Assigns mentors to new representatives
3. Electronically sends out mentor assignments
4. Reminds the New Representatives about the Orientation Meeting at the Assembly on Friday evening

VI. INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEADER OF FIRST TIME REGION 5 REPS ORIENTATION MEETING

- i) The proposed Bylaws Motion 1 was reviewed by the Bylaws Committee and approved to move forward and read by R5 Chair Eileen C.
- ii) Bylaws Committee Chair Barbara H. stated Committee approval.
- iii) Bylaws Motion 1 was presented as pro by the creator, Susan M.
- iv) Bylaws Motion 1 debate of pros and cons for three rounds, 3 minutes each.
- v) Bylaws Motion 1 was allowed five to seven minutes for Q & A discussion.
- vi) Bylaws Motion 1 was brought to a vote.
- vii) Vote, 19 yes/0 no/0 abstain.
- viii) The proposed Bylaws Motion 1 was adopted unanimously by the Assembly.

b) Bylaws Motion 2

MOVE TO AMEND: Change Policies and Procedures wording, Section 1. Region 5 General Policy, C. Elections, Paragraph 5, by striking and inserting as follows:

PROPOSED WORDING

Article I. Region 5 General Policy
Section C. Elections

5. Voting for all officers (and Liaison nominees when appropriate) shall take place simultaneously on one ~~printed~~ ballot listing all nominees (with spaces for write-ins, when nominations from the floor are necessary).
- a. Each ballot counts as a single ballot.
 - b. Mark ballot only when instructed by the chair to do so.
 - c. If voting for a candidate, mark the ballot ~~with an "X" next to the candidate's name~~ **as instructed.**
 - d. Do not vote for more candidates than instructed.
 - e. ~~Fold ballot once when finished voting.~~ **Submit ballot as instructed.**
 - f. All eligible ballots collected by the teller **or submitted electronically** will be counted as votes cast

- i) The proposed Bylaws Motion 2 was reviewed by the Bylaws Committee and approved to move forward and read by R5 Chair Eileen C.
- ii) Bylaws Committee Chair Barbara H. stated Committee approval.
- iii) Bylaws Motion 2 was presented as pro by the creator, Barbara H.
- iv) Bylaws Motion 2 debate of pros and cons for three rounds, 3 minutes each.
- v) Bylaws Motion 2 was allowed five to seven minutes for Q & A discussion.
- vi) Bylaws Motion 2 was brought to a vote.
- vii) Vote, 19 yes/0 no/0 abstain.
- viii) The proposed Bylaws Motion 2 was adopted unanimously by the Assembly.

c) Emergency New Business Motion 1

To AMEND:

II. Responsibilities and Duties of Officers and Representatives of Region 5; A. General Duties 1. Officer Expenses

PROPOSED WORDING

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

A. General Duties

1. Officer Expenses

All officers' expenses are to be paid by region 5. ~~It should not cost the officer to serve as an officer.~~ Expenses shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Travel: All officers and positions as listed in this policy under "Officers" are to be reimbursed for all of their travel expenses to and from Region 5 events assemblies. (If an officer is traveling with another intergroup, it is suggested they share expenses.) Officers are careful guardians of our Region funds.
- b. Personal auto – Region 5 follows OA World Service Office mileage reimbursement standards for not-for-profit volunteers plus all tolls and parking fees.
- c. Car rental - Region 5 will reimburse an officer for the use of a rental vehicle, tolls, and parking fees when necessary or the cost will be less than use of a personal auto or airline flight. It is the responsibility of the Officer to obtain the least expensive rental package.
- d. Air - Region 5 will reimburse airfare for an officer to get to and from ~~Assembly~~ Region 5 events, WSBC, and Chair activities as required. An officer may elect to travel by air when the location ~~site of the assembly~~ is in excess of 250 miles from the officer's home, or when a medical condition exists, or a business or personal schedule conflict occurs.
- e. Meals - Region 5 Officers shall be reimbursed for actual non-alcohol expenses. ~~The amount of \$40.00 per day shall be used for budgeting purposes~~ Region 5 will reimburse up to \$70 per day.
- f. Lodging: Region 5 will provide officers with individual rooms. ~~with the provision that,~~ When possible and appropriate, ~~the~~ officers will share the room with another person who will be responsible for one-half the room cost and personal incidentals.
- g. Miscellaneous expenses: Postage, envelopes, printing, general office supplies, and gratuities (when and where appropriate) that are needed to fulfill the duties of the officer will be reimbursed by Region 5.
- h. These policies shall apply to all those who are receiving funds directly from the Region.

- i) The proposed Emergency New Business Motion 1 was reviewed by the Bylaws Committee and approved to move forward and read by R5 Chair Eileen C.
- ii) Bylaws Committee Chair Barbara H. stated Committee approval.
- iii) Emergency New Business Motion 1 was presented as pro by the creator, Linda P.
- iv) Emergency New Business Motion 1 debate of pros and cons for three rounds, 3 minutes each.
- v) Emergency New Business Motion 1 was allowed five to seven minutes for Q & A discussion.
- vi) Emergency New Business Motion 1 was brought to a vote.
- vii) Vote, 19 yes/0 no/0 abstain.
- viii) The proposed Emergency New Business Motion 1 was adopted unanimously by the Assembly.

d) Emergency New Business Motion 2

PROPOSED WORDING

Article # - VI

Section # - Officers

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

A. Election of Officers

3. No Region 5 representative or former Region 5 representative shall be considered for an office until he/she/**they** has
 - a. Served actively for one year at Region **5** as a Region **5** representative.
 - b. Attended at least three (3) Region **5** assemblies, not necessarily consecutively, prior to submitting an application.

- i) The proposed Emergency New Business Motion 2 was reviewed by the Bylaws Committee and approved to move forward and read by R5 Chair Eileen C.
 - ii) Bylaws Committee Chair Barbara H. stated Committee approval.
 - iii) Emergency New Business Motion 2 was presented as pro by the creator, Barbara H.
 - iv) Emergency New Business Motion 2 debate of pros and cons for three rounds, 3 minutes each.
 - v) Emergency New Business Motion 2 was allowed five to seven minutes for Q & A discussion.
 - vi) Emergency New Business Motion 2 was brought to a vote.
 - vii) Vote, 19 yes/0 no/0 abstain.
 - viii) The proposed Emergency New Business Motion 2 was adopted unanimously by the Assembly.
- 7) Election of Officers, Trustee, and Trustee Liaison
- a) Pam P. for Chair
 - i) Brought to a vote.
 - ii) 19 votes cast, needed 10 votes for a majority, unanimously elected.
 - b) Barbara H. for Treasurer
 - i) Brought to a vote.
 - ii) 19 votes cast, needed 10 votes for a majority, unanimously elected.
 - c) Preston F. for Trustee (Executive Board WSO) nominee
 - i) Brought to a vote.
 - ii) 19 votes cast, needed 10 votes for a majority, unanimously elected.
 - d) Juliette R. for Trustee Liaison nominee
 - i) Brought to a vote.
 - ii) 19 votes cast, needed 10 votes for a majority, unanimously elected.
 - e) Point of order: Preston and Juliette are being proposed by R5 as trustee nominees to run for election at the 2025 WSBC.
- 8) Approval of the 2025 Budget
- a) Amended 2025 Budget presented by Linda P.
 - b) Debated pros and cons.

- c) Q & A discussion.
 - d) Budget brought to a vote.
 - e) Majority vote needed; 19 yes/0 no/0 abstain.
 - f) The amended 2025 Budget was approved unanimously by the Assembly.
- 9) Recognized outgoing Representatives.
 - 10) New Representative Graduation (Green Dot) Ceremony was conducted.
 - 11) Announcements were made.
 - 12) Chair's Drawing was conducted.
 - 13) The 2024 Fall Assembly was adjourned at 10:41 AM CT, 11:41 AM ET.

Thank you.

Keri E.

Region 5 Secretary

Approved on 11/8/24 by the Minutes Approval Committee (Kerry M. and Susan M.)