

2015 Region 7 Fall Assembly

It was again a pleasure to serve as a CJI region rep. for the 2015 R7 Fall Assembly. The facilities as usual were very accommodating and was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Reading, Pa. Region 7, in addition to New Jersey includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington DC. Currently Region 7 represents 479 affiliated groups, unaffiliated group information was not available; 42 delegates attended and 19 of the 24 Intergroups in Region 7 were represented.

As usual for the last few assemblies there was one business session on Saturday, lasting 3 hours. The Saturday session consisted of Board Reports, announcements and unfinished and new business. For the first time since it was introduced the consent agenda was not used since there was only one motion on it. Our Region 7 chair, Amy L. explained that according to our board parliamentarian, Karen B it would not make sense for it to remain as that motion was a business motion. Business motions require a majority vote to be adopted while a consent agenda requires a 2/3. Five Policy Motions including one from last assembly were discussed, voted on and adapted.

Elections were held during Sunday's Business Session and it my pleasure to announce that CJI's Ginny S was elected to her second term as Region Vice Chair; Linda L of DC Metro was appointed by the Board as interim Corresponding Secretary. The first Train the Trainer session held during the Sunday Business Session was a wonderful workshop conducted by our Region 7 Finance Committee. This was a workshop designed to show how our contributions to Region 7 are necessary to continue "to carry the message". The skit was in the form of a gameshow titled "Wheel of Misfortune" and playing the show's host was our treasurer, George C. The wheel was spun by contestants and landed on areas (sometimes with a little help) that our contributions fund. Those areas would then be eliminated but as you can guess all were found to be necessary and very important. The second workshop was conducted by our Region 7 parliamentarian, Karen B. and titled, "Writing WSBC Motions". This was especially important to CJI and myself since CJI is sponsoring a WSBC motion to be submitted for consideration by our Fellowship. Last year, I knew some motions were ruled out of order because they were in the Bylaws and submitted as Policy Motions. Additionally, I learned that one was submitted to change some words in "Our Invitation to You". This motion was submitted and ruled out of order since "Our Invitation to You" is found in the OA Book, 3rd Edition. Conference approved literature can only be changed by the WSBC Literature Committee and then submitted to the WSBC for discussion and vote.

As usual I attended the Outreach Committee and served as Chair for the committee meeting. Officer elections were held and new officers were elected; Claudia B as Chair; Kali S as Vice Chair and Lynda E as Secretary; Ginny S continues as our board liaison. The committee was very active this cycle and for the first time since I have been chair

utilized our \$4000 budget with only \$2.14 remaining. Long time Outreach member, Bob B appeared at the Finance Committee and was able to secure through future plans an increased budget for the new fiscal year of \$6000. Sub committees were again set and committee members committed to different sub committees. We reestablished three subcommittees, modified one, 2015 Outreach Funding-Mentor/Mentee . The Subcommittees are as follows: 2016 Outreach Funding; Display Board Usage; Public Service Announcement (PSA) Outreach and People of Color Outreach. Future goals include 2 conference call meetings with the first one on December 2nd, reestablishing and monitoring the new \$100 Intergroup Outreach funding program, considering future funding requests and managing R7 table throw and display board requests. Flyers on IG table throws and display boards as well as one on a new program distributing to every IG, the WSO PSA radio CD was distributed.

Sadly after 5 assemblies, one term as interim and two as an elected chair, I decided not to run for a 3rd term and happily turn over the chair to my friend, Claudia B.

Again, I thank the Intergroup for giving me this opportunity to perform service at this level. I look forward to serving the Intergroup as a Region 7 representative at the next assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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