

To: CJJ
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RE: Spring 2017 Assembly Report

From Friday, March 17th to Sunday, March 19th, I had the privilege to represent Central Jersey Intergroup at the Spring Assembly. We only had 34 Representatives (which included 7 board members) – 30 is needed for a quorum. Below are the highlights of the sessions that I attended.

On Friday night, the Intergroup Renewal Committee hosted a 'Meet & Greet' to discuss how to bring more people to Intergroup meetings. Three questions were asked (several of the answers are indented):

1. Why did you 1st go to Intergroup (IG)? I was asked to try.
 - a. I was asked to try.
 - b. Sponsored into it.
 - c. Curiosity
 - d. Called to service
2. Why do you continue to go?
 - a) Sponsored into service
 - b) If not me, who?
 - c) Attraction not promotion
 - d) OA is not a spectator sport
3. If you were IG chair, what would you do to attract more service?
 - a) IG meeting after/before OA meeting
 - b) IG on Saturday
 - c) More fun; bowling.

I am the Chair of the 2017 Convention Committee. Here is a brief update on what's going on in that committee:

- The 2016 convention was in Ocean City, MD from November 3rd-5th. The theme will be "Step It Up". You will be able to register shortly. Cost: \$35 until 10/1; \$40 10/1-10/31; \$45 at site. Meals are \$60 (includes lunch and dinner) menu will be on-line;
- Details regarding schedule, topics, giveaways, scholarships and food service were ironed out.
- There will be 2 keynote speakers, 5 panel discussion workshops, 15 Interactive workshops and various special focus meetings (For Today, Voices of Recovery and a Men's).
- A new survey was developed. We will be sending out this survey regarding the 2018 convention within 3 weeks to determine where 2018 will be. We will review those results.
- The chair, vice chair, registrar and R7 vice chair will visit the hotel in Ocean City, MD on 4/21/17.

During the Assembly sessions, we passed two motions. A 12 Step Within motion regarding reimbursement for speakers - now up to \$150 per event, financial need must be shown and is limited to

Committee and Board sponsored events. We also passed a motion made by the Nominating Committee which opens up the number of people who can be nominated for a Region 7 Board position. It was you had to be a Region Rep in one of the last 4 Assemblies. Now it is you had to be a Region Rep in one of the last 4 Assemblies; or you hold an IG Officer Position **and** you were a Region Rep within the last 6 years. We did 2 mock motions for World.

Motions are due 8/24/2017 for next Assembly. I'm looking forward to it.