

Assembly Rep: Lynn Knott  
Assembly: Spring 2018 / Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast  
Dates: April 13-14, 2018

As a lead-in: I can say with first-hand experience that if I don't get this report done with the first seven days upon my return I will have much difficulty getting it done at all. I apologize for the tardiness of this report; you can be sure the lesson has been learned! My notes make less sense than they did at the end of March but have put together a report that provides much of what transpired at the meeting.

Friday:

Opening Night Speaker / Entertainment (password game)

I was delighted to be paired with a member from Los Angeles in the password game

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Saturday

Reading of the 12 Concepts of Service: Hannah S. (Region 2 Trustee)

Reading of the Assembly Rules: Parliamentarian

Introduce Green Dots and paired them with Mentors

Introductions:

- Board Members Introduction
- Susan, Pamela and Agnes retiring representatives acknowledged

Roll Call: Quorum Established at both takings of the roll call

21 out of 35 IG's – 35 reps in attendance

All officers with the exception of the treasurer (Sherry) in attendance

Minutes of prior meeting approved – no changes

### **R2 Board Reports (notes outside their published report)**

**Chair:** expressed again her gratitude and well wishes to the fellowship.

**Vice Chair:** reminded reps of the STC workshop available to the IG's. There will be a congress (convention) in Mexico in July. Anne (our chair) and Hanna (our trustee) will be attending. Also – be sure to check OA.org to be sure the info on your meeting is current.

**Treasurer:** Sheri the treasurer had a family emergency and could not attend

**Events Coordinator:**

2018 Convention to be held in Sacramento, CA (June 29-July 1)

2018 Fall Assembly (November 2-4), 2019 Spring Assembly (March 29-30) and Convention (June 28-30) to be held in Pomona, CA.

**Publications Coordinator:**

- We are looking for a Region 2 Administration Assistant
- All are invited to download podcasts off of the R2 website

**R2 Trustee:** Reported new literature pieces available including 12 stepping a problem, 12 traditions pocket guide; also the web tech committee wants feedback on web and tech; go to OA.org. Attending a health fair? Literature available with a subsidy at ½ off – go to oa.org for more information

**Quick Ice Breaker:**

We broke into groups via random selection and were asked questions to get to know each other and display diversity:

- How long in OA
- How long abstinent
- What you get most out of OA program/fellowship
- What is your greatest challenge right now in program

Convention Committee Report: The 2018 convention committee performed a short skit with the theme together we can; Fundraising Chair asked for point people around the Region for the clothing boutique and large prizes for fundraising.

Committee Meetings: We had the opportunity to meet face to face with our committees and discuss old and new business, goals for the next six months between assemblies. My committee is (again) bylaws.

Much of our discussion that day was around people's expectation of our role; history has shown by-law committee makes motions to amend bylaws or policies and procedures after a motion to change a fundamental practice or policy / procedure has been voted on and approved – we have not historically been the committees' "motions writers" by way of putting motions forward for other committees.

We will continue to review the bylaws and policies and procedures manual to look for clarifications as needed. And, I am sure continue to being of service to help make amendments when actual changes to the spirit of the bylaws and P&P take place. (ie if we change a bylaw, policy or procedure by vote – the bylaws committee helps to make the wording change that reflects the actual change).

Our Motion: to remove the wording "other R2 expenses" from (aargh – I cannot find the section now; essentially for Region 2 Board members expenses were listed out and then the phrase "other R2 board expenses" was inserted; we had found this duplicitous as the intent was already implied through the listing of all the expenses. No other expenses could be deduced that would be "other" not covered under the regular budget items. This motion was passed.

Lunch – with local OA speaker

More committee meetings –

Workshop: Fun OA crossword puzzle – with some stumpers!

Outgoing R2 Reps were acknowledged with a certificate of appreciation

“Green Dot” newcomers to assembly were acknowledged and asked to “remove their green dot” signifying they had finished their first assembly and were no longer novices to the process.

In closing I am very grateful to have been provided the opportunity to serve at the assembly. The fellowship was invigorating and serving on the Bylaws committee has been fun. That being said, when given the chance I will be switching committees at the Fall Assembly as Bylaws are not an area where I have found myself to be particularly able to be of maximum service.