

**REGION 2 OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS  
SPRING ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
MARCH 25, 2006**

**Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM, with the Serenity Prayer**

**Welcome by R2 Chair, Michael L.**

**Reading of 12 Concepts by Rhenetta; Assembly Rules by Parliamentarian, Jeri Boone**

**Introductions of Board and Parliamentarian Jeri Boone.**

**Board Members Present:** Michael L., Chair; Jack Z., Vice Chair; Alice C., Secretary; Joyce F., Treasurer; Hanna S., Events Coordinator; and Angela J., R2 Trustee.

**Recognition of first time attendees; partnering with mentors.**

**Roll Call:** Twenty-two (22) Intergroups represented (29 Intergroup Representatives); one (1) Visitor

**Chair announced a quorum was established.**

**Adoption of Previous Minutes:** October 8, 2005 Assembly Minutes adopted as presented.

**Ask-It-Basket was circulated.**

**Ice Breaker by Jeri Boone, Parliamentarian**

**Board Reports:**

**Chair, Michael L.(verbal report)**

- IFAP applications should be turned in by the end of the first business session
- The World Service Business Conference will be held in May in New Mexico; the Chair will attend.
- Two (2) delegates from Region 2 are required for service on the "Reference Subcommittee" of the Bylaws Committee. Interested parties should come forward.

**Vice-Chair, Jack Z. (no report).** Jack expressed his gratitude to out-going Vice Chair Susan H. for the ease in transition and to the other board members for their help, especially Chair Michael L.

**Events Coordinator and Outgoing Publications Coordinator, Hanna S.:**

**EVENTS:**

- 2006 Convention, June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Oakland Marriott; Theme is "Recovery, Sweet Music for the Soul"; Room rate is \$99.00 plus tax.
- 2007 Convention, June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Doubletree Hotel/Mission Valley; Theme to be determined; Room rate is \$129.00 plus tax.
- 2008 Convention: To be held in northern California, site to be determined.

**LUNCH FOR TODAY'S ASSEMBLY:** Representatives are encouraged to take advantage of the special buffet lunch w/speaker for \$15.00. Receipts will be given and attendance helps reduce the cost of the assembly by eliminating other fees the hotel would charge.

**PUBLICATIONS:** All motions adopted at the October 2005 assembly have been incorporated into the R2 Policies and Procedures Manual (P&P) and the R 2 Bylaws.

Hanna will continue as Interim Events Coordinator until the October Assembly.

**Treasurer, Joyce F.**

- Due to a time restriction, the 2005' financial report was not included in the assembly packet. This report is being distributed at this assembly.
- The 2005' Donation report is also being distributed at this assembly. The importance of having meeting numbers on all donation checks was stressed.
- Bank balances as of February 28, 2006, were as follows (convention accounts excluded):

General Checking account:	\$ 6,412.31
Money Market account	\$35,638.53
CD's	<u>\$15,372.52</u>
Total Cash Available:	\$57,423.36

*The question was asked how once a year contributions from intergroups should be managed. Joyce replied that she either needs a breakdown per meeting by the contributing intergroup, or, if the intergroup cannot provide that information, the funds will be credited to the intergroup and not to individual meetings.*

**Trustee, Angela J.:**

- The World Service Business Conference (WSBC) will be held May 1-6, 2006 at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town located at 800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico. There are four proposed new business motions, and three proposed Bylaws Amendments.
- The WSO has a new Associate Director, Sarah Armstrong. Many OA groups meeting in churches received a document distributed by a Denver publishing company taking advantage of meeting contact information at OA's website or through hard copies of the OA Meeting Directory. WSO contacted the publishing company and explained the meeting information is intended for OA use only (Tradition 9). To prevent further misuse of meeting lists, WSO updated the website with a Privacy Statement.
- Packets were distributed to the RR's which could be utilized by the various Public Information Committees. Included are the new OA Public Information CD "Hearing is Believing: OA Members Speak", guidelines for a group conscience meeting, and the Matching Grant Program Application. Copies may be purchased through WSO but not copied. Contact the WSO for rules about posting or distributing these materials.

**Break, 10:20 AM**

**Reconvened, 10:40 AM,** followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Chair asked if there were any questions regarding the Board reports printed in the Assembly Packet. There were no questions from the floor.

Hanna S. asked about the Publications Coordinator's manual and stated that it would be turned over to the newly appointed Publications Coordinator.

**Mexico Event Discussion:** A 15 minute discussion on the topic covered: Added costs to Regional Representatives (RRs); necessary interpreters and translators; possibility of assemblies/conventions in Mexico; food and water issues; opportunity for RR's to extend stay for vacation after event; etc.

The consensus was that the issue was not a matter of whether or not to have an event in Mexico; it was 'when' to have the event. Hanna, Events Coordination, will continue to investigate costs and other issues of having an event in Mexico and report back to the Assembly in October 2006.

**Nuts and Bolts Presentation:** The members of the R2 Public Information Committee: Jennifer, Julie, Pamela, and Rachel participated in the N&B presentation. Jennifer informed the assembly that the PI Packet, "Attraction in Action" may be purchased through WSO Literature. It includes many helpful items and suggestions. The committee distributed folders, containing helpful information about how to get the word to the public. The folders were to be given to Intergroup P.I. Chairs.

Julie, Rachel and Pamela each discussed ways to increase awareness of OA. Jennifer closed the presentation, singing "If they could see us now" (an OA version of "If they could see me now"), which was enjoyed by all.

### **New Business:**

**Motion #1:** Move to insert the word "Article" in front of each roman number of the Bylaws, and insert the word "Section" in front of each roman numeral of the Policy and Procedures Manual, in order to more clearly identify bylaws from policies. **Motion #1 adopted.**

Joyce F. to send updated R2 Bylaws and R2 Policy & Procedures manual to webmaster, Ian D.

**Motion #2:** Motion to combine the Board positions of Publications Coordinator and Secretary.  
**Motion #2 defeated.**

**Announcements:** Evening Event: Game Night, with speaker; 2006 Convention fundraising items detailed by Shirley S.

**Adjourned for Lunch, 12:00 – 1:30 PM**

**Meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM**

### **Region/Intergroup Concerns:**

1. The Trustee, Angela J., was asked if she could get feedback from other Regional Trustees on the Board of Trustees (BOT) regarding ads on their websites.
2. Why are Board service terms 2 years not 1 year? The first year is basically getting used to the Service Position; the 2<sup>nd</sup> is the productive year.
3. Concern was expressed about the open positions, both on the R2 Board and IG boards. No one is coming forward to do service: RRs were encouraged to speak to people about Service one-to-one, which generates better participation.
4. How can we get more successful Young People and Spanish-Speaking meetings? Possibly working together with schools would increase awareness of OA among young people. Additionally, Boys' and Girls' Clubs may be another resource. No concrete suggestions were made to make Spanish speaking meetings more successful.

**Committee Meetings, 2:00 – 3:00PM**

**Reconvened at 3:15PM.**

**Board positions:** The chair announced that Jennifer P. was appointed as Publications Coordinator until October, when the regular board elections will take place.

### **New Business Continued:**

**Motion #3:** Motion to revise the motion to fund IFAP by reducing the funding amount to \$900.00.  
**Revised motion defeated:**

Move that a Hawaiian Intergroup be invited to send a representative to attend the October 2006 Assembly, to be funded by the Region in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. Funds to be taken from the Region's reserves. **Original Motion #3 adopted.**

The Chair requested a letter be sent to one of the Hawaii Intergroups. Treasurer, Joyce F., was asked to draft the letter.

**Motion #4:** Motion to split Motion 4 into 2 parts: **Motion Adopted.**

**Motion #4a:** Move to amend the R2 Policy and Procedure Manual, Section VII – number L, item 3 to read as follows: A maximum of 3 tapes may be requested at one time with a \$10 refundable deposit/*per tape* with the exception of Public Information tapes which may be requested in any number with a \$20.00 deposit per tape or reel required. Checks payable to “R2” or “Region 2”. **Motion #4a adopted.**

**Motion #4b:** Move to add item #7 to the R2 P&P Manual, Section VII, number L, to read as follows: Tape requests will be honored providing there are at least two (2) copies of the requested tape in the R2 Library. The tape librarian will not lend the only copy of any tape. **Motion #4b adopted.**

**Motion #5:** Move to authorize an override, not to exceed \$250.00 for the IFAP (Intergroup Funding Assistance Program) funds allowed for the current assembly. **Motion #5 adopted.**

**Discussion - Location for 2008 Convention:** RR’s approved San Jose for 2008 convention location, after Shirley S., indicated that the Mid-Peninsula Intergroup would be willing to host it. The location of the 2009 and 2010 convention sites to be discussed at a later assembly.

**Ask-it-Basket:**

1. Is it possible to use the OA logo? Yes, but you must apply for permission from World Service Office (WSO). Forms are on the OA website.
2. When will the budget for 2006’ be presented and approved? The 2006’ budget was presented and approved at the Oct. 2005 assembly. The 2007’ budget will be presented at the Oct. 06’ assembly for review and approval.
3. Can R2 provide insurance for Intergroups and individual meetings? No, due to many factors. Such insurance must be obtained at the local level. Meetings can sometimes be added to the facility’s insurance for a modest fee.
4. Why aren’t the assembly packet and reports posted on the R2 website? The Board is working on updating and improving the website. The assembly starting time and “New representative” orientation times will be posted on the website in the future, in addition to current information.
5. Can a list of RRs, and their email addresses, be provided to all attendees? Hanna indicated this would require a motion.
6. How can we get more intergroups to attend R2 assemblies? The Board feels we are doing as much as can be done: Sending packets to every intergroup. Stressing availability of funding assistance.
7. How can we handle a disruptive member at a meeting? If talking to the individual and asking for your Intergroup’s intervention have failed, the individual can be barred temporarily from attending the meeting if the group conscience so decides.
8. Is it required to have a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition taken at assemblies? No, it is up to the RRs to ask for it.

**Meeting extended:** The assembly RRs voted to extend the business meeting by 10 minutes.

**Committee Reports:** Shari, Young People; Judi, Public Information; Rhenetta, 12 Step Within; Collette, Diversity; and Pamela, Intergroup Outreach. The Chair requested committee chairs to submit their reports to Hanna S. at the end of the assembly. Hanna will temporarily continue to collect the Publications Coordinator information until everything can be turned over to Jennifer, the new appointee to the position.

**Interactive Workshop:** Region 2 Trustee, Angela J., facilitated the “Bridging the Cultural Gap in OA” interactive workshop. The workshop purpose was to explore carrying the message to diverse populations.

**Closing remarks and recognition of 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees, by Chair, Michael L.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm with “I Put My Hand in Yours”.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alice C.