

Region Two Spring Assembly Report for 2021

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The Region Two Spring Assembly was held from March 20th to March 21st. After an introduction to the new Board, Green Dots (Newcomers) and an acknowledgment of retiring Reps, we read the twelve Concepts. This was followed by Roll Call, an adoption of previous assembly minutes and a period of time to answer the Ask-It-Basket. Then, we had an Icebreaker, Board Reports, a break and the Ask-It-Basket. Committee meetings followed. I have been working on the Young Person's Committee during the last six months or so, via Zoom. But, I was assigned to the Diversity Committee at this particular Assembly. I requested it.

I felt excited to participate in the Diversity Committee. The group was asked, "What brings you to the Diversity Community? And, what goals do you have, or, want to suggest?" I realized that I had a desire to extend the support of OA to all minorities. This includes the goal of developing and incorporating Anti-Racist perspectives, attitudes and policies into my decisions. Ken F. stated that our "primary goal is to serve by listening and honoring others' stories and viewpoints regardless of one's background." Lynne K., the liaison with this committee, stated that our goal needed to be inclusion and an overall welcoming attitude towards diversity.

The Young People's Committee has formed a book club in which we have read and discussed Ibram Kendi's How To Be An Anti-Racist. We are currently on Chapter Eight and have met, via Zoom, on Sundays. This group is unaffiliated with OA. But, it has given me the opportunity to develop self-awareness, to self-reflect and work towards an anti-racist mindset. The Young Person's Committee and Diversity Committee have been partnering for several months in their common goals and agenda.

Ken F., the current Chair of the Diversity Community, reminded us of the recent anti-Asian hate crimes in Atlanta, Georgia. This included the homicide of several Asian females. Personally, I felt sad, disturbed, shocked, angry and fearful in response to the violence. But, I knew that the solution to this was to continue advocating for Asians, a minority in OA.

Ken F., informed us that a new survey was approved by the Board. The purpose of the survey by the Diversity Committee is to collect information. The name of the survey is “R2 Diversity Community Awareness Survey” and can be accessed at [“surveymonkey.com”](https://www.surveymonkey.com). Please check it out and respond if you wish to. This will provide the Diversity Community with feedback which can help it make informed decisions. The next Diversity Committee meeting is on April 10th at 9:00 am. For more information, email Michelle M. at the following email address: michellemcdueton@gmail.com Lastly, there is a new Asian OA meeting on Sundays at 3pm (PST). The Zoom ID is 826 7495 0867 and the passcode is livelife. Please contact Kelsey at kelseyann77@gmail.com for further details.

Thank you for taking the time to read a summary of my experience at this year’s Region Two Spring Assembly! It was an informative event. Any one is welcome to attend our next Fall Assembly. It is scheduled from October 22 to October 24, 2021. It will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Burlingame, CA. More information will follow once registration is open. The next Region Two Convention, “The Keys to Recovery”, will be July 9th to July 11th, 2021. It will be held virtually via Zoom.