

Submitted by Susan Berland, Region Rep

Being able to attend the assembly in person was a great experience, far better than attending virtually. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be of service.

There was a lot of information and I'll do my best to summarize.

World Service is looking to restructure the Board of Trustees. We were presented with a slide show and asked for feedback. The BOT currently consists of 11 Region Trustees, and 6 General Service Trustees for a total of 17. The average size of a board for a non-profit of this type is 12.

The suggested future board composition is 12 Board members, all to serve "at large." Each region will be assigned a liaison Trustee (who lives in that region when possible) to provide support. Region Boards will assume increased hands-on interaction with members and meetings in their region.

No current member of the board will be removed but positions will be phased out as terms end.

An interim report was presented to WSBC in 2018. Presentations are being presented to each region. Motions to make the change will be presented at WSBC in 2020.

I have a copy of the slide show if anyone wants to take a look.

As the SOAR 8 newsletter editor, I served on the Bylaws committee. The current chair, Pam G. was elected to be the new Vice Chair of Region. As such, she had to resign her position as committee chair. I was elected as the new chair. This means I will no longer be able to serve as Region 8 Representative and we have an opportunity to send someone to the next Assembly.

The next assembly will be April 5-7, 2019 in Plantation Florida, near Ft. Lauderdale. I have brochures for the Assembly/Recovery Convention for you to take to your meetings.

I also have brochures for the Florida State Convention February 22-24, 2019 in Cocoa Beach.

The Fall Assembly will be October 11-13 in Memphis.

The Trustee reported a new PI Resource List. This directory lists the many resources available to members, groups and service bodies carrying the message. It is free and downloadable.

OA's relapse prevention document, "Been Slipping and Sliding?" has been updated.

OA's Translations Guidelines were updated for clarity and usefulness.

There is a new and updated edition of the Twelve Step Workbook.

Overeaters Anonymous, Third Edition Forewords and Appendices is now available for download.

There is a new Reference Study Chart for the Twelve Step Workshop and Study Guide. Which integrates that with the new edition of the OA 12 and 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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