



Fall Assembly Minutes

October 31 - November 1, 2009

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 9:02 am by Chair Pamela.

SERENITY PRAYER, 3 MIN MED, 3RD STEP PRAYER

INTRODUCE GREEN DOTS / MENTORS

RETIRING REPS INTRODUCTION

INTRO OF REGION CHAIRS AND REGION CHAIR TRUSTEE

READING: 12 CONCEPTS – Read in unison by region chairs

ASSEMBLY RULES - Read by Parliamentarian Tennie Bee Hall

ROLL CALL: Secretary Carole read the roll call: 44 reps representing 27 Intergroups; 6 board members, trustee, 13 visitors, quorum established.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of 2009 Spring Assembly (March 31), approved.

ASK-IT-BASKET CIRCULATED: Chair explained the procedure, region chair questions encouraged.

ICEBREAKER: Shari G., Vice Chair, introduced the ice breaker

IG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED: Dolores, Lake Mendocino IG was the scholarship recipient. Also LaVerna from Ebony received the second scholarship.

INTRODUCED COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BOARD REPORTS: R2 Secy demonstrated OAR2 website, links, registering events, IG added

Chair: Pamela W – Announced committee signups to be on registration form in future.

Vice Chair: Shari G – Distributed speaker/leader lists. Announced that ST&C workshops are available to all Intergroups.

Secretary: Carole C. suggested RRs utilize free conference calls to do committee work. Just “google” free conference calls. demo’d for everyone registering on speaker List, etc. including the Datebook on oa.org.

Events Coordinator: Hanna S. – Announced dates: Oct/22-24/2010 Assembly; Apr/15-16/2011 Assembly; Jul/7-10/2011 Convention. All to be held at LAX Marriott.

Trustee: Meg H. –. explained the handouts, Trustee application had been emailed to registered reps and IG's and Joyce has extra copies, explained Lifeline upgrade, and announced that Datebook is now on oa.org where events can be easily entered.

Publications: Mary –. Requested that R2 newsletters be distributed to meetings; Needs articles, poems, etc for next newsletter (1-15-10 deadline); Asked for volunteer to design newsletter as Kim O. is stepping down. Robin M. volunteered; Reminded reps that R2 Display Board is available for Intergroup events.

Treasurer: Wanda W – Presented written treasurer's update report and financial report with proposed 2010 budget to be considered later during assembly.

10:15 AM BREAK

PRESENTATION – INTRODUCTION TO R2 COMMITTEE WORK

IG Outreach – Brenda: purpose is to contact IGs who don't attend R2 events, maintain contact following Assembly. Finalized IG scholarship process, now available on R2 website. Of the four remaining IGs who have not attended recent assemblies, two are attending today's. Expanded outreach calls – calling groups not attending consistently. Most of those are at today's assembly.

Public Information (PI) – Mike D: carrying the message to those who are still suffering, have sponsored PI booth at last two conventions, PI packets sent to each IG. PI 101 course – PowerPoint presentation on how to do PI event – to be available on R2 website, PI radio ads, teleconferencing between assemblies.

12th Step Within – Donna: working on R2 speaker list specifically for relapse and recovery, encourage IGs to be more proactive in recovery i.e., holding retreats, exchange of ideas for carrying the message.

Bylaws – Joyce: working on revising the P&P.

Diversity – Meg (board liaison): Did Spanish cards last year, connected with Intergroupal Mexico, may work on new focus this assembly – men, gays, cultural differences.

Young People – Hanna (board liaison and events coordinator): hard to get young people into OA, we need young people to spearhead this committee, need young folks to keep OA going.

REGION / INTERGROUP CONCERNS (Region Chairs helped answer IG concerns.)

Q. Woman staffing one person office, overzealous gentleman called, he was treated nicely, then he came into office looking for her. How should IG make sure office person is safe?

A. San Diego IG recently had issues with 13th stepping person and members feeling threatened by this person: one on one, person takes responsibility for their own boundaries; if that doesn't work, plan to have board-appointed person speaks on behalf of person being approached. Have office person explain that this is an office and that this behavior isn't appropriate for office setting. "My boss says I can't socialize on the job." Region 5 office manned by volunteers, keep door locked, sign on the door to knock or ring for help. Have help line back up.

Q. Common problem regardless of IG size, same 5 or 6 people volunteer for everything. How do IGs encourage people to give service?

A. Sponsors should require sponsees to give service. Ask people face to face to give service. Rotate out of service position. Bring sponsee to IG meeting. Have workshops afterwards – more reason to attend. Give specific information of how much time jobs will take. Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, but equips the called. Break jobs into smaller duties so people without abstinence requirements can do smaller jobs. Pass out cards to fill out for talents. Tell people how much you love service, what it does for recovery; don't whine about service; enjoy what you do and have fun at it.

Q. Issues with principles before personalities, difficulty with certain members who have outbursts and can't keep agenda on task, issues have gotten blown out of proportion, makes it hard for people to come to IG. (IG IS sponsoring S&T workshop in near future.)

A. Brochure on OA website dealing with difficult members. Use timer and say "Thank you, next" when timer goes off. Meeting is one hour long, when it is over it is over. Problem member – comes up in all IGs, study traditions and concepts to see where real issue lies. Involve other people, involve IG, talk to others in IG about what is happening at meeting, talk to R2 board member if problem is at IG. If meetings or IGs are in jeopardy, we need to protect meetings and IG because this is our program, our recovery.

Q. People who don't want to attend IG because meetings take too long. How do we tactfully propose change to stay on schedule?

A. Have times on agenda, ratify agenda at IG meeting. Each board member provides written report, cuts out a lot of time – just give brief synopsis of report. Stick to schedule, have timed agenda. New business has to be on agenda, if rep brings issue it is put on next meeting's agenda

Q. How to enforcing guideline stating that if board member misses two meetings they are off the board?

A. Board member sends report. Board member lets IG know they can't attend – "absent with prior notification." Committee sends report so rep is not officially absent. Create Vice chair position to represent committee chair when absent. Region 5 increased S&T workshops by 50% - invite board to present S&T workshop, build workshop around problem. Call folks just to see if person is in relapse, if they are okay. It is not a requirement if it isn't followed up on, isn't enforced. Use R2 format for IG meetings.

ASK IT BASKET

- Q. When will we have R2 convention or assembly in Hawaii?
 A. Hanna – very expensive, have to poll IGs if they can afford to go to Hawaii
- Q. What is being done about lack of newcomers to meetings?
 A. This is A PI committee topic, with a motion to follow for R2. Donate money to WSO to help reach newcomers.
- Q. When we are planning retreats, what are our resources?
 A. WSO has booklet on special events, talk with other IGs who have had retreats,
- Q. How do you reach out to member who has trouble with long-term abstinence, wants to leave OA?
 A. Approach person, tell them you are glad they are at the meeting, encourage them to keep coming back. Just listen to them, their concerns, and problems, share strength, hope and experience (S/H/E).
- Q. . Regarding lifeline, why is it now \$23 for a subscription?
 A. Lifeline is a WSO service not moneymaker, has been subsidized for years. Deficit grew to over \$60,000 last year and WSO had to do something. Considered raising price to \$22/subscription, for \$23/year magazine could be glossy and in full color. Now you get more for your money and it is more attractive for leaving in doctor's offices, etc.
- Q. How do you apply for help with expenses for hotel and food? IFAP only addresses mileage.
 A. Other than IFAP and Scholarship, there is nothing in place. We can help with room sharing – let us know if you need a roommate. IFAP not designed to cover all expenses, but to assist struggling intergroups. IFAP money is calculated on mileage but can be used for all expenses, like food and hotel and gas, etc.
- Q. Are you aware of any IGs Regions or WSO incorporated as nonprofit?
 A. Very few R2 IGs actually incorporated, but almost mandatory now that you incorporate. Incorporation isn't expensive; however, nonprofit status is 45 million pages now. Incorporation protects board. Most regions are incorporated, Region 9 isn't, and many R2 IGs are incorporated. Talk to IGs that are incorporated.
- Q. For tax purposes, how to groups keep bank accounts?
 A. We take in cash, treasurer writes checks for donations.
- Q. A group has been approached by a new member for having abstinence requirements for sharing and for service positions.
 A. We can have abstinence requirement for service positions, and speakers, but we cannot have abstinence requirement for individuals' sharing, can suggest it but cannot require it.
- Q. How do you get your name on the R2 speaker list?
 A. Go to "speaker list" on www.oar2.org, fill in form and submit. You will receive an email in response to your submission; vice chair will see that you are added to the list.
- Q. What are the best ways for groups to link up to R2?
 A. If you have a website already, you are linked to R2 already. If you have other ways you want to link up, email a board member.
- Q. How would you handle cross talk when the leader/meeting secretary is not asking the person to stop?
 A. Let it go – up to leader/secy to run meeting. Discuss secy duties at groups conscience meeting. Speak up if it is in meeting format to avoid cross talk, but do it kindly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1

Moved that the following line item be increased as follows:

Item	Description	Amount
701-00	Board Support Services	\$1,200

Motion adopted.

Motion #2A

Moved that, according to policy manual Section VIII B #13, funding of the following budget line items be determined for 2009:

Item	Description	Amount
715-00	Donation to Delegate Support Fund	\$2,000
716-00	Donation to WSO	\$1,250

718-00	Donation to RCC Travel Sup	\$1,000
719-00	Donation to Support Translation of Lit	<u>\$1,000</u>
	Total budget increase:	<u>\$5,250</u>

Motion adopted.

Motion #2B

Moved to remove budget line item 717-00 (Donation to Public Awareness Campaign) from Policy manual Section VIII B #13 as the fund has been discontinued by WSO.

Motion adopted.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS – BREAK OUT – SIGN IN

CONVENTION 2010 REPORT: Convention committee members made presentation. San Mateo Marriott June 4,5,6, 2010; speakers, marathon meetings karaoke, open mike, registration forms are available to take back today to IGs.

12:00 Noon LUNCH WITH REGION CHAIR GUEST SPEAKER

Reconvened 1:30

REGION / INTERGROUP CONCERNS

Q. How to encourage people to sponsor?

A. IG has sponsorship committee chair and promotes temporary sponsors. Ask for R2 Service, Traditions & Concepts (ST&C) workshop focusing on sponsoring.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3:15-3:30 PM BREAK

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #4 50 years of OA

Move that the following line item be increased as follows to cover cost of printing Spanish cards:

Item	Description	Amount
686-00	Committee Expense-Diversity	\$86

Motion adopted.

Motion #5

Moved to increase the number of scholarships awarded from two (2) to three (3) per assembly. Increase item number 628-00 (Intergroup Outreach Scholarship Fund) by \$500.

Motion adopted.

ASK-IT-BASKET

Q. How about having an R2 assembly on "OA is for everyone" – disabilities, diversity, etc.?

A. The Assemblies don't have a theme. Could talk to convention chair and ask for panels on special interest groups. Assemblies are primarily business meetings with entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights but R2 has "Give as though your life depends on it" as a theme for the whole of 2009. So could we have "OA is for everyone" as an R2 theme for the year? We have a workshop at the assemblies. Why not one on Unity with Diversity or something like that?

Q. What is the status of another possible convention in Palm Springs as discussed at previous assembly? Perhaps 2013 could be in Palm Springs as earlier convention locations are already planned.

A. Ask people in Palm Springs because they have to put the convention on.

Q. Our IG is broke, how can we raise money to send more delegates to R2? To WSBC?

A. Marathons, bringing in speakers, special collections, raise suggested donation amount for special events. Sponsor jewelry sales, walks. Talk with other IGs. Raffle baskets with themes i.e., sex and intimacy.

Q. R2 reps – would your group or IG be willing to provide an electronic contact for WSO to update local information?

A. Sacramento Valley IG does this for their IG webpage. There is a field for this on WSO website.

Q. Would it be appropriate to sell an official OA candle for fundraising purposes?

A. You would need WSO permission to use the logo, otherwise it is okay.

Q. Can we read from nonOA approved literature at meetings? We ask at meetings that people not bring non-OA approved literature. If people do come with such, what do we do?

A. After the person reads, ask them not to read from it again. This happened at an R2 convention; we should pull that recording; however, by the time Hanna asked the tape company to delete the tape, copies had already been made. We cannot put tapes on the R2 website for four years, but we can pull that tape in two more years.

Q. Our IG pays an enormous amount of rent to the point we may have to vacate our office location. Can you please provide ideas as to how to increase funding or how to have an IG without an office?

A. Look at your IG goals and decide if having an office is essential to meet those goals. Use office as meeting room to help defray expenses. Let groups know that meeting the IG office space rent is a struggle so that they can help; let people know what you need.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION: Concepts of Service – Enhancing Your Personal Life, presented by Gerri, Region 8 chair.

ADJOURNED 5:30

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 9:04 am by Chair Pamela W.

SERENITY PRAYER, 3 MIN MED, 3RD STEP PRAYER

READING: 12 CONCEPTS – Read in unison by region chairs

ASSEMBLY RULES - Read by Parliamentarian Tennie Bee Hall

ROLL CALL: Secretary Carole read the roll call: 43 reps representing 27 Intergroups; 6 board members, Trustee, 11 visitors, quorum established.

ASK-IT-BASKET CIRCULATED

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CONTINUED)

ELECTIONS:

Vice chair (2 year term) Shari Greenberg

Secretary (2 year term) Carole Childs

Events Coordinator (2 year term) Randi Zeehandelaar

Treasurer (1 year term) Wanda Wellever

Elected by voice vote.

Trustee Nominee (3 year term) Meg Harlor

Majority rules that Meg Harlor is affirmed as R2 Trustee candidate for WSBC.

Affirmed by show of hands

10:37 AM BREAK

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Motion 3 was considered after motion 8.

Motion #6

Maker withdraws Motion 6

Motion #7

Move that a change be made to the policy and procedures manual section VIII D #2, to read: IFAP applications must be postmarked no later than 1 month prior to each assembly. The IFAP application can accompany the registration for the assembly by IG reps to R2. Two weeks prior to the assembly, the R2 treasurer will notify each IG that has applied the ~~exact~~ *estimated* amount of IFAP funding they can expect. The Funding Amounts will be based on Section VIII, D #3 and #4.

Referred to the board to bring the recommendation back to the Spring Assembly.

Motion #8

Moved that the funding for line item 692-00 be increased to \$1,000 for the budget year to send packets subject to R2 board approval to 34 R2 IGs to be disbursed to meetings .

Motion adopted.

Motion #3

Move to adopt the 2010 Region 2 Budget with approved revisions.

Motion adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IG Outreach – Dolores: passed out scholarship checks, increased # of scholarships from 2 to 3, in future will touch base with IGs, spread message, pass along ideas, Spring – reach out to unaffiliated groups.

PI – Lynn: established goals to increase effectiveness between PI committee and IG PI chairs, booth at 2010 convention, PI outreach to local IGs, help local PI committees with 101 PowerPoint, success stories, serve as R2 liaison for budget allocation and IG needs, start surveying IG needs, other projects as adopted.

Diversity – Judy: goals are ongoing, long term; proactively supporting diversity groups, that OA is open to ALL members so long as they want to stop overeating. Promoting Unity with Diversity. Encourage meeting formats to use diversity format inclusion, to include wheel chair accessibility on meeting listings, encourage Spanish meetings, setting up teleconf option to keep meeting going. Encouraging Diversity Day workshops at IG levels to encourage diversity, through trustee getting cards to pass out to IG besides Spanish cards, more cards in English, put on Diversity workshop at upcoming assembly.

12th Step Within - Donna: finishing up Relapse and Recovery speakers list, will email to all groups at next assembly, encourage all IGs to own 12th Step Within handbook, encourage all IGs to purchase and make available “welcome back” packets. Agenda: speaker list, more suggested events at IG level, make available 12th step within meetings for shut ins.

Accomplished: getting WSO adoption of 12th Step Within day Dec 12 at WSBC. Purpose is to educate and make IGs aware that we are here to reach out to those who need help.

Young People – Robin: short-term conf call 11.15, each member will bring back census of how many young people are attending meetings. Conf call 3rd Sunday of each month, send secy what is going on for young people at IGs. Long term: increase awareness and provide hot stuff for young people. Find better ways to disseminate info to 18-25 year-olds create packet and phone line for that age group.

Bylaws – Joyce: in the process of major overhaul of P&P manual. It currently has a lot in it that should be under purview of R2 board, rest of it is under purview of assembly. Trying to split and refine P&P into Board and Assembly P&Ps; long term project. Bring it into compliance with current practices. Plan to have it ready for adoption at next Fall Assembly.

INTERGROUP CONCERNS

Orange County IG was approached to do interview, to be aired KSBR out of Saddleback College on 11/16, 7 pm. Also available online streaming.

Reminder that OALAIG is having 50th anniversary Jan 15-17, 2010. Online registration available at www.oalaig.org. Will be a young people’s session there.

ASK-IT-BASKET

Q. Will we be getting a list of R2 reps from Assembly?

A. Yes, Mary will email it to everyone after the assembly.

Q. Will the webmaster ever attend assembly?

A. Yes, John was at last assembly and at the convention, and will probably be at other assemblies.

INTERGROUP CONCERNS

Q. Ways and means is too complicated, how can we keep it simple?

A. Develop P&P, contact PI committee as they are working on this.

COMMENTS

We have had more participation at assemblies – 44 reps 27 IGs, love to see 50 reps and 30 IGs. Region Chairs emphasized that all groups consider using the WSO meeting list for all groups to publish meeting lists, also ask that each service body, meetings, regions, IGs, service boards ALL have email contact to be used only by WSO.

On behalf of region chairs, thanked everyone for amazing and wonderful assembly.

GREEN DOT GRADUATION

RETIRING REPS HONORED Brenda, E. Jean, Ginger, Mike D, Carolina, Eileen, Jane all received outgoing RR certificates.

RETIRING R2 BOARD MEMBER HONORED: Hanna received a certificate and package for 2010 R2 convention as outgoing Events Coordinator.

ADJOURNED 11:58 am