

Region 6 Spring Assembly - Albany, NY – April 16, 2016

New Hampshire Intergroup was represented by 3 members: Elaine, Jill and Dorothy

In total, there were 52 representatives and 6 board members present = total 58 voting members (First count; I believe there may have been a couple of additions after that.)

By-Laws - Dorothy chaired, and Elaine served as a committee member on the By-Laws/Policies/Procedures committee. The committee discussed how to handle a modification we were asked to make to the amended Policy # 13 (regarding the scholarship application process for group reps to travel to Region 6 and/or the WSBC) to allow more time between the application deadline and the date by which the committee needs to make their award decision. We also discussed adding a new committee to the committee list (which would require a by-law amendment), to add a Unity with Diversity committee, and the creation of a Unity with Diversity policy statement to reflect the diversity within our organization, and as a way to be more inclusive.

IGOR (Intergroup Outreach committee) – IGOR received \$5000 out of the R6 2015/16 budget to conduct an IG Leadership Training session this summer for the NY/CT area. During the budget proposal later in the meeting, a member of the IGOR committee made a motion to add \$15,000 to the budget for 2016/17 to conduct 3 more of these workshops throughout R6. The motion was debated and passed overwhelmingly, so our Intergroup Board will likely be able to attend one of these workshop during 2016/17. IGOR pays for the workshop materials and hotel rooms; the local IGs pay for travel and food costs only.

Convention Committee – R6 will be holding the Region 6 Convention in October 2017 in the Toronto, Ontario area. We are in the process of setting up committee chairs. I will be managing the roommate list! The committee reminded everyone to be sure to apply for your passport well in advance, or make sure your passport won't be expiring too soon to the convention date. They also put in a plug for the World Service Convention in Boston Labor Day weekend, (see oa.org for details.)

Finance – Discussed the Region 6 budget, and donations, as well as the website and scholarships. See discussion about the IG Training above which will necessitate some moving around of expenses.

Web & Publication – See the Spring Assembly Bytes for more information about the revamping of the R6 Website planned for the summer. They are rethinking the delivery format of the R6 Messenger.

12th Step Within – They continued their work on the IDEA Day flyer and discussed the availability of 4 new portable Twelfth Step Within workshops for 2017.

Young Persons – This committee was disbanded by vote of the membership; It's hoped that the creation of a Unity with Diversity committee will address all the diversity within our members, including young persons.

The WRITING TOPIC: At each assembly, there is a writing topic presented to encourage members to submit articles for publication. The topic is this: How has working steps 8&9 changed your recovery? All submissions for the Fall Issue are due by **[Dorothy or Jill? Do either of you know the date?]** Send to newsletter@region6.org

Dates for future Assemblies:

Fall 2016 – 9/24 (Wolf Rd.)

2017

- Spring – April 8 (Wolf Rd.)
- Fall – Sept. 9 or 16th; (Venue still to be determined)

2018

- April 14 (Wolf Rd.)
- Sept. 29 (Wolf Rd.)

2019

- April 13 (Wolf Rd.)
- Sept. 21 (Wolf Rd.)

Karin H., our Region 6 Trustee, gave a brief tradition “workshop” and made the following points based on issues and questions she had throughout the year:

1. If an “OA” group is not registered with WSO, it can’t call itself an OA group.
2. 7th Tradition is strictly used to pay rent to facilities, buy literature and other activities needed to carry the message. In order to ensure we don’t become affiliated with the entity who owns the facility, it is not okay to make extra donations to the facility. Members asked about making donations to facilities/organizations who don’t charge rent. The suggestion was made to donate funds to the facility in place of rent; or make a donation to a charity the organization supports (the donation would be from the meeting, not the facility).
3. It is against tradition to announce AA events in OA meetings. Refrain from pitching other groups in OA meetings. Also it was reiterated again that Non-OA announcements are not appropriate and in fact, are against our traditions.
4. Reminder that it is against tradition to engage in outside issues such as political issues; Its okay for members to wear buttons and have discussions with individual members but should not speak to the meeting as a whole about such matters or any other outside issues.
5. OA Approved literature is either conference approved (literature that goes through a conference committee) or board approved (literature approved by WSO board members and Region chairs (Lifeline, Seeking a Spiritual Path, 12-Step Workshop, etc.)
6. Read Big Book as written; OA can only change the wording in the Steps and Traditions as directed by WSO.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine, Dorothy, and Jill