

Region Two Spring Assembly, Sacramento April 13-14, 2018

UDDI Region Reps are Michelle V (Sp 2018-Sp 2020) and Cathy L (Sp 2018-Sp 2019)

At 7PM, Assembly was opened by R2 Chair Anne, with the theme of “Growing Recovery: Building a Firm Foundation,” and introduction of R2 Board.

A wonderful speaker shared her story of recovery, and entertainment was from members singing songs they’d written about their experiences in OA. Much talent, fun, and some lovely voices!

On Saturday morning, we were called to order at 8:30AM. Green Dots were welcomed and paired with mentors. Retiring Reps were recognized. Roll Call assured that a quorum was present. 32 Reps from 21/35 Intergroups were counted.

#### Icebreaker

The icebreaker consisted of meeting up with members who were singing the same verse to a song we were singing—a very clever icebreaker. We answered questions in our group about our experiences and perceptions of recovery.

#### Board Reports

Chair, Anne O, reported on two projects relating to the Forum at WSBC—preparing podcasts of 2017 Forum and securing volunteers for 2018. The WSBC Forum opens Conference and sets the stage for Committee work and the Conference theme. It is hugely entertaining and is the responsibility of the ten Region Chairs.

Vice Chair, Carolina R, reported about the newly updated R2 Speaker list, which is available from her; and she invited everyone to attend the Intergrupal Congreso (Mexican Intergroups’ Convention) in Guadalajara in July; made corrections to Mexico IG website, held a teleconference for Public Information committee, facilitated an STC workshop.

Newly elected Secretary, Jeremiah A, reported about learning and accomplishing his new Board responsibilities: producing Minutes from Fall 2017 Assembly, correlating electronic R2 Board votes, presenting 2017 Assembly evaluations, and facilitating STC (Service, Traditions, and Concepts workshops.)

Sherri F, R2 Treasurer, was unable to attend, but her report is in our Assembly Packet. We are happy to provide it to anyone wishing to view it.

Events Coordinator, Marjorie D, reported about the upcoming R2 Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento. Reservations are coming in steadily; we expect to fill the hotel. She and Treasurer Sherri worked out issues from Fall Assembly hotel bill. She participated in securing a Chair for the Convention in Pomona in June of 2019, at the Sheraton Fairplex. She answered many questions about the importance and necessity of Convention attendees and Intergroup Reps at Assemblies of staying onsite at the hotel venue. OA must guarantee a certain number of occupied rooms and a certain number of paid meals in order to secure lower prices for meeting rooms, meals, and all hotel costs and amenities. If members choose to “save money” for themselves or their Intergroup by staying elsewhere,

it ultimately increases the costs to OA and its members. There are surcharges if OA does not meet its contract. This is part of being self-supporting through our own contributions. Registrations in the future will be increased incrementally as the date of events gets closer, because we need to meet our obligations.

Publications Coordinator, Rick Z, spoke about the R2 website which provides members automatic R2 emails when requested and includes Spanish translation; it also generates a speaker list when an Intergroup makes that request; Rick continues to monitor website updates. He prepared the Assembly packet and Newsletter.

Trustee, Hanna S, discussed meetings not affiliated with an Intergroup and how virtual communication is affecting OA. She referred to IG's needing to update Bylaws and clarified the use of the OA logo. Gratefully, our UDDI is totally up-to-date in both categories! She welcomes any questions and concerns from IG's and members, as her job is "to serve the membership."

A huge thank you to all members of our R2 Board!

**Our Region Convention is our major fundraising event for the year. Everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy the wonderful array of speakers, workshops, marathons, boutique and silent auction, and the social evening of dinner and dancing Saturday evening. It is an amazing opportunity to grow, strengthen our recovery, give service, and meet new members from our entire Region. This includes Mexico, California, Northern Nevada and Hawaii.**

### Business Meeting

The Business portion of our Assembly included answering many questions from the "Ask-it Basket." A copy of the Q and A from Fall Assembly are in our packet for anyone who is interested. The questions and answers addressed in April will appear in the Fall 2018 packet. Topics included ideas about encouraging members to give service to enhance their own recovery, the collection of sales tax on literature, and a graduated registration rate for Region events. Below, near the final paragraph of this report, is a complete list of all "Ask-It Basket questions and answers.

Motions were made and passed as follows.

- Proposed Motion --Move to increase the 2018 budget for storage space from \$700 to \$810. Motion Carried.
- Proposed Motion--Move to send a one-time donation of \$500 to WSO General Fund. Motion Carried
- Proposed Motion--Move to Modify the R2 Policy and Procedure Manual, Section VIII.6.a Motion Tabled
- Proposed Motion--Move to Modify the R2 Policy and Procedure Manual, Section VIII.A.c Motion Carried

### Committee Work

Cathy is serving on Twelve Step Within Committee. The current work plans are:

To research the OAR2 list of Speakers on Recovery from Relapse; To read the OA "Twelfth Step Within Handbook" and be prepared to discuss it at our Committee Conference Call in August; Prior to June Convention, to re-do table display board and purchase various OA pamphlets about Relapse and Recovery to have available at Convention display table.

Michelle is working on the Intergroup Outreach Committee, headed by Anne O. It is a small group with three or possibly four members. It is continuing to contact unaffiliated meetings to help them register with an Intergroup; making contact includes sending emails and making phone calls to meeting contacts. There has been success in the past. The Region 2 Vice Chair, Carolina, will continue to assist this committee to contact the Spanish-speaking meetings in Mexico.

## Complete "Ask-It Basket" Q and A

Q: What is the closest airport to Pomona, and what are the dates of FA18 ASY? A: Ontario International; first weekend of Nov 2018

Q: Please sort meeting contributions reported by Intergroup (IG) A: No. The information isn't provided by the individual IGs; thus it cannot currently be tracked.

Q: Is there a checklist of tasks or an Excel list for sponsoring a Day-in-OA event? A: Not officially, generally created and produced informally.

Q: How are OA meetings handling taxes on OA literature? A: When individual IGs purchase literature from OA, they pay shipping. They in turn must pay the taxes on those goods. Groups may absorb, but taxes must be paid on the back-end.

Q: What are meetings and IGs doing with 1st Ed. OA 12 & 12 books? A: Donation.

Q: Multiple fellows hold multiple service positions at the IG level. What guide do you suggest which speaks to rotation of service? A: Concepts 9 & 10 of the 12 Concepts of OA Service state 9. Able, trusted servants, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are indispensable for effective functioning at all service levels. 10. Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority; therefore, duplication of efforts is avoided.

Q: Any suggestion for a small IG having difficulty getting members to serve on its Board? A: Talk to reps. 7th Tradition- Responsibility. You may also request a SCT workshop from the R2 Board through the Vice Chair. Board members will come do a workshop on service for your IG.

Q: How often does OA host a World Convention? A: Each 5 years, next is Aug 2020 in Orlando, FL.

Q: Can a meeting of OA HOW use CEA HOW literature, ie: a study guide for 'Came to Believe', which is OA-approved? A: Outside issue. There is enough OA- literature.

Q: How can we change 'compulsive overeating' to 'compulsive eater' A: This is currently evolving. 'Compulsive Eater' encompasses the many facets of our fellowship, and is being integrated more into our literature.

Our Assembly concluded with a ceremony thanking the outgoing Reps for their service. We adjourned with our founder's prayer, "I put my hand in yours..."

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Cathy L and Michelle V