



Dear Members of Region 7,

I had the privilege of attending the World Service Business Conference in Albuquerque at the beginning of May. There were 188 OA members giving service from twenty-one countries! I was proud to represent Region 7 and came home feeling grounded in recovery and ready to be of service to our region.

During the business conference, I was saddened to learn that Region 4 is being disbanded. Region 4 is composed of Illinois (except the Greater Chicago area and Central Illinois Intergroup), Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, and the territory of Nunavut. I had no idea that this was something that could happen. The thirteen intergroups in Region 4 will become part of surrounding regions. The following is an excerpt from the announcement on OA.org:

”The decision to disband was based on a persistent and critical drop in service to intergroups and the region board. Since 2012, the region’s intergroup count has dropped from sixteen to thirteen, and many service positions, including chair positions for boards and committees throughout the region, have gone unfilled. In May 2023, the region board found itself without both a chair and vice chair as well as anyone qualified who was willing to volunteer.”

Region 7 will have FOUR open positions on the Board in September- Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Apprentice Treasurer. We are also in need of a Convention Chair for 2025. I ask each of you to share this information with your intergroups and meetings. Please take a moment to ask your Higher Power how you may be of service to Region 7. It is only by individuals like you saying “yes” to the call for service, can we ensure that our region will continue to serve our intergroups and meetings. This was a wake up call to me personally. I no longer take for granted that Region 7 will always be here.

If you are currently giving service to Region 7, on behalf of the Board, I’d like to thank you for your service.

Please reach out to our Region 7 Trustee Liaison, Bob L or any Board Member-Tiffany G, Lee Ann S, Leslie F, or Annmarie T if you are willing to give service in any way. We are happy to talk with you about board positions and other opportunities to serve Region 7.

In service,
Tiffany G
Acting Chair, Region 7