

REGION 7 ASSEMBLY REPORT
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This was my second Region 7 Assembly. After checking in to our rooms, we all had dinner with other reps' and officers. There was an OA meeting after dinner, but I was tired so I stayed in the room. Due to problems with the room, we had to pack up and move to another room at 10 pm.

After breakfast we reported to our committee meetings. I am still on the Finance Committee. Since there was still no Chair or Vice Chair of this committee, George C., the R7 Treasurer and Board Liaison to this committee acted as chair for this session. There were four committee members in attendance, as well as one actively participating visitor. Going forward, our committee now has a chair, Stacey D. and I am now the official recording secretary for this committee. During our meeting, we received funding applications from other committees which were to be presented at the end of the Assembly. We prepared the budget based on these committee requests as well as on the prior year's budget. We discussed encouraging automatic recurring Tradition 7 donations to WSO. We also discussed webinars to train IG Treasurers on how to prepare forms. We made a motion to send \$3,000 to WSO. We also decided to have a follow-up conference call meeting in mid-November.

At lunch, Assembly had a wonderful speaker, our very own CJIOA rep' Brenda S.

During the Saturday afternoon Business Meeting, we heard reports from each of the officers. We also reviewed candidates for the officer positions due for rotation, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Chair. There is one candidate application for each position. Each candidate addressed the Assembly to speak about their respective candidacies and took questions. The Chair reviewed the Policy Manual Motions, many of which were included on the consent agenda. There were a variety of Policy Manual Motions made and adopted. Two of them are significant enough to mention in this report: All contracts are to be overseen by the Region 7 Board. The Convention Committee Chair and the Registrar are to be funded to attend the Region 7 Convention.

Committee Chairs gave their reports and took questions. The Outreach Committee announced that it tripled its spending this year because meetings have reached out for event assistance. The Finance Committee's motion for Assembly to send \$3,000 to WSO was made and approved.

At the general business meeting on Sunday morning officer elections were held. The new Chair is Barb G. The new Recording Secretary is Arianna F. and Kate M. is the new Treasurer.

The remainder of my report is about the Train the Trainer session presented by Karen B., our Trustee.

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Trustee Karen B. previewed the presentation she will make at WSBC regarding restructuring the Board of Trustees. Currently there are 17 Trustees comprised as follows: 11 Region Trustees (10 reside within their respective Regions plus 1 Virtual Region Trustee). An additional 6 General Service Trustees are elected "at large."

A proposed change is based on a number of factors:

- An average size board for not-for-profit organizations is 12 which is thought to be optimal for decision making.
- Each region must support a trustee which is unsustainable and unnecessary.
- Downsizing the BOT will help ensure that decisions affecting individual regions are decided at the region level and not by the entire body of the BOT.

Suggested future BOT composition is 12 members:

- All positions will serve "at large."
- Each Region will be assigned a liaison Trustee (who lives within that region when possible) to provide support and participation to the extent determined between Region Boards and Trustee Liaisons.
- Region Boards will assume increased hands-on interaction with member and meetings.

Proposed Board Members:

- Regions will continue to be encouraged to affirm nominations of board members.
- All Board positions will be open to nominations from the entire fellowship; this will reduce the number of appointments needed.
- 2 Board positions would default (if possible) to candidates outside of North America.
- Future Region Boards will be empowered to present more ST&C (Service, Tradition and Concept) workshops.
- "Our" Trustee is EVERYONE's trustee.

Proposed Transition Process and Schedule:

- No member of the board shall be removed as a result of this.
- Positions shall be phased-out as terms end.
- The transition is projected to be gradual reducing the number of trustees by 1 each year through 2024.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve at the Region 7 level and look forward to the next Assembly. I felt productive and was proud to contribute in my own way.

Respectfully submitted,

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