

REPORT TO SOUTH AND EAST IG  
RE: OAGB NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
22 October 2011

Thank you for the opportunity to serve SEE IG as the representative to this assembly. The pertinent information from the assembly is outlined below. I am sorry to not be able to present this in person. If anyone has questions, wishes clarification, or further information, I will be available upon return 17 November.

ATTENDANCE:

62 Group Representatives 8 Intergroup Representative 4 NSB members

BYLAWS MOTIONS:

“A” Adopted: Amendment to bring OAGB Bylaws into compliance with WSBC wording on the definition of an OA “group.” Effect: Added wording ‘guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.’ Added wording for required affiliation by registering with World Service Office. Added wording about virtual groups.

“B” Withdrawn: Regarding changing terminology from representative to delegate.

“C” Substitute Motion Adopted as Amended: Clarifying definition of new business motions at assembly. Substitute motion and amendment were editorial and clarifying in nature. Effect: Defines what constitutes a new business motion at OAGB assembly.

“D” Adopted: Amendment to bring OAGB Bylaws wording in line with recently adopted wording about service structure indicating “beyond” rather than “above” referencing service experience. Effect: Clarify the service structure is inverted.

“E” Adopted: Amendment clarifying procedures when there is a vacancy on the OAGB service board and a member is co-opted into the remaining term of the position. Effect: Clearer procedures for filing mid-term vacancies.

RESOLUTION

Not Adopted: Resolution concerned allowing one Representative to serve multiple groups.

ELECTIONS:

The following people were elected to the National Service Board: Angela A, Gail N, Jacqueline M, John K, Pam G, Sue H, Sue J. The Chair, Sam, continues her term. With this election we now have 8 members on the board. Three of the board members are from our Intergroup.

## SEE IG BID FOR 2012 ASSEMBLY/CONVENTION

Our bid for the 2012 Assembly/Convention was accepted unanimously. There were several questions asked clarifying hotel accommodations and facilities in the area. The committee will be investigating and responding to those inquiries. There was also some discussion regarding the ability of our intergroup to follow through with the commitment involved in hosting. We assured them our IG is committed to this service. We will need to demonstrate that commitment by ensuring we have a strong committee and dedicated members who are willing to carry out the work necessary to host the assembly/convention.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

The specific reports can be referenced on the website [OABG.ORG.UK](http://OABG.ORG.UK) on the National Assembly page. Included below are some highlights and other pertinent information.

Literature: Continue to emphasize that meetings purchase literature through OAGB. Literature sales are generated 68% through the website. Literature for events can be purchased on a "sale and return" basis. Unsold literature after the event can be returned and monies refunded. Service Position: Need another packer for literature. Requires space to store literature. Monies will be floated to cover packing and postage. This position could be done by two people in the same area; or one volunteer could handle. Contact Kathleen R if you are interested. OA coins (chips) are now available through OAGB literature service.

Recording: Need someone to record and reproduce various parts of the National Assembly/Convention and Heart of England Convention. This position is to do the recording and burning only. Would require attendance at the assembly and convention. There is already someone selling and mailing, etc. This requires some equipment which would be provided but individual would need to have a laptop of their own for use. There is a possibility that this will morph into podcasts so technical skill would be useful.

Funds: Our financial picture continues to be strong, but remind meetings to continue to support all levels of service beyond meetings. Remind meetings and IG's to start to set aside funds now for next assembly. It was recommended that meetings split their 7th Tradition donations by sending 2/3 to their IG and 1/3 to OAGB.

Workshops: If an IG wishes to conduct a 12th Step Within or another type recovery workshop, OAGB is available to assist with facilitating once the hosting group has secured a venue and organized the other details.

Men: British men wishing to establish contact with other males in the program should contact Julian at [JULWOOD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JULWOOD@GMAIL.COM).

Articles: WSO has issued a call for recovery articles for the Overeaters Anonymous Book which is being revised. Details can be found on the OA.ORG website.

Public Information: Suggest to meetings they display some type of OA PI poster at all meeting locations. This enables those who may need our program to know we are available in that location. Individual members are encourage to take PI information to their health care providers (GP's, dentists, dietitians, nutritionists, nurse manager, practice nurse, opticians) and also give just a brief summary of their own recovery when presenting the information. Buy copies of pertinent OA books and donate them to your local library. Check them out twice a year so they remain on the shelves. Consider doing a PI stand at pertinent events at your local university. This is a good way to reach out and also usually no fee for being represented. Be sure to include local contact information on all PI materials distributed. REMINDER: Strong meetings are the beginning of PI efforts.

Meeting Updates: All meetings are reminded to ensure their information is correct with WSO; this also allows communications from OAGB to reach meetings properly.

STEP by STEP: All groups are encouraged to check out this fantastic online monthly recovery newsletter on the OAGB.ORG.UK website. Please consider sending your own recovery articles.

I attended the convention on Saturday night and Sunday and heard many recovery speakers. This was very inspiring and a bonus along with this service work.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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