



REGION 2 FALL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

Call to Order: Meeting called to order 9:00 AM by Nancy Jensen, Chair

Readings: The Concepts were read by Glo; Tinnie Bee, Parliamentarian, read the Assembly Rules

Roll Call: 37 RRs were present, 6 voting Board members, 1 Alternative, 1 Trustee. A Quorum was established

Introductions: Green Dots were introduced to Mentors and Outgoing/Retiring Reps were acknowledged.

Adoption of previous minutes: The Minutes from Spring 2014 Assembly were reviewed and corrected. A motion passed unanimously to accept the minutes as corrected

Intergroup concerns were addressed.

The Ask-It Basket was circulated

Announcement: Virtual Services has a list of phone meetings available. They are available 24 hours a day.

BOARD REPORTS:

Chair: Nancy announced the WSBC theme for 2015 will be "The Miracle of Abstinence". She reminded RRs to complete the Assembly Evaluation forms distributed today; gave the pin access code # 326612* to participate in the "Chat with the Chair" monthly phone session (605-475-4000); gave the access code #925619 for the phone bridge (424-203-8405) for the Virtual Workshops.

Vice-Chair: Linda went over the points on how the STC workshops work.

Secretary: There were no questions for Alex.

Treasurer: Jerry answered questions.

Events Coordinator: Maureen announced the 2015 Fall Assembly and 2016 Spring Assembly will be in the San Jose area, hopefully in the same location of the 2016 Convention

R2 Trustee: Meg corrected her packet report and announced that *Overeaters Anonymous - Third Edition* (the OA Brown book) is now available.

Publications Coordinator: Betty Jean requested articles for the R2 newsletter.

Presentation: There was a Virtual Services workshop/presentation

It was announced that AA Requests that we read literature in it's entirety. If we are reading something from the Big Book (How it Works, the Promises), AA requests we read it as written directly from an actual copy of the original text.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1: Moved to amend R2 Policy Section VII - R2 Committees, 1st paragraph, to read:

R2 Committees are: By-laws, Convention, Diversity, Intergroup Outreach, Public Information, Twelfth Step Within, Young People Persons and other committees as may be deemed by an assembly or the R2 Board.

Motion Adopted

Motion #2: Moved to amend R2 Policy Section III - Description of Current R2 Committees And Their Purposes: Item D, 7 as follows:

7. Young People Persons Committee
The R2 Young People Persons Committee assists Intergroups interested in formalizing a Young People Persons Program. The Committee also helps organize or sponsor Young People Persons events such as retreats and conventions, etc.

Motion Adopted

Motion #3: Moved to adopt the 2015 Proposed Budget

Motion Adopted

Motion #4: Moved per R2 Policy VIII, B, 13, to authorize the following donations of line items, totaling \$5000.

Line Item

- 715-00: Delegate Support Fund \$500
- 716-00: World Service General Funds \$3500
- 717-00: Professional Exhibits Fund \$500
- 718-00: Region Chairs Committee Travel Support \$500

Motion Adopted

Motion #5: Moved to amend Policy & Procedure Manual, Section V. R2 Representatives, Duties and Responsibilities #3 as follows:

3. Notify the Publications Coordinator when you are no longer an RR (at least ~~45~~ 60 days prior to an Assembly) and pass on the R2 Assembly booklet of R2 Assembly minutes, agenda, donations, etc. to your Intergroup for the new RR.

Motion Adopted

Motion #6: Moved to amend Policy & Procedure Manual, Section VII. R2 Committees, A. R2 Committee Operating Procedures #7 as follows:

7. As ~~M~~mileage for committee business will not be reimbursed by R2, it is suggested that committees meet between Assemblies by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media, so long as all members may simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting. **Motion Adopted**

Motion #7: Moved to amend Policy & Procedure Manual, Section VIII, Operating Policies and Procedures, A. Business Meetings, 6. c) as follows:

1. Registration of RRs to attend Assemblies:
 - a) RRs will pre-register to attend R2 Assemblies a minimum of 30 days prior to an Assembly. Registrations "on-site" will be subject to space availability.
 - b) A transferable registration fee will be charged, which includes a Speaker/Buffer lunch on Saturday of the Assembly.
 - c) Registration forms to be provided by the R2 Publications Coordinator, ~~on request, and~~ will be included in the Assembly packet and be posted on the website under Assembly info. **Motion Adopted**

Motion #8: Moved to amend Policy & Procedure Manual, Section VIII, Operating Policies and Procedures, B. Financial, 3. as follows:

3. Current Board members' registrations, meals, lodgings and transportation expenses will be paid for attendance at R2 Conventions. This does not preclude the option of gifting registration for the R2 Conventions to outgoing Board Members for the R2 Convention immediately following their cessation of service. **Motion Adopted**

Motion #9: Moved to amend Policy & Procedure Manual, Section VIII, Operating Policies and Procedures, C. R2 Entry into Legal Contracts 1 and 2, as follows: (disregard incorrect #'s)

1. R2 shall only enter into legal contracts by a majority vote of the R2 Board, subject always to R2 Assembly prior approval or R2 Assembly endorsement. If an approval is by Board vote, the Events Coordinator and a second Board Member will sign the contracts. If the Assembly gives approval, one Board Member, preferably the Events Coordinator, may sign the contracts.
2. No single R2 officer, Committee Chair, RR or other single party shall be empowered to commit R2 to legal contracts or encumbrances without prior Assembly knowledge and approval.
3. All contracts between R2 and other parties shall be in writing with appropriate signatures.
4. No credit cards are to be established under the Region 2 name. All contracts and obligations will be paid by issuing a check to individuals and/or companies for authorized expenses.

Motion Adopted

Motion #10: Moved to amend Policy & Procedure Manual, Section VIII, Operating Policies and Procedures, D. Funding Assistance Programs, 1. IFAP, g) iii. as follows:

- g) Available funds will be distributed:
 - i. Among all Intergroups who apply, subject to conditions set forth in this policy;
 - ii. Based upon mileage from the Intergroup's office address, or its Post Office street address, to the Assembly at 45 cents per mile.
 - iii. Up to a maximum of \$450.00 per Assembly per any one Intergroup's primary RR. This limit does not apply to Hawaii and Mexico as they are funded under a separate program.
 - iv. A second RR from an Intergroup may apply for additional IFAP funding in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of funding allowed for the first RR from that Intergroup.

Motion Adopted

Motion #11: Move to amend Policy & Procedure Manual, Section VIII, Operating Policies and Procedures, L. R2 Communication Lists, #4, as follows:

- 4. A list of all deadlines in relation to Assembly will be placed on the R2 website calendar. Using available lists, reminder emails will be sent out to all RRs notifying them of these dates. With the exception of the dates of the assembly, the reminder emails will all be sent out 10 days prior to the deadline. These dates may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Dates of the Assembly for the current and immediately following year.
 - b. Deadline date of 60 days prior to the Assembly for notification of Bylaw amendments, change of RR and application to run for Regional Trustee.
 - c. Deadline date of 45 days prior to the Assembly for applications for IFAP and IASF.
 - d. Deadline date of 30 days prior to the Assembly for registration.
 - e. Monthly Calls put on by the R2 Board.
 - f. Quarterly 12 Step Within Calls put on by R2.
 - g. Deadline of Sept 1st for applications for WSBC Delegate Assistance Fund.

Motion Referred Back To Committee

Motion #12: Moved to amend Policy & Procedure Manual, Section VII. R2 Committees, D. Description of Current R2 Committees and their Purpose as follows:

Please refer to the R2 Board Operating Manual for duties and responsibilities of ~~committee chairs~~ board liaisons.

Motion Withdrawn

Proposed Motion #13: Moved to amend Policy & Procedure Manual, Section VIII, Operating Policies and Procedures, D. Funding Assistance Programs, 1. IFAP, f & k as follows:

1. INTERGROUP FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (IFAP)
 - a. Intergroups are expected to fund their representatives (RRs) attendance at assemblies. This policy provides assistance to financially challenged Intergroups who are unable to participate without financial aid.
 - b. Intergroup funding assistance will be available to Intergroups to send RRs to region 2 Assemblies.
 - c. Applications must be submitted to the Region 2 Treasurer forty-five (45) days prior to the Assembly for which funding is requested. Thirty (30) days prior to the Assembly, the R2 Treasurer will send notification to Intergroups by email or regular mail, indicating receipt of the application and the amount of IFAP funding they will be eligible to receive.
 - d. Applications received after the deadline, including those submitted at the Assembly, will be considered only if there are IFAP funds still available for distribution at that Assembly, or if a budget override is approved by a majority of the RRs at that Assembly. Prior to the end of Assembly, treasurer will inform Assembly of total IFAP amount requested, and in the event application amount exceeds maximum amount budgeted, Assembly will vote on a budget override to fulfill IFAP requests.
 - e. Unused IFAP funds allocated for an Assembly for 2nd level RRs may be used to supplement funding for 1st level RRs when needed.
 - f. Any applications received at the Assembly will be required to obtain a 'confirmation' slip. ~~At the Assembly,~~ The R2 Treasurer will provide the RR with a 'confirmation' slip after the last business session of the Assembly. Failure to obtain ~~the confirmation slip~~ *this form* will disqualify the intergroup from receiving IFAP funds.
 - g. Available funds will be distributed:
 - i. Among all Intergroups who apply, subject to conditions set forth in this policy;
 - ii. Based upon mileage from the Intergroup's office address, or its Post Office street address, to the Assembly at 45 cents per mile.
 - iii. Up to a maximum of \$450.00 per Assembly per any one Intergroup's primary RR.
 - iv. A second RR from an Intergroup may apply for additional IFAP funding in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of funding allowed for the first RR from that Intergroup.
 - h. If funds are requested which exceed the available maximum, and an override was not confirmed by vote at the Assembly, they will be reduced on a pro-rata basis among all Intergroups applying by the application deadline. Should there be funds available for late applications; they shall be distributed on a pro-rata basis among those applicants.
 - i. Minimum funding will be determined at the Assembly during the budget presentation. The budget shall reflect two line items for IFAP funding, Primary (for 1st applicants) and Secondary (for 2nd applicants). No more

than half of the budgeted funds will be distributed at the 1st Assembly of the year without the Assembly's approval prior to the close of business.

- j. Additional funding will be determined at the R2 Assembly prior to the Assembly for which the funding will be requested.
- k. ~~IFAP monies will be sent to each Intergroup Office after the Treasurer has confirmed the mileage and amounts requested in all applications.~~ RRs are required to attend all business sessions of the Assembly to be eligible for funding assistance. *At the end of the final business session, RRs who applied for and were granted IFAP funds prior to assembly, will receive checks made out to their Intergroups in the amount of their "pre-determined" awards. Any RRs not present at the end of the final business meeting will not have their funds awarded. The R2 Board shall be permitted to allow payment to those affected Intergroups in case of extenuating circumstances.*

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Motion was broken into parts A (#F) and B (#K). Both motions were Adopted

Motion #14: Moved to accept Mary Higgins proposal to redo the Region 2 website plus the 14 hosted Intergroups at a cost not to exceed \$4500. If Additional Intergroups are added the cost will be \$180 per Intergroup. If additional maintenance is needed it will be at a maximum of \$50 per hour.

Motion Adopted

Ask- It-Basket

Q: How do we reignite the fire in our Intergroup? Rotation of service at board levels is lacking and there doesn't seem to be much inclination to follow bylaws and Roberts Rules. A: Lifeline has an excellent article about Trusted Servants. It is available in the Lifeline sampler.

Q: Can we get the phone list of R2 Speakers? Will it be available online? A: For a copy, contact the vicechair@oar2.org. It will not be available online due to the confidentiality of information.

Q: In your opinion, what are three best practices for a vital local Intergroup? A: Schedule an STC Workshop and we will handle it

Q: Page 2 of the Newsletter lists all board names and contact information. Can we list the committees for each Board Liaison and it would be great if the Liaison would report this somewhere what the committees are doing? A: If it is not in the next Newsletter it will definitely be on the website

Q: Why is it so important to support lifeline? I don't feel it helpful personally. A: Jerry shared the significant impact made by Lifeline and many people who travel a lot tuck it in their pocket and it is very helpful

Q: Our meeting suggests \$3 donation as per World Service. Could every meeting suggest this?

A: Yes. If everyone in every meeting gave \$3 we could give the literature away

Q: Can we get an R2 mobile App? A: It is possible although may not be necessary.

5:15 PM Meeting was adjourned

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

Call to order: At 9:15 AM the Assembly was called to order by Nancy, Chair with a 2 Minute meditation

The 12 Concepts were read by Cathy, UDDI

Chair read nominations and elections requirements

Elections:

A secret ballot was requested. There were 37 voting members present.

Nancy was re-elected Chair, receiving a majority of the votes cast.

Intergroup Concerns or Questions:

Q: I am becoming Intergroup Treasurer and need help. Where can I get that? A: Oa.org and World Services has help available.

Elections were resumed:

Betty Jean was re-elected Publications Coordinator, receiving a majority of the votes cast.

There being no candidates for the position of Treasurer, the R2 Board will appoint a qualified individual to perform the duties until the 2015 elections are conducted.

Committee Reports were presented:

- Bylaws Marjorie D
- Public Information Sandi H
- Young Persons Cynthia
- TSW Rick Z
- Diversity Anne O and Michelle W
- Intergroup Outreach Greggor

A motion to change the Diversity Committee Statement was sent back to Committee

The Assembly was adjourned at 11:52 PM

Submitted by,
Alex Mohr, Secretary