

SOAR 8 Business Assembly

September 26, 2026

Key Outcomes

The assembly successfully adopted the agenda and credentials report, approved the 2026-2027 budget, and elected new leadership and delegates. Key strategic decisions include hosting the 2027 Second Assembly in Nashville and transitioning financial tracking to QuickBooks Online to improve transparency and succession.

Decisions Made

- **Budget Approval:** The 2026-2027 draft budget was passed as presented.
- **2027 Assembly Location:** The Second Assembly and Convention will be held in Nashville in 2027.
- **Leadership Elections:**
 - **Vice President:** Michelle D. was elected.
 - **WSBC Delegates:** Dora, Andrea, Sam, and Lucy were elected as delegates to the World Service Business Conference. 4
- **Committee Chair Appointments:**
 - **Ways and Means:** Sam
 - **Bylaws:** Debbie H.
 - **Tech Chair 1:** Melissa
 - **International Committee:** Bader
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Financial Status & Budget

- **Current Balance:** As of July 31, the account balance was \$74,210.87, which includes the prudent reserve.
- **Projected Income:** Total sources of income for the year are projected at approximately \$107,000.
- **Expenditures:** Total projected expenditures are \$64,000, with \$38,400 allocated to the prudent reserve (60%).
- **Special Appeal:** \$9,520 was collected via special appeal; these funds are kept separate from the general budget to be used for future fellowship projects.
- **System Upgrade:** The treasurer transitioned the region to QuickBooks Online to provide better reporting and a seamless handoff for future treasurers.

Board & Committee Reports

- **Trustee Report:** Gary highlighted the "Power of We" theme for 2026 and "OA, the solution is for life" for 2027. He noted a global push for rebranding and the development of an official OA phone app.
- **Secretary Report:** JC emphasized the need to split the secretary role into multiple positions (e.g., adding a digital coordinator) due to the high workload.
- **International Committee:** Focused on expanding OA's presence in Central and South America and the Caribbean, including translating flyers into Spanish and Portuguese.
- **12-Step Within:** Planning an online event for "Idea Day" (International Day Experiencing Abstinence) on November 15th with the theme "Recommit, Recover, Reach Out."
- **PIPO Committee:** Conducting a whiteboard brainstorming session to analyze functioning and improve interaction with World Service.

Action Items

- **Secretary/Board:** Formalize the appointment of newly elected committee chairs.
- **Bylaws Committee:** Update the Policy and Procedure manual and bylaws with motions adopted during the assembly.
- **International Committee:** Translate the 2027 Nashville flyer and hosting manual into Spanish and Portuguese.
- **Ways and Means:** Sam to centralize all supplies at his home for transport to Nashville.
- **Bylaws Committee:** Actively recruit a newsletter editor for a twice-yearly role.

Respectively submitted,

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