

Assembly Rep: Lynn Knott
Assembly: 11/2/18 – 11/04/18
Sheraton Fairplex and Conference Center – Pomona, CA

Opening Night Speaker / Entertainment: My flight into Pomona was delayed and therefore I did not get to the hotel in time to attend this portion of the event

Saturday and Sunday:

Reading of the 12 Concepts of Service: Hannah S. (Region 2 Trustee)
Reading of the Assembly Rules: Parliamentarian
Introduce Green Dots and hooked them up with Mentors (I mentored Marian)

Roll Call Sat: 32 Reps Representing 23 Intergroups: Quorum Established
Roll Call Sunday: 31 Reps for 22 Intergroups: Quorum Established

(Note that come next assembly there might be a different procedure taking roll; current procedure is for the secretary to call out the IG Name – reps stand up to be counted – secretary calls out the number of reps recorded.)

Minutes of prior assembly approved via motion

R2 Board Reports (notes outside their published report)

Chair: Nothing additional – see original report

Vice Chair: We have a number of region chairs visiting our Assembly this year.

Treasurer: Finishing term this assembly – grateful to have been in service

Events Coordinator:

- 1) Save the Dates:
 - a. Spring Assembly March 29th and 30th – Pomona
 - b. Fall Assembly November 1-3, 2019 (Oakland Hilton Airport)
 - c. 2019 Convention (date) – Sheraton Fairplex, Pomona
 - d. Spring Assembly April 3, 2020 (Oakland Hilton Airport)
 - e. 2020 Convention July 10-12 2020 (Oakland Hilton Airport)

- 2) Looking at options to make the food and beverage requirements to avoid penalties; potentially “for pay” breakfast with speakers on one morning

R2 Trustee: Facilitated two workshops in OA HI Big Island; also reminded the IG’s to review their bylaws every two years; look for adjustments they need to make due to changes at the OAWSB.

Ice Breaker: Each rep was put into a group, which assembled around the room. Given a sheet of paper with a number of questions relating to character defects like 1) Prior to OA how aware was I about my character defects 2) How did I get rid of them 3) What character defects do we struggle with the most today– Our group was great; in our discussion we realized even more how much alike we are and agreed that is was a great reminder that God removes our defects when we are ready.

Ask It Basket

Q. Where can I find out more about the service structure of OA – concepts of service?

A. OA Website / look for the inverted triangle

Q. Why the focus on eating hotel provided food at assembly?

A. Contractual obligations

Q. Do we need OAWS approval to use the OA logo on literature or PR work?

A. Get OAWSB approval for and IG modified logo - Not if you are using OA produced literature or posters – (also) noted to be sure not to use personal information on any public information materials

Q. Why are IG's called by name when recorded by their number?

A. For efficiency and ease – the final printout listed IG's by name (the first draft was in IG # order)

Q. Is there a way for committees to have a Region 2 email address so that historical info can be kept and accessed by new committee members?

A. Yes and we are going to do that!

Q. How do we pay tax on the literature we sell?

A. FTS has a form; note Nevada exempt from Sales Tax

Q. Can we remind committee members to blind cc members versus e-mails in the "to" field – many of us use our last names in our e-mails

A. Duly Noted

Q. What can we do to encourage members who are struggling with abstinence – what can we say to them; they are getting discouraged?

A. Offer to sponsor them / Keep in touch / Ask if they would like suggestions

Q. How is the Virtual Region represented? How is it financed?

A. There are IG's at WSBC from the virtual region – in the process of having a regional meeting, writing bylaws. How financed? Online donations and donate to WSBC and IG.

Q. What is Anne's favorite part of her service as chair?

A. Watching what comes out of committees is Anne's favorite part.

Q. Who disseminates the info from R2 Assembly to their IG's and meetings

A. The R2 delegate brings their report to IG / IG reps bring the report to their meetings

(Note – while minutes are published – most IG's expect their delegates to compile a report)

Suggestion: Remove copy from the packet cover that “requires” the recipient to print and bring the packet to the convention as many members review from I-pads or laptops and do not print.

Q. Why are motions submitted in triplicate?

A. It’s in our business rules - one copy is for the officers, one is for the secretary and one for the motion maker

Q. When do we say motions are carried versus passed?

A. They are interchangeable

Q. Are we liable for previous years’ sales tax on literature?

A. Yes

Q. How do we know if we are “needy” and should apply for IFAP

A. Your conscience (i.e. if you are really needy, you know it – if you don’t know – pray about it)

Q. Rick (publications coordinator): What is the favorite task you perform in this position?

A. Assembly and Conventions where I get to hang out with wonderful people like us

Q. Shouldn’t board members step down so no one is running against an incumbent?

A. We rotate out after two terms; don’t be afraid to try; God is running the election

Q. My group has weak recovery – how to help change the culture of a group?

A. Have a group conscience meeting, take a group inventory, start a new meeting, put on a workshop or have the vice-chair facilitate a workshop.

Q. No budget in my IG – is that normal?

A. We suggest you have one – you can use the prior years’ actual expenses as a starting point.

Q. My IG needs reps and committee chairs; how can we boost attendance?

A. Have your officers visit the meetings in your IG

Q. How can we get people to come to the IG Meetings?

A. Use events as way to promote IG service?

- Share experience
- One-day retreat
- Value their service; at whatever level
- Service is small packages
- Sponsoree suggestion

Q. Why not have assemblies at Motel 6 and Denny’s?

A. No fellowship, no chance to promote convention venue, based on experience

Q. Whatever happened to the storage unit held by R2

A. Board members are headed that way after the assembly to review contents and hopefully reduce the storage center size.

Q. Is it possible to get a list of all reps and assembly attendees distributed – Opt in and out of shared?

A. Pending final word – they passed around a list for people to take photos of at the Assembly.

Committee Meetings (Saturday and Sunday): We had the opportunity to meet twice with our committees and discuss old and new business, goals for the next six months between assemblies. My committee was the 12th Step Within.

12 Step Within Committee report from Nov 2-4

A) Welcomes 4 new members, 5 returning members & an honored guest from Region 7 there to offer guidance. Filled positions Chair Chandra S., Co-Chair Lynn K., Sec Terry G. Writers Eileen D. and Lorraine S.

B) Committee Goals

- 1) Increase general awareness of TSW in our own IG and Meetings
- 2) Promote International OA TSW Day of Dec 12
- 3) Encourage going back to OA Literature
 - a) Welcome Back Kit Packages ordered for convention
 - b) Recovery Checklist & Members in Relapse Pamphlets @ convention
 - c) Overeaters Anonymous, suggested the appendix pg. 202 "Disease of the Body"

C) Current projects underway

- a) Get our own table at Pomona Convention w/ trifold board and Literature
- b) Get our own IG to sponsor 12 Step Within programs

All of the above was handed in to Jeremiah R2 official Sec as our Committee Form
Extras: We should brainstorm for more ideas to be presented at Spring Assembly.

A) My personal project was to start a TSW type phone meeting, but there are already 14 listed on OA phone meetings, under "Special Topic" Relapse/TSW. (One in German) I will contact the 3 OA members who started these meetings. How can we better promote these meetings to the Relapsed?

B) It was suggested looking into an Australian 12 step/12 day sponsor

C) Brought up again, on pg. 21 Appendix D in TSW handbook "Been Slipping and Sliding? A Reading/Writing tool" How to promote this in the best light?

D) Sponsorship workshop, activities, events. In the workbook pgs. 29-33 Appendix F

Convention Committee Report: The 2018 convention committee performed a short skit with the song – Come to the Faire is the them of this year’s convention; the committee is looking for volunteers from all around the region who can work remotely – monthly conference calls.

Lunch – we were blessed to have two speakers at lunch, each a region chair.

Motion 6: PI Committee: \$200 for posters on busses (motion carried)

Motion 7: Treasurer: Use debit card for expenses versus checks (motion carried)

Motion 8: Early Bird Registration for Assemblies/Tiered Pricing (motion carried)

Motion 9: Move to have Assemblies be “fragrance free” (motion carried)

Motion 10: Adding clarification to R2 Board Expenses / Services-not travel, meal or hotel

Elections:

Chair: Anne was elected to serve a second term as Chair (uncontested)

Treasurer: This is an open position; R2 is now looking for a Treasurer and Bookkeeper

Publications: Bonnie from Santa Cruz was elected publications chair.

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 as a delegate. The fellowship was invigorating and serving on the TSW committee is very fulfilling.