

OA Region 7 2021 Spring Assembly

The R7 Spring Assembly was held via Zoom on March 20th.

This was a great opportunity to do fellowship above the group level. I went into the Assembly as chair of the Bylaws & Finance Committee - but left Assembly appointed the new R7 Recording Secretary, and member of the R7 Board. This meant I had to find a replacement to take on the Bylaws/Finance committee. The additional complication is that the R7 Treasurer was also rotating out so it was made for a lot of coordination. Happily Barb G (former R7 Bylaws chair) stepped forward as Bylaws and Finance Committee lead and Annmarie T stepped forward as new R7 Treasurer.

There was a lot of discussion about the upcoming OA WSO Convention due to the pandemic plus lack of force majeure clause. Florida is considered to be 'open' so if an in-person convention was going to be held, cancellation due to covid would incur financial penalties. That decision is pending. There was a similar detailed review of the plans for the R7 Convention (5 November in Ocean City MD) as to whether either would be F2F or virtual.

R7's budget is healthy and well above prudent reserve. We agreed on a supplemental donation to OA WSO of \$20,000. In addition, this will be reevaluated by the Fall Assembly for the amount of a year end additional donation.

The Bylaws and Finance committee is also setting up the annual review of books as required by R7 Bylaws. There were no Bylaw amendments brought up this Assembly.

After our morning Bylaw/ Finance committee meeting, we went into the overall Assembly business meeting. At that point I was moved into the Recording Secretary position. Each Board member is liaison to one of the Committees.

My new Committee is the Outreach Committee and we have already met. Jeff S from SJ is our Committee Chair and our own fellow Mikey is an enthusiastic member. We are looking into a variety of ways to strengthen our fellowship.

Respectfully submitted - Lee Ann S.