

**REGION 7 ASSEMBLY
MARCH 9-11, 2018
THE INN AT READING**

This was my fourth Region 7 Assembly and I found it as exciting and informative as the last two I attended. Unfortunately, I had to miss the fall assembly. I was on the By-laws Committee as I have been since I became CJI rep to Region 7. Since I was not able to attend the fall Assembly, my committee kept me informed of any updates and new information I needed to be of value to my present committee.

On Friday night a group of us went to the Thai restaurant that we usually go to and as usual the food was good (and abstinent for me), and the company was just wonderful.

After dinner, I did not go to the "meet and greet" because I was invited to attend the chair's meeting as chair of the nominating committee. It was a very quick meeting. I was then asked to fill in at the registration desk as the two people who were manning it had to go to their Board meeting. I was glad to be of service and to my surprise my two other members of the nominating committee came around and we spent the next hour and a half catching up. The nominating committee spent the rest of the weekend networking with people as there are three openings on the Board that have to be filled: chair, treasurer and recording secretary. Before we left on Sunday, we had several people put in their applications for both treasurer and recording secretary. The position of chair will be left open and by July 31, 2018 when all the applications must be submitted if no one applies, a chair will be appointed for the next term.

Now on to my By-laws committee. There were five of us including our wonderful chair, Glenn. Because we were sent an agenda before we arrived, we were all up to date on what we were going to discuss. All of the items on the agenda were addressed and all were marked "done" by the time our meeting ended. We decided that the Manager's duties in the Policy Manual were not to be discussed at this time.

We ended by have elections. Our committee needed a vice chair and a secretary. No one offered to be the vice chair and Kate M. said she would be the secretary. Kate also offered to write an article for Region 7 Speaks. We also decided to have a conference call meeting on April 16th at 9:00 pm if there was anything we need to do before the next Assembly.

On Saturday the general business meeting went very well. Thank goodness there was no emergency items for discussion.

On Sunday the morning workshop went very well. There was a "train the trainer" workshop on virtual meetings. Then there were two mock motions: the first was the motion from CJI on including those who have had bariatric surgery to be included in OA; and 3 other motions which were to have some wording changed. All were approved by a majority vote.

The last item on the agenda was the "green dot" graduation that is always very emotional.

I love being at the Region 7 level and thankfully was voted to service another term.

My next venue is World Service Business Conference at the end of April where we get to actually vote on motions. Again, I serve on the Bylaws committee and also the Reference committee.

Now just a few words on housekeeping. Thankfully we will not be going back to this hotel ever again.