

Dear OA Region 9 Friends,

Region 9 Assembly and Conference was once again an outstanding success. A big thank you to the Iceland organising committee for an excellent job.

The full report will be uploaded to the Region 9 website later, but we would like to summarize some of the decisions for you here.

### **Elections**

This year we had elections for all our board members, as two positions needed filling mid-term. The following are your Board for the coming year:

Chair - Francene A (UK) ([chair@oaregion9.org](mailto:chair@oaregion9.org))

Treasurer - Alexandra W (UK) ([treasurer@oaregion9.org](mailto:treasurer@oaregion9.org))

Secretary - Ewa K (Poland) ([secretary@oaregion9.org](mailto:secretary@oaregion9.org))

General Officer - David S (Israel) ([info@oaregion9.org](mailto:info@oaregion9.org))

While not technically an election, we also voted to affirm Stella C (UK) as a candidate to be Region 9 Trustee for a further 3 years (to be elected by the World Service Business Conference (WSBC) in 2018).

And, Pat H (UK) was elected as our new banker.

### **Committees**

We will have 3 active committees for the coming year:

*Translations* - will be working on updating our translated literature and materials lists, and creating a new Meeting Starter kit.

*Public Information (PI)* - will be working on translating OA's new PI poster into several languages in the Region.

*Group Support for Recovery Worldwide* committee - will be working on creating a new-meeting support process, as well as a pilot project for creative outreach.

The following members were elected Committee chairs for the coming year:

Ine B (Sweden) (Translations)

Hilde V (Netherlands) (Public Information)

Elaine F (UK) (Group Support for Recovery Worldwide)

### **Service Coordinators**

In addition to the above we have OA members in the region giving service in the following areas:

Electronic Communications

Newsletter

Sponsors' list

Outreach

Bylaws

Financial Glossary

Spanish Language Service Board

If you would like to get involved in any of these activities, please contact Ewa ([secretary@oaregion9.org](mailto:secretary@oaregion9.org))

### **Delegates to WSBC 2018**

This year we voted to send two Region 9 delegates to WSBC in 2018, to represent Region 9 as a whole. Olafia from Iceland, and Ine from Sweden were elected.

### **Policies and Procedures**

Without our usual formal parade of motions, this year we voted and amended a complete update of our Policies and Procedures Manual. The updated version will be uploaded to our website soon.

### **Workshops**

We participated in 2 informative and interesting workshops: one about the importance of Translations, and the other - sharing Successes and Challenges in our meetings and Service Bodies.

### **Next Year, and beyond**

Assembly and Convention (A&C) in 2018

will be held in London, England, between 26-30 September 2018.

We also voted to hold R9 A&C in 2019 in Italy! More details about specific dates and location will be sent soon.

Please consider sending a Representative to coming R9 Assemblies from your service body. Representative assistance is available. Please contact Alexandra ([treasurer@oaregion9.org](mailto:treasurer@oaregion9.org)) for more information.

### **Convention**

After two very busy days of Assembly, it was wonderful to welcome so many members of OA from Iceland for the Region 9 Convention. Workshops, speakers, early-morning walks and swimming were all part of an amazing weekend, full of hope, recovery and the deep-felt understanding that together we can continue to Carry the Message, to the still suffering compulsive eater.