

Dear Region 9 Service Bodies,

I am writing to you as the Bylaws Committee Chair following the Assembly in the Netherlands. This letter will highlight the amendments made to the Region 9 Bylaws / Policy and Procedures Manual.

The amendments made during the Assembly are marked red in this document. Please note that the Finance and Budget Manual has been removed from our P&P. The relevant information stays in the appropriate section. References to Appendix A (Finance and Budget Manual) are also removed. The document with a summary of continuing effects motions has been updated and is available on the Region 9 Website.

It is the part of the duty of each Service Body to ensure that your Bylaws are up to date and coincide with changes made at World Service Business Conference and Region 9 Assembly where matters affect more than just those events.

This will be my last letter to you since my term as the Bylaws Committee Chair has come to an end. If you have any questions please contact our General Officer (info@oaregion9.org).

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve OA in this position. I hope to see you (again) someday, somehow.

With love and in fellowship,

Meike

Bylaw Amendments

- A) Article VII Section I – The Region 9 Board shall consist of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and General Officer

d. The General Officer shall assist other board members and perform the duties of any board position when required.

- B) Article III Section 1 – The Definition of a Group

~~Virtual Groups (groups which replicate face-to-face meetings through electronic media) may be an Overeaters Anonymous group if they:~~

- ~~1) Otherwise meet the definition of Overeaters Anonymous groups~~
- ~~2) are fully interactive, and~~
- ~~3) meet in real time.~~

Policies & Procedures

- 1) BM 1 SECTION VI WEBSITE – Update current practice

~~ACQUIRE WEBSITE FOR REGION 9 & COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO AGREE CONTENT & DESIGN~~

~~Region 9 will register/purchase the domain name & #8222; OARegion9.org Cost: £20/year (\$30/year to buy domain name); usually paid 2 years in advance (monthly) + £50 for source (to keep it running), DNS Service (£80 per year?) (2000b)~~

REGION 9 WEBSITE DOMAIN NAME AND HOSTING

Region 9 domain name is OARegion9.org. Region 9 shall pay for hosting a website and the associated costs.

- 2) BM 2 SECTION VI WEBSITE – Using generic Region 9 email

Officers are encouraged to utilize their assigned generic Region 9 email for sending and receiving emails.

- 3) BM 3 SECTION 1 ASSEMBLY – A policy for when no host has come forward organizing the AC

If no host comes forward then an Ad Hoc committee consisting of the Region 9 Board and three other selected Region 9 members is to decide the arrangements for the Assembly and/or Convention for the coming year.

- 4) BM 4 SECTION V FINANCE AND BUDGET – Access to full Online Banking

Banker/Treasurer is authorized to conduct electronic banking transactions, with approval of another board member.

- 5) BM 5 & BM 6 – Removal of the Finance and Budget Manual including all the references to Appendix A.

Please take a look at the updated version of the P&P (2016).