

OA R2 Spring Assembly 2017
Costa Mesa, California
March 24-25, 2017

REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Overview:

The Assembly events began the night of Friday, March 24th and continued all day Saturday, March 25th.

Proceedings:

Green Dot/New Reps Orientation Meeting

R2 Board introduced

Green Dots introduced and assigned mentors

Readings: 12 Concepts and Assembly Rules

Roll Call

All InterGroups are requested to verify their information is correctly registered with World Service.

Adoption of previous Assembly minutes approved as written.

Ice Breaker.

Board Report Updates:

Each member of the R2 Board provided an update on what they have accomplished recently, including:

Anne (R2 Chair):

- Working on Forum “Amazing Recovery Passport to Unity” at WSBC to learn from diversity in the fellowship - will have groups of 10
- Region Chairs committee put on a telephone meeting 3/12 (recorded and will soon be available on oa.org as a podcast) about Sponsorship Success

- Responsible for pairing Green dots to mentors at WSBC
- Getting together a new list of Delegates to WSBC

Rick (Publications Coordinator):

- Big changes to R2 publications: new newsletter which is all about Committees and their action plans.
- Requests we go back to meetings and tell them about what is happening at R2
- Individuals can register to get 6 emails a year from R2 website to know about what's new - 2400 people are currently on this. Assembly representatives are encouraged to bring this to meetings and invite people to subscribe online.
- (Suggestion: bring an iPad to a meeting and invite people to sign up for mailing list there. Includes Events, time for special workshops like Chat with the Chair every other month, etc)
- Board is using Uber conference for committee tele-conferences and recommends committees use it too
- OAr2.org See Committee Reports - committees are invited to send updated reports to Rick to send to the website
- All Assembly Newsletters are on the website - if we run out of yellow newsletter copies, people can download them on their own
- Reps are invited to Google topics and ideas
- InterGroups are invited to send a PDF of our flyer to workshops, etc, these will be posted to the R2 site
- <https://www.uberconference.com> was mentioned as an outside issue/resource but one that can facilitate communication of committee work between Assemblies

Sherri (Treasurer):

- \$43,923 in bank as of March 22, 2017
- Tablets being purchased to be used at Conventions
- Arranges travel for delegates from Mexico
- Mail gets forwarded to her and there is a lag time for donations being logged
- R2 keeps anywhere between a 6 month and a 12 month prudent reserve
- Correct distribution of where the money comes from: Conventions 50%, Donations 48.5%, interest 1.5%
- Where the Money Goes: Travel 27, convention 28, operations 14, carrying the message 27, other 3.

Marjorie:

- T-shirts for Convention
- Will also be sending emails for Convention. Very much need items for donations to be raffled - currently have a lot of clothes for boutique. Perhaps UDDI can make a donation - these must be from OA members or InterGroups.
- Tell Marjorie or Zeta if we have donations for Convention
- Marjorie is organizing stuff from previous Conventions, etc, and putting it on the web so everyone can look at it
- Fall Assembly in Sacramento
- 2018 Crown Plaza Sacramento Convention - OA will have whole hotel
- (Possible suggestion to use Google docs for UDDI IG Reports - R2 is using this, and so can committees)

Tom (Secretary):

- Takes notes for Assemblies and R2 Board Meetings
- Reads and analyzes Evaluation Reports at Assemblies and presents them to the Board

Carolina (Vice-Chair):

- Arrangements for Anne and Hanna to Congress in Mexico
- Coordination for website
- Wrote article for newsletter

Hanna (Trustee R2):

- Does not vote but is liaison between R2 Board and BOT
- World Service does workshops
- Trying to get InterGroups to go to WSBC
- See Handout about updating Bylaws (UDDI has already done this, one of only 3 InterGroups to have done so. YAY! Thank you to the Board of UDDI for this.)
- Theme of WSBC is unity and how we are alike in our diversity: with geographic or linguistic variations, and for long timers and newcomers
- Must apply to use the OA logo - and need to reapply every in 2 years by sending in a form
- Reminder that InterGroups can ask for STC workshops

Ask-It Basket:

- Newcomer retention: Use Twelve Step Workshop book

- How to encourage people to be temporary sponsors? One to one, ask people if they can take on a new person temporarily
- Time on Committees: Depends on projects of committees, if you are writing or creating things it is more, but generally (Acc to Sherri) “not a lot of time”
- R2 is a 501C3 corporation, intergroups are separate and autonomous groups. If our IG is a 501c3, we must also file taxes.
- Each week, R2 gets 20-50 checks for donations but Treasurer does NOT send Receipts so keep track of your own IG check book.
- Write to WSBC WebTech Committee webtechoa@gmail.com for questions about Facebook pages and groups
- Do IG reps usually have an abstinence requirement? Check individual IG Bylaws as they differ.
- Suggestions to encourage members to give service?
 - Ask R2 to do a STC workshop.
 - Tell sponsees that service is important for YOUR recovery. Sponsors must suggest this!
- Why is OA membership declining? All kinds of other programs out there that have a strict food plan, etc. Suggestion: call members we haven't seen in a while and encourage groups to have a newcomer greeter who will call newcomers.
- Check California Board for Equalization to clarify if we need to put tax on shipping of literature our IG may send. State tax plus shipping plus cost is what San Fernando does (ask Representative Barbara for questions): if you collect tax you need to pay tax and we are supposed to pay tax for sales of literature.

InterGroup Announcements:

- August Retreat in Santa Cruz (Tina)
- August, Serenity in the Sierras, Lake Tahoe (Barbara)
- Declining membership in Nevada and other areas
- Who is going to call the newcomers? Perhaps IG can encourage Groups to designate a Newcomer Greeter
- R2 took in \$123 in Seventh Tradition during Assembly

R2 Announcements:

- Registration open: Early bird price til March 31st: \$45
- June 9-11, OA R2 Convention at Orange County Hilton - The biggest fundraiser for OA,
- 50-50 drawing of cash

- \$130 night (Thurs - Sunday) - use link on the site to get this rate
- Zeta: 714-350-1917 if anyone wants to donate items
- Volunteers needed (hand out at meetings)

AFTERNOON

New Business Continued/ Region and Inter Group concerns (Consent Agenda?)

- Motion # 1- Passed
- Motion # 2 - Passed
- Motion # 3 - Passed
- Motion # 4 - Passed
- Motion # 5 - Passed (Reminder and request to use checks wherever possible for donations VS credit cards)
- Motion # 6 - Passed

New/Walk on Motion #1: Move to update R2 Policies and Procedures Manual (regarding the ratification of expenses by the Assembly when Board expenses run more than 10% over budget) submitted by Lynne and Agnes. After animated discussion with positions on both sides, the Assembly agreed to table the motion til the Fall Assembly.

Participants interested are invited to email Sherri and Bylaws Committee to be involved in discussion (about approving budget overruns of more than 10%)

Note: R2 shall pay the following expenses for the R2 Trustee at the annual R2 convention: registration, hotel, meals and additional on-site expenses.

R2 Assembly UDDI Committee Work:

The Desert UDDI IG representative joined the small UDDI R2 Assembly Committee.

To do items include:

- Allison - will formulate a question to put on R2 website asking what diversity means to them?
- Susan - for next meeting will give us more information about newcomer packet in Spanish by reaching out to previous chair
- Lupita - went to a Spanish-speaking meeting in Fontana; she is in Guadalajara and participates in a What's App group in spanish

- Felina - served as committee secretary for the day, would send minutes to other committee members, set up an account and set up a call at the end of April for the Group on www.Uberconference.com. She will also send the log-in account information to all Committee members so anyone on the committee can use the account to initiate conference calls.

Goal:

- *To create a Spanish-speaking contact list for outreach and to answer questions about OA (By Fall Assembly 2017 ideally?)*
- To be on R2 website
- We will create a PDF to put on the website which IGs can then download and bring to meetings
- To have a Spanish speaker to translate and proofread for friendliness, and cultural sensitivity (Lupita has generously volunteered to give this service)
- Create a flyer to create the list of names
- Reach out to our own InterGroup Board Meetings to find people who are Spanish speaking and willing to be included on the list
- Make announcements at our meetings that we are looking for Spanish-speaking people

First committee call, Sunday April 30th at 8 pm uberconference.com. Format for Call:

- 3 minute Check ins each
- 40 minutes:
 - What each member did since Assembly?
 - What each member plans to do next?
- 10-15 minutes: Schedule next call

Actions for all Committee Members:

- “We are creating a list of Spanish speaking contacts for outreach and to answer questions about OA for our region. Please contact me for more information or to be added to the list.”
- name/phone/email and comments
- Bring the topic to our IG website or newsletter

Allison:

- Will create a selection of questions to be posted to R2 website
- Get the word out to her IG and in her newsletter

Felina:

- Send one email to committee members to include:
- Set up call and information to committee members about the Uber call on April 30 th 8 pm
- Wording from Allison re question on website
- Circulate committee report minutes
- Report on Committee activities at local OA meetings and to IG Board

Eileen:

- Will be seeking Spanish speakers at local meetings
- Will have an announcement made in her IGs newsletter

Susan:

- Will contact Rick re previous chair and what she has done
- Will investigate about Spanish speaking posters
- Will find out more about the Spanish-speaking packet

Lupita:

- Will put it on her What's App Group and start putting together a list of Spanish-speakers who may wish to be included on the list as a service

Main Meeting:

Workshop exercise on how members use the 9 tools of OA

Ask-It Basket:

Encourage donations by check (rather than credit card) where possible

Committee Reports

Acknowledgement of retiring Reps

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Felina, Unity with Diversity Desert Intergroup of OA Assembly Representative.