



# Spring Assembly Minutes

## March 1, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Pamela W.

Serenity Prayer, moment of meditation, 3<sup>rd</sup> step prayer.

Introduction of board.

**INTRODUCTION OF GREEN DOTS/MENTORS** by Pamela W.

**INTRODUCTION OF RETIRING INTERGROUP REPS** - Marcy, Caroline, Wanda

**READINGS:** 12 concepts of service were read

**ASSEMBLY RULES:** Read by Parliamentarian Tennie Bee Hall.

**ROLL CALL:** Secretary Carole C. read the roll call; 27 reps representing 17 Intergroups; quorum established.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes of Oct 13-14, 2007, add "Motion #7 passed." Moved that minutes be approved as amended, seconded; approved.

**R2 GUIDE AND NOTES** introduced

**ASK-IT BASKET CIRCULATED:** Chair Pamela W. explained procedure

**ROLL CALL AMENDED:** 29 reps representing 18 Intergroups

**ICEBREAKER:** Shari G., VC, introduced the ice breaker

**REGION 2 WSBC DELEGATES** - funding for three delegates in the R2 budget, application form is in center of packet. Applications are due at noon today.

**BOARD REPORTS** (in packet)

**Chair:** Pamela W. No questions from the floor. Theme for 2008 R2 convention - "Recovery - Together We Can"; Fall Assembly 2008 will feature Friday night event with entertainment and speaker. Think about whether we should increase spring assemblies to one and  $\frac{1}{2}$  days to allow more committee time. We'll have a group conscience later on.

**Vice Chair:** Shari G. New rep orientation correction - R2 WSBC delegate can be from IG that is already sending a delegate. New committee form introduced; includes sign in sheet.

**Secretary:** Carole C. No questions from the floor

**Treasurer:** Joyce F. Distributed updated treasurer's report to reps this morning. Bylaws committee actively working on bylaws revision, to be presented at October assembly; explained what revision will look like. IGs will be able to review revision prior to October assembly. Reminded reps about IFAP form for IGs to apply for additional funding from R2 (forms are in center of packet); must be handed in during morning break/before lunch. Rep must pick up acknowledgement form from Joyce at end of assembly.

**Events Coordinator:** Hanna S. 2010 convention will be in Bay Area, working on location. No questions from the floor. Arranging for separate room for early morning OA meeting as well as for Green Dot meeting. Seeking input from IGs who have never held a convention in their area and would like to.

**Publications:** Mary M. First packet and newsletter have been published. Packets are mailed 45 days before Assembly as stated in Bylaws. We depend on Intergroups to keep IG rep list updated. Newsletter - eight pages, Kim did great job as newsletter editor. Please take newsletter back to IG; helps to inform groups/IGs what R2 does. How can we use newsletter to carry message better? Let Mary know if you have ideas. Dead line is May 1 for next newsletter; theme will be Beyond Our Wildest Dreams.

**R2 World Service Trustee:** Angela J. No questions from the floor. Updates: 2010 World Service Convention - union letter sent to IGs; please disregard. Angela has correction letter from Hilton Hotel if reps wish to read for clarification - hotel is not union.

**PRESENTATION - INTRODUCTION TO R2 COMMITTEE WORK:**

**IG Outreach** - scholarships for IGs who have never attended Assembly are being offered in addition to IFAP funding. IG needs to be within close proximity to assembly

**Young People** - working on outreach to young people, creating more opportunities for young people to be part of recovery

**12<sup>th</sup> Step Within** - need to get flyers to all meetings, started 12<sup>th</sup> step within day.

**Bylaws** - to really learn about what OA is about and about service, join the Bylaws committee

**Public Information** - to spread the OA message. PI packets main job today, we have money budgeted at last assembly for the packets. Will set up mock PI table at June convention.

**Diversity** - coming up with bookmark on all diversity aspects within OA; finalizing bookmark today for dissemination at June convention. Working on Spanish speaking meetings, mothers' meetings with babysitting.

BREAK 9:45 - 10:00

ROLL CALL AMENDED: 31 reps representing 21 Intergroups

INTERGROUP CONCERNS:

IG membership is going down, what can we do to encourage more members, more sponsors? Do Carefrontation. Call people from old phone lists & get them back to meetings. Institute 12<sup>th</sup> Step within committee. Have a Service and Traditions workshop - R2 provides this service to interested IGs. R2 can also do IG board inventories. Sponsorship awareness campaign; gave group reps info to encourage more sponsoring. Announce at meetings "If you need a sponsor, ask"; include in meeting format. Had a sponsorship workshop, well attended; had panel. Temporary sponsor list, sponsor through the 3<sup>rd</sup> step. Group asked reporter to come to a workshop, worked with reporter in regard to Traditions; resulting article brought in a lot of new people. Start website - helps people find meeting. Sponsor workshop like speed dating event, advertise in Penny Saver newspaper.

Can a group belong to two intergroups? According to WS bylaws, can only belong to one intergroup. In reality, can contribute to more than one IG, list with more than one IG. Can choose which IG to belong to. HOW meetings, HOW meeting list, only 18 meetings actually in IG. Newcomer needs comprehensive meeting list. R2 Trustee Angela J pointed out Article 6 calls for geographical proximity for groups to join IG.

HOW OA IG is very intense on doing everything right, lots of people wanting to give service.

ASK IT BASKET QUESTIONS:

1. IFAP forms? - due by lunch.
2. R2 WSBC delegate forms? - due by lunch.
3. How to start a meeting? - go to OA.org and download information for help. Updated suggested meeting format. How to have an event - go to OA.org and download information on putting on an event. Game night is an event, not a meeting.
4. IG does not include R2 reps on IG board - should we? Yes.
5. Please explain use of OA bylaws for HOW. OA bylaws apply to OA HOW, HOW is a focus group in OA
6. When are assembly minutes available? In packet mailed no later than 45 days before next assembly.
7. What are the qualifications to be a sponsor? Any OA member in recovery.
8. How can we handle when an IG member doesn't follow traditions? Read traditions at meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - MOTIONS - please submit in quadruplicate.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 11:00 - 11:50

2008 CONVENTION PRESENTATION: Shirley S/convention chair and members of the 2008 convention gave a presentation.

Recess for lunch 11:58 TO 1:30

Reconvened 1:32

INTERGROUP CONCERNS

1. How to encourage more R2 participation? R2 may provide answers for IG concerns.
2. How or what can Region do to get more reps to the assembly? We will have a Friday night event which will be open to everyone in the area. In Ontario we will invite two or three IGs to sponsor Friday night event. We may pass the basket as a fundraiser for the IGs.
3. How can we stop someone from "13<sup>th</sup> stepping"? A victim needs to step forward and go with IG members to confront predator. Someone could go up to victim and suggest that potential victim not look to predator for program help. There is power in numbers when confronting inappropriate behavior. Talk to predator's sponsor. Make the predator known by name, protect newcomers during meetings and after meetings. Don't let people offer rides during first 30 days.
4. How does Sacramento Valley IG send four out of six reps? Elect two but opens rep positions to anyone. Pays for room, carpool to save money.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2:00-2:50.

BREAK 3:15-3:30

MOTION #1 - Move to adopt 2008 budget

Move to adopt the 2008' Budget, published in the packet for this Assembly, plus an added provision for depreciation of equipment purchased in 2007'.

Motion adopted.

Motion #2: Move to approve overrides for the following items which exceeded their budgeted amounts in 2007:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Override</u>
Board to Assemblies	\$4,500.00	\$4,954.46	\$ 454.46
Assembly Room/Equip.	\$2,000.00	\$2,913.65	\$ 913.65
IG/Outreach Schl.Funds	\$ 405.00	\$ 483.63	\$ 78.63
<b>Total Override Requests</b>			<b>\$1,446.74</b>

Motion adopted.

MOTION #3 -SUPPORT SERVICES

Move to authorize the R2 Board to hire an outside entity to perform various services which are now accomplished by R2 Board members (e.g.: depositing donations; recording payments; preparing financial reports; webmaster; mailings; other reports deemed appropriate by the R2 Board). Establish budget line not to exceed \$10,000/year for these services.

Motion adopted as amended.

MOTION #4 -Upgrade Adobe Acrobat program

Move to purchase the current version for the Adobe Acrobat computer program for an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

Motion adopted.

MOTION #5 R2 Newsletter Budget Increase

Move to increase the 2008 R2 Newsletter budget from \$600.00 to \$1,200.00 to allow the newsletter to expand from a 4-page document to a 6 to 8 page document.

Submitted by: Region 2 Board

Motion adopted.

MOTION #6

Move to allocate or budget up to \$200.00 per committee chair per assembly to ensure attendance at R2 assembly. Moved that requests for funding be reviewed and approved by the R2 board.

Motion adopted as amended.

#### MOTION #7

Moved to

- A) Increase IFAP mileage allowance to the current IRS mileage standard.
- B) Allow each R2 rep to qualify to receive IFAP funding rather than each intergroup.

Motion to be referred to the R2 Board. No objection.

#### MOTION #8

Move to adopt the 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within committee budget increase from \$50 to \$150 to allow for printing of flyers as approved by the R2 board (12<sup>th</sup> Step Within Day) for the R2 convention in June and the 2008 assembly in Ontario in October.

Motion adopted as amended.

#### MOTION #8

Move to increase the budget line item to \$250.00 to purchase 2,000 two-sided bookmarks in English & Spanish and Intergroupal Mexico business cards for convention, our next assembly and WSBC for the Diversity Committee.

Motion adopted as amended.

Question: Should we change spring assembly from 1 to 1 ½ days? Group conscience: No.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Intergroup Outreach/Joy:** Talk up convention at group/intergroup level, will do outreach to neighboring IGs, scholarships for people who haven't attended,

**Diversity/Coleen:** Worked on bookmark.

**Bylaws/Steve:** looked at revised bylaws, add part on parliamentary authority. Looked at P&P, will do that over the next nine months.

**Public Information/Jessica:** Packet items to send to IGs - poster kit; Hearing is Believing CD; Dignity of Choice, About OA pamphlets, free downloads from OA.com website. Will assemble packets at convention. Distributed coupons for redemption at convention. Mike elected acting vice chair. Went over concept of demonstration booth at convention. Discussed concept of skit to be presented at open mike Saturday night. Skit will be about how people find OA

**Young People/Kim:** 1. Reaching out to R2 & IGs with speaker lists already on line - add young person's code. 2. Hold YP panel at convention. Make a pitch for YP stories using Lifeline format. Suggest to all R2 IGs 1. IGs identify any meetings that focus on YP on website and meeting lists, phone & email address on lists. Newsletter - one page with focus on YPs.

**12 Step Within/Harold:** Form list of people who have recovered following relapse, put together \$150 budget increase, worked on 12 Step within flyer.

**Election of R2 Delegates to WSBC:** Two applicants - Colette and Reggie, elected by acclamation.

#### INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP:

1. How can you get your IG to send more reps to Assembly? Bring enthusiasm back to the groups, IGs. Adopt a member - personal outreach - bring someone along to R2. Put emphasis on recovery. Let people know IG will pay reps' expenses. Plan ahead. Hold fundraisers specifically to help pay for IG reps. Elect all possible delegates. One on one contact with other groups. Bring visitors to local R2 events that are open. Keep reports brief and interesting. Let people know how service has helped my recovery. Meet more people in recovery. Attend other meetings to talk up R2. Anyone can come as a visitor to get feeling for R2. Invite someone to come with you. Make up positive flyer to take back. Talk about icebreakers, workshops, speakers.

2. How can you practice more rotation of service among the reps from your IG? Limit terms. Change time & locations of R2, involve sponsors. Bring other people to local events when possible. Speak up about convention, generate enthusiasm. Don't see value of service till I do service. Sponsors push service, bring sponsees to meetings.
3. How can you help to get other intergroups that do not send any reps to do so? Talk to people or IG - generate enthusiasm - IG outreach committee can help. Have speakers on websites from these events. Contact other groups to prod to send people. Pitch R2 at meetings in other areas. Article in Newsletter explaining R2. Hold Service & Traditions workshop at IG.

GREEN DOT GRADUATION - nine Green Dots were graduated.

RETIRING REP CEREMONY - three reps retired. Bottom of certificate is to pass along to new reps.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:30 p.m.