

REGION 7 ASSEMBLY REPORT

9/28-9/30/2018

I attended my fourth Region 7 Assembly. Normally this would have been my last assembly, but I was (thankfully) voted in for another 2nd term.

Attending Region 7 Assembly has helped me to grow enormously in my recovery. Attending events like Assembly where there are large numbers of recovering OA'ers has reinforced my own recovery.

I am on the bylaws committee and this committee reviews the motions (that if passed) that will eventually go to World Service Business Convention.

We arrived on Friday and I attended the "meet and greet" session that was very interesting. However, I did not stay for the whole session as I was really tired and needed to go to bed.

At the first session that I attended, we were asked 2 questions:

What is your favorite program slogan and why?

What did you hear when you first came into the rooms that helped you or gave you hope?

These were very interesting and people really dug deep to answer them.

The next morning (Saturday) we started our committee meetings, and the bylaws committee meet at 9:30 am and we were able to go over all of our motions that consisted of the consent agenda (motions D, E, F, G, H, I and K) that dealt with policy changes. The consent agenda passed unanimously.

All of the other motions (A, B, C, J, M,N, and 1, a new business proposal) were adopted by the bylaws committee.

We then broke for lunch which was lovely. I was the "lunch time speaker", and I spoke from my heart. I believe it was very well received and from that I was asked to sponsor someone who is now another one of my sponsee's.

There were 26 voting members present and 5 region board-voting members present for a majority vote.

The consent agenda and the motions were presented at the business meeting on Saturday afternoon, and they again were all passed unanimously and without any problems.

This Assembly was very well coordinated and everything went very smoothly. By Sunday's business meeting, we continued to accomplish everything and finished in record time.

Now for my negative view of the Assembly. This has to do with the hotel that I thought was very seedy and not very friendly to us. I was hoping we would be going to somewhere new next Assembly, but I understand we are committed for another 2 years. UGH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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