



**REGION 5 OA
2025 Spring Assembly
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Amendments and Motions

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Region 5 Policies Amendment

P1

Date: January 15, 2025

MOVE TO AMEND:

Region 5 General Policies, A – Date and Locations of Assemblies, Sections 2, 3, and 4 by striking and inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING

2. 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.
3. When the Assembly is held in a central location the hosting intergroup will be solicited by the vice chair from all intergroups within the following areas for each assembly:
 - a. During even numbered years: Michigan, Ohio and Southwestern Ontario/Kentucky
 - b. During odd numbered years: Wisconsin, Indiana and Region 5 intergroups within Illinois.
4. When the Assembly is not held in a central location the local intergroup will be the hosting intergroup.

PROPOSED WORDING

2. 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.
3. When the Assembly is held, ~~in a central location~~ the hosting intergroup will be solicited by the vice chair from all intergroups ~~within the following areas for each assembly:~~ on a rotating basis.
 - ~~a. During even numbered years: Michigan, Ohio and Southwestern Ontario/Kentucky~~
 - ~~b. During odd numbered years: Wisconsin, Indiana and Region 5 intergroups within Illinois.~~
- ~~4. When the Assembly is not held in a central location the local intergroup will be the hosting intergroup.~~
4. The hosting intergroup will
 - a. Provide volunteers to serve at the registration table on Friday evening and Saturday morning.
 - b. Coordinate the Friday afternoon and Saturday night OA meetings.
 - c. Assist the Region 5 vice chair and/or Region 5 secretary with any other needs of the assembly.

Finished Version

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SUBMITTED BY: Susan M, Acting Bylaws Chair (susan.m.oe@gmail.com) 847-710-8823

INTENT: To eliminate the idea of central location and to update the rotation of hosting intergroups to include those new to Region 5.

IMPLEMENTATION: Update the Region 5 Policies and Procedures

COST: Nominal.

RATIONALE: When Region 5 was smaller, we generally had our Assemblies in a central location. This put undue responsibility on the Intergroup in the often-attended central location. To alleviate that responsibility, a rotation was set up to have other Intergroups perform the hosting. After the inclusion of Region 4 states, we do not have a central location. We suggest the Vice Chair solicit attending Intergroups on a rotating basis to spread the service opportunities to all intergroups.

Region 5 Bylaws Amendment

B1

Date: January 15, 2025

MOVE TO AMEND:

Article VI-Officers, Section A – Election of Officers, Subsection 3 by striking and inserting as follows:

CURRENT WORDING:

3. No Region 5 representative or former Region 5 representative shall be considered for an office until he/she 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.
 - c. Declared themselves as practicing all Twelve Steps to the best of their ability and be committed to the Twelve Traditions of OA and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
 - d. Officers shall have at least two years of current continuous abstinence, one year of which shall be of maintenance of a healthy body weight. Each person shall be the judge of his or her own recovery including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight.

PROPOSED WORDING:

3. ~~No Region 5 representative or former Region 5 representative~~ A current or former Region representative shall may be considered for an office ~~until he/she has~~ if they have:
 - 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.
 - c. Declared themselves as practicing all Twelve Steps to the best of their ability and be committed to the Twelve Traditions of OA and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
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Final Presentation

3. A current or former Region representative may be considered for an office if they have:
 - a. Served actively for one year as a Region representative.
 - b. Attended at least three (3) Region assemblies, not necessarily consecutively, prior to submitting an application.
 - c. Declared themselves as practicing all Twelve Steps to the best of their ability and be committed to the Twelve Traditions of OA and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
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INTENT: When intergroups from Region 4 were absorbed into Region 5, according to our Bylaws, their members' prior Region 4 service would not count in Region 5. This change is to recognize their service at their Region level.

IMPLEMENTATION: Update Region 5 Bylaws

COST: Nominal

RATIONALE: Promote unity in our region

Region 5 New Business

NB1

Date: January 15, 2025

MOVE TO: Amend Standing Rules #11 by striking and inserting as follows:

Current Wording:

11. No personal tape recorders are to be used at the assembly. The meeting is taped by the Secretary for the purpose of clarity in transcribing minutes.

Proposed changes:

11. No personal ~~tape recorders~~ recordings are to be ~~used~~ made at the assembly. The meeting is ~~taped~~ recorded by the Secretary for the purpose of clarity in transcribing minutes.

Finished proposal:

11. No personal recordings are to be made at the assembly. The meeting is recorded by the Secretary for the purpose of clarity in transcribing minutes.

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INTENT: To update out dated terminology.

IMPLEMENTATION: Update Standing Rules.

COST: Nominal

RATIONALE: The existing terminology is outdated and allows for a loophole to only prohibit the use of tape recordings. This allows for any technology recording.