

My week began with a 2am wakeup call so my husband and I could leave at 3am, pick Ross up and get to the airport for our 6am flight. We arrived in Albuquerque, New Mexico at 10:30am, their time, 12:30pm ours. We collected our luggage and had breakfast for lunch.

Representing Central Jersey Intergroup has been an absolute joy. I appreciate your willingness to send us, and allow us to be your voice, and part of the group conscience of OA as a whole. The workshops were strong, and all centered around OA's Responsibility Pledge.

On Monday we attended the workshop, **RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE: To Extend the Hand and Heart of OA**. The speakers discussed how OA was introduced to them, and their gratitude for that action, which directs them to do the same.

Tuesday began with the 7am OA meeting which is always amazing. There was lots of sharing, and astounding recovery all in one room.

There were 3 workshops on Tuesday, all directed to the Responsibility Pledge. The first: **Responsibility: Of Abstinence**. The second: **Responsibility: Of Working All Twelve Steps** and the final: **The Real Deal: Sharing ESH (young people)** the last turned into a Q&A about the virtual world, and technology, it was full of passion and very helpful. After dinner we attended **All About Conference**, which helps to understand what can be expected on the floor of the Business Meetings.

Wednesday is **FORUM** day. The Forum is put together by the Region Chairs Committee. The title was: **A Carry-on Message**. It was well done. We each had 2 scenarios regarding OA's Responsibility Pledge. The directions on how to do this in our meetings/IGs and Regions will be shared in the post conference report.

My group chose to create a skit about sitting on a plane with a person who needed to sit in 2 seats, it was fun and informative. Everyone's skits were thought provoking and useful.

Committees met after the Forum, 10:15am-noon, then again from 1:30pm to 4:45pm.

I was part of the bylaws committee, and then the reference sub-committee. As a subcommittee from bylaws, we were given the task of writing a new procedure regarding OA and how we can approach social media, which truly is how our young people today communicate. We will work on this throughout the upcoming year, and hopefully have a motion for next year's conference.

We met as a Region in Old Town for dinner. We made sure everyone was doing well, and answered any questions that were asked. We then went back to sit in on the Literature Q&A workshop.

The reference sub-committee met at 7am on Thursday, followed by BUSINESS MEETING I. It was exciting that Motion F came to the reference subcommittee to support the maker of the motion, and 2 others who all tried to reword the proposal to be clear and concise. They worked together to make a 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment, and with some wordsmithing from the reference subcommittee, the proposal was accepted, and then adopted. Ignoring that social media is now part of OA's real life, is no longer possible.

During reports, the financial officer suggested we each think about beginning an automatic contribution to OA.org. \$2.50 per month, \$7.50 per quarter, or \$30.00 per year will help support OA as a whole, and Literature sales will no longer be the major contributor.

The Consent agenda was **adopted** after Bylaws Amendment 5 was pulled to be discussed on its own. The person who pulled the proposal felt the wording could be even more streamlined, and with that, a substitute was offered, adopted and took the place of the original proposal with simpler directions on how an intergroup can change regions if they desire. Very well done.

Both proposed literature motions were **adopted** after a very lively Q&E on Wednesday evening, and some more very passionate pros and cons on the floor of the Business Meeting. The office staff hopes to have both the Traditions Card and the 12 Step Workshop Guide printed by World Convention in September, but they admitted it may be a lofty idea. They will work as diligently as possible.

Sadly our Proposal Item D, attempting to change the date of Unity day from February to June was **defeated**. I believe this was because we didn't explain it thoroughly enough. It was described as a North American eccentric, since the entire world has weather. We lost the point totally on wanting to make the change in order to spread out our OA holidays.

Motion Proposal Item G, to provide support for the virtual service boards and virtual groups was **adopted**.

Motion Proposal H was **adopted**, which rescinded the policy that is no longer required, removing the criteria list which limited the description of a meeting in the virtual world.

Bylaws amendment Proposal Items 1-2-3, to include the definition of a service body, first IG, then Region, and finally Service Boards, **all were adopted**.

Bylaws amendment Proposal 4, suggesting we keep the Region Chairs Committee within North America was a very passionate debate. We learned that the dollar amounts on the proposal were not accurate, and it was felt to be again, very North American eccentric, reminding the OA body that we are a worldwide organization, and must be all inclusive. **This Proposal Item failed**.

Bylaws amendment proposal 6 brought both a heated discussion and obvious fear to those who don't use electronics or virtual meetings. The intent was to remove limitations on meeting, and add the description of a group, being 2 or more persons gathering, both in the same physical location (face to face) or through some form of electronic device (virtually) or both. **This motion was adopted**.

Elections went as follows:

Hanna S was elected as the Region 2 Trustee, she and Ali R. applied for the position.

Linda J. ran unopposed as Region 5 Trustee, and was elected.

Linda H. ran unopposed as Region 8 Trustee, and was elected.

Letitia M. ran unopposed as Region 10 Trustee and was elected.

There were 2 available positions for GST's (general service trustee)

Diana G, Gloria L. and Steven M. ran for the positions

Gloria L. and Steven M. were elected.

Submitted with gratitude,

Ginny S.