

SOAR 8 Assembly report

April 20-21, 2018

I attended virtually, via Skype. This was the first time the Region offered virtual attendance and there were some glitches. The first was that I didn't realize it was Central Time. I was not able to connect on Friday night but don't think I missed much.

I wasn't patched in at the very beginning on Saturday but don't think I missed much. The Trustee reports that World Service is discontinuing producing literature in Spanish. If a member or group wishes to purchase, World Service will direct them to a service body that is producing them. That would be true for literature in any language other than English. She also let us know about the 2nd edition of The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous.

The vice chair, who oversees the website, reported The Unity with Diversity (UWD) Committee has compiled a list of "special circumstances" and can put you in touch with people who are willing to share their experience, strength and hope while facing the same issues. Twelfth Step Within (TSW) Committee has a list of night owls, members who are willing to sponsor on-line, relapse mentors, and the means for you to request workshops and speakers. The Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO) Committee needs volunteers to carry the message in July in Orlando, FL at a meeting for health professionals.

Region 8 will be hosting the World Service Convention at the Renaissance Hotel (Orlando at Sea World) in Orlando, FL August 20-22, 2020. This event only happens every five years, so plan NOW to attend. We will also need lots of volunteers. Your first opportunity for service is to come up with a THEME for this convention. Our Trustee, Linda, has brochures outlining the contest. Submissions are due by 15 June 2018. Following that, we will need volunteers for each of the committees required to put together an event of this magnitude (500 -1,000 attendees).

I found out that the region offers funding to intergroups to send delegates to WS as well as sending reps to the Assembly. This is something we can look into until we are fully able to fund these positions.

Here are the guidelines for requesting funds to send a representative to the assembly. The application can be found on the website.

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Rep Funding Guidelines

1. Priority will be given to Intergroups which have never been represented at an Assembly, and to Intergroups which have not been funded in two years.
2. Intergroups which request funding more frequently than every two years will be considered on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the Rep Funding Program.
3. Funding shall be limited to expense of transportation and one-half the double occupancy rate for a maximum of two nights. Transportation should be by automobile if possible, or air/bus/train at the lowest rate.
4. Funding shall be limited to one Rep per Intergroup. However, other members may share transportation.
5. Advance funding may be requested, or funds will be given to the Rep upon arrival at the Assembly. *Voucher* (in this appendix) will be required for either transaction. Unused funds and reconciliation of Advance must be returned to the Region Treasurer within six weeks after Assembly.
6. Application for Rep Funding is requested sixty (60) days prior to the Assembly; however, applications received at a later date will be considered.
7. An application requires the signatures of two Intergroup officers.
8. An application requires copies of the most recent financial reports of your Intergroup.

Motions passed to the Region P&P manual to clarify reimbursements.

The Spring Assembly in 2019 will be hosted by the Goldcoast Intergroup in Southern Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan B.

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