

## **WSBC 2107 Report from R9 Chair**

**Theme:** Growing OA Unity Worldwide

**Attendance:** 188 registered delegated (includes 17 Trustees)

There were 20 countries present. Those countries included Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, England/UK, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, USA.

R9 was represented by 16 delegates.

### **Literature Adopted:**

- Maintaining a Healthy Body Weight [revised pamphlet]
- The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous [revised book] as amended: to also include the principles of each Step, Tradition.

Note: R9 Service Bodies do not need to reapply for permission to translate this update if they already have previously translated this book via License 2.

### **New Business Motions Adopted:**

**By Consent:** New Business Motions D, E, G

**By Deliberation:** New Business Motions A, J, L, M, N  
Bylaws Amendment 1

**NB:** R9 also submitted an Emergency Business Motion regarding translation of downloadable items from the oa.org website. The motion passed reference 18-1. The motion was not deliberated due to lack of time. But the Executive Committee of OA is now addressing the issue raised with further details to follow when known.

### **Trustee Elections:**

Region Trustees: R4 - Cyndy L; Region 7 - Karen B.

General Service Trustees: Lawrie C. (2 year term)

Joanne M. & Ron P (3 year terms)

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition** collected \$4323.68

R9 sold off our remaining 7th Tradition items and donated the \$21 collected, to the newly established Translations Fund.

**Forum:** Amazing Passport to Unity: Several mini-meetings with “travelers” who spoke on topics giving their experience on “diversity” topics (anorexia, bulimia, HOW, Big Book, non-traditional HP, non-English speaker, relapse survivor, health concerns and more). Emphasis on how to identify with these “differences.” There was sharing at the tables and open sharing afterwards. Attendees were given questions for reflection/journaling to use afterwards and also challenged to look for unity with others different from themselves during the week. How are you different like me?

**Region Chair Committee (RCC):**

I met with the other 9 Region Chairs multiple times during the week. We also met with the Board of Trustees in a session to discuss items plus work on the Strategic Operations Plan (for 2017 and 2018). The RCC goals for the coming year are:

1. Submit the forum as a workshop (and then translate into Spanish and French.)
2. Work on the 2018 Forum if invited.
3. Complete the “Experience Strength and Hope for Service Body Officers” project.
4. Green dot/mentoring program for WSBC 2018.
5. OA Podcasts – produce three in the coming year with at least one in another language.
6. Unaffiliated groups support campaign.

I will give more information on the goals and their progress during the year.

The link to the WSBC 2017 Final Conference Report will be provided when it is available. There will be details on the other committee meetings and workshops. Please contact me if you have questions regarding any of the proceedings.

It was a pleasure and an honour to serve with the other delegates from Region 9. The experience, strength, and hope shared at meetings – both formal and informal – and the strength of the fellowship shown during the week are an inspiration.

In love, fellowship, and service,

Francene  
R9 Chair