

Dear Region 9 Members,

Region 9 was represented at WSBC this year by 11 delegates plus the Region Chair and Region Trustee.

We were fewer than last year but our dedication, participation, and service were strong. Thank you to all who represented their respective service bodies and Region 9 with such dedication.

The Final Conference Report will come out giving all the details, but here are some highlights of this year's WSBC:

[Preliminary Conference Report](#) on the individual motions.

If any of the individual delegates would like to share their reports – please send them to our General Officer (info@oaregion9.org) for distribution.

WSBC 2018 Information:

7th Tradition collection: \$15,978.59 (incl. \$10K from R3)

17 countries represented

188 voting delegates in all sessions until the last one.

Elections:

Trustees were elected for R1 - Pat; R3 - Neva; Virtual Services - Dora; General Service Trustees - Bonnie and Judy. Region Trustee vacancies to be appointed by the Board of Trustees: Region 9 and Region 6.

Additions or questions to reports:

Chair's Report: 5,000 copies of the 12X12 sold in first 6 weeks. Revisions are being made to other literature (that references the 12X12).

Region 8 Report:

On April 21st R8 conducted the first virtual voting at their assembly.

BOT Composition Ad Hoc Committee: Update to (attached) report:

Of the two options presented in the report (see below), the committee has now decided to move forward with #2 and is no longer considering option #1 as a viable solution.

- 1) Reduction in the number of regions and reduction in the number of GSTs
- 2) Recasting all trustees to serve in an "at large" capacity and reduction in the size of the board as a whole

Conference Planning Committee:

Question about plans to reintroduce time for Region "meetings" - no we will not be doing this; regions will be on their own to schedule this. (Note Region 9 met informally over dinner this year.)

PI Committee:

Link to "All PI" coming soon. Also check out the new PI manual.

Region Chairs Committee (RCC):

Correction – no longer meeting in August with the BOT. This year no second meeting but will meet in the Fall in Region 2.

Unity with Diversity (UWD) Committee:

Reminder we in R9 Translations committee need to keep in good communications with the UWD subcommittee on translations plus the Board International Publications and Translations Committee (IP/T), to avoid duplication of efforts.

Additional information:

The Forum, "Passport to Unity", moderated by the Region Chairs Committee, was well attended. The format and documents to present this locally will be on the OA website soon.

Workshops and discussions were held on many topics. I found the topic of "virtual meetings" with their challenges plus the possibilities they hold for the future of OA to be quite interesting. One of the things I took away from this was the idea of both Face to Face meetings and Virtual meetings doing their best to support each other. This idea of "cross pollination" to plant seeds that support acceptance, foster mutual support, and address fears are seeds we all can plant now so that OA is pointed in the right direction to grow and to be "right sized" for the future. There are many gateways to recovery.

The Final Conference report will outline the details of the motions – many were adopted, some by consent, some by deliberation, some by being amended – and some were defeated. These discussions that represent our group conscience of OA as a whole are always interesting and lively. Please let me know if you have any questions about the motions.

Again, thanks to all who represented their service bodies and Region 9 with such dedication and enthusiasm. Your service is to be admired. Also thanks to everyone who supported the delegates, myself included, so that we could serve you.

Many, many thanks and much love to Stella our outgoing Region 9 Trustee. Stella's dedication and service over the past three years are so very appreciated.

Francene,
Region 9 Chair