

**REGION 2 SPRING 2011 ASSEMBLY  
 “UNITY IN REGION 2”  
 SUMMARY REPORT**

**I. MOTIONS**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>VOTE RESULT</b>
<p>#1 Move to amend Article V, item C – Assemblies of Region 2 changes to read as :</p> <p>C. Notifications of regular and special Assemblies of R2 shall be <u>the responsibility of prepared by the designated R2 Board Member Secretary. These notifications shall to be mailed and/or sent by electronic transmissions</u> to each Intergroup Office, Unaffiliated Group contact, RR, and R2 Board Member at least 45 days prior to the date of the assembly.</p>	<p>Eliminates specific reference to a particular board member's responsibility for notices relating to assemblies and provides for sending such notices via electronic transmission.</p>	<b>Motion Adopted</b>
<p># Move to amend Article VIII – R2 Board, changes to read as:</p> <p>The R2 Board will be comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Publications Coordinator, <u>and Events Coordinator and Regional Trustee</u>. The R2 Trustee, <u>acting as a liaison to Region 2 for the World Service Board of Trustees, may shall have a voice, but not vote</u> at Board Meetings. These Board Members shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, <u>and by the Policies and Procedures Manuel, the Board Operating Manual and the adopted parliamentary authority adopted by the organizations, which are listed in order of precedence.</u></p>	<p>To bring the R2 Bylaws into conformity with the California law and include the recently formed Board Operating Manual as one of the documents governing the R2 Board.</p>	<b>Motion Adopted</b>
<p>#3 Move to amend Article XII – Committees, as follows:          The Chair <del>together with the</del> R2 Board; shall <u>create appoint</u> such committees as are deemed necessary by the R2 <u>Board or an R2</u> Assembly. No person shall serve as chair of a committee for more than two (2) consecutive years.</p>	<p>To allow the Board to create necessary committees, in addition to those deemed necessary by an assembly.</p>	<b>Motion Adopted</b>
<p>#4 Move to amend Article XIII – Financial Structure, to read as follows:</p> <p>D. <u>Disbursements:</u></p> <p>i. Any document for disbursement of R2 funds must be signed by the R2 Treasurer and one (1) other authorized member of the R2 Board. In the absence or incapacitation of the R2 Treasurer, disbursement documents may be signed by the Region 2 Chair and one (1) other authorized member of the R2 Board. <u>Convention accounts are the exception to this requirement.</u></p> <p>ii. <u>Convention Accounts: Disbursement documents from an R2 Convention account must be signed by an authorized member of the R2 Board and an authorized member of the Convention Committee. Authorized signers shall be:</u></p> <p>a. <u>The R2 Treasurer must sign for the R2 Board. In the absence or incapacitation of the R2 Treasurer, the R2 Chair or the R2 Events Coordinator may sign, in that order</u></p> <p>b. <u>The Convention Treasurer must sign for the Convention Committee. In the absence or the incapacitation of the Convention Treasurer, the Convention Chair or Vice Chair may sign for the Convention Committee, in that order.</u></p>	<p>To allow an alternate procedure for the disbursement of convention funds, to ensure smooth functioning of the committee while ensuring appropriate oversight of convention funds.</p>	<b>Motion Adopted</b>

<p>#5 Move to amend Article XVIII – Amendments to Bylaws, to read as follows:</p> <p>A. Except for the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts listed under Article III, A, these bylaws may be amended at any time by two-thirds (2/3) of the RR’s present and voting at any regular R2 Assembly. A copy of the amendment must be submitted to the R2 Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the assembly at which action is to be taken on the amendment. Written notice shall be prepared by the Publications Coordinator and <u>communicated by mail or electronic transmission</u> <del>mailed</del> to each Intergroup Office, Unaffiliated Group contact, RR, Alternate and R2 Board member at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the assembly. <u>Proposed amendments(s) shall be posted on the R2 website in PDF format, prior to written notification. The written notice of proposed amendment(s) shall indicate the availability of the content of such amendments(s) on the R2 website.</u></p>	<p>To provide for electronic transmission of notices relating to proposed amendments of the R2 Bylaws with the potential to reduce mailing expenses. Also, to allow posting of the text of such proposed amendments on the region’s website, providing easy access to members.</p>	<p><b>Motion Adopted</b></p>
<p>#6 Move to increase the 2011 Budget line item #701-00 to read \$6,800.00, an increase of \$2,300.00</p> <p>Rationale: The March 2008 Assembly created a provision for the Board Support Services, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per year, to cover bookkeeping, website and other services needed by the Board. The current budget has budgeted \$7,700.00 which includes \$4,500.00 for general support services covering known services. The amount for general support services will increase to \$6,800.00 and the total to the allowable maximum of \$10,000.00 for services in addition to know planned items.</p>	<p>To budget sufficient funds to allow for services that may be required by the board, in addition to those currently scheduled.</p>	<p><b>Motion Adopted</b></p>
<p>#7 Provide credit cards to Region 2 Board Members (with the exception of the Treasurer) to conduct Region 2 business.</p> <p>Propose that Article XIII of the Region 2 Policy and Procedures Manual, subpart C. 4 be amended to remove the following sentence “No credit cards are to be established under the Region 2 name. All contracts and obligations are to be paid by issuing a check to individuals and/or companies for authorized expenses.” New language would provide for issuance of credit cards to Region 2 Board Members (with the exception of the Treasurer) with limits consistent with the requirements of the position and with oversight by the Treasurer.</p>	<p>To allow people to perform services for the Region without having to have a personal credit card.</p>	<p><b>Motion Defeated</b> (Discussion included reluctance to issue credit cards in general, concern for misuse and the fact that advances can be made to those without credit cards)</p>
<p>#8 Increase from \$50.00 to \$100.00 Diversity Committee budgeted 2011 expense item #686</p>	<p>To allow for additional funding in order to achieve committee’s goal to educate R2 Intergroups on Diversity within OA</p>	<p><b>Motion Adopted</b></p>
<p>#9 Increase budget item for Public Information Committee by \$200.00 so they can send Public Information manuals to Intergroups who do not have them.</p>	<p>To allow for additional funding in order to achieve committee’s goal to educate R2 Intergroups on how to promote public information</p>	<p><b>Motion Adopted</b></p>

## **II. REPORT ON PANEL WITH SPEAKERS ON DIVERSITY**

At the end of the R2 assembly, there was a 1 hour panel with speakers who discussed diversity. Each of the speakers were different than the majority of OA members. These differences included ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender (a male speaker).

It is important that we remember that we all attend OA for the same reason. We want to abstain from compulsive overeating. Each of the speakers said that it helped when they related to what other people shared at OA meetings. It was also helpful to have other members make them feel welcome instead of different.

Please remember that the more diverse our community is, the more comfortable people with differences will be at our meetings. This will help our meetings to become even more diverse.

Entertainment at R2 Assembly in October

## **III. Entertainment at R2 Assembly in October In Sacramento**

On Friday evening before the Assembly starts, there is a Speaker followed by entertainment. All OA members are encouraged to attend. People who would like to provide entertainment are encouraged to email the R2 committee at [events@oar2.org](mailto:events@oar2.org)

## **IV. SUMMARY OF REGION/GROUP CONCERNS AND ASKET BASKET**

An Ask It basket was passed and responded to throughout the assembly. Several questions were raised, and people contributed to answers/suggestions relating to each question. Some of the questions were:

“How to handle a violent reaction from a person attending a meeting”. Generally the consensus was that we have traditions by which to handle an outburst. One way recommended was gently reminding the person the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively.

“How do we get more people to sponsor?” Encouraging our sponsees to sponsor was one way it was suggested that we all could help address this problem. Having “Days in OA” on Sponsorship, providing a panel and a workshop was also suggested.

“How do we get more people to volunteer to fill service positions in Intergroup on committees and running for elected positions?” The most common experience shared was encouraging sponsees to step up and be of service as their action on Step 12.

“How do we increase attendance at Intergroup Meetings?” One Intergroup has the Intergroup board members attending meetings and during announcements stressing the benefits of having representatives at Intergroup meetings to bring back communication and to feel more a part of Intergroup. Others stressed to their sponsees the importance of service and urge them to take on this service as an introduction to Intergroup and OA service bodies.

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