

# Region 2 Spring Assembly

## March 19-20, 2021

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OA-HOW

On Friday, March 19, 2021, I attended the Region 2 Spring Assembly New Rep Orientation which was open to all new Region 2 Reps, returning Reps, and Visitors. The Orientation was conducted by Jeri, our Region 2 Vice Chair. (All sessions were conducted virtually using Zoom.)

We started the New Rep Orientation with The Serenity Prayer and then Jeri, our Region 2 Vice Chair, gave a warm welcome to all the new Region 2 Reps. She introduced first the new Reps, then the returning Reps, Visitors and the Region 2 Board Members. We read Tradition 9 from the OA 12&12: "OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve," which was a beautiful introduction to being of service as a new Region 2 Rep. Following was an excellent discussion about how to speak up in our meetings when Traditions are not being honored, including being loving and clear.

Jeri shared a beautiful map of the 11 Regions of OA -

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and the OA Service Structure pyramid -

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(NSB's = National Service Boards  
BOT = Board of Trustees  
EC = Executive Committee  
WSO = World Services Office)

Jeri next talked about all the Region 2 Committees - Intergroup Outreach, Young Persons, Publications, By-Laws, Twelfth Step Within, University with Diversity, Region 2 Convention Committee,

and the responsibilities of the Region 2 Reps and the Region 2 Committees.

I, Lynne, am on the Twelfth Step Within Committee, which I joined during Fall Assembly, which Violet and I attended as Visitors. I have been active on this Committee since October, 2020. I joined because Cynthia, our retiring Region 2 Rep, was serving there and I wanted to continue her excellent work.

We then had a Q&A session, and then Jeri closed by going over Parliamentation and Robert's Rules of Order.

On Saturday, March 20, 2021, we began the Spring Assembly of OA, Region 2, with an Introduction and Opening Reminders, and then introduction of the Region 2 Board Members, and then thanking the retiring Region 2 Reps. Next was the reading of our OA 12 Concepts by Hanna, our World Services Trustee for Region 2 and a reading of the Assembly Rules by David, the Parliamentarian. Roll call was taken by Jeremiah, Region 2 Secretary, and a Quorum was established. There were 34 voting members, 2 non-voting members, 5 Visitors, and 0 alternates.

The first Motion in a Region 2 Assembly is always the discussion and adopting of the Minutes from the previous Assembly. Motion passed.

Next we had an Icebreaker in break-out rooms where we shared why service is important to you, what does "going to any lengths" mean to you, and why do you keep coming back.

We had Board Reports from each of our Region 2 Board Members -

- Chair, Lynn K
- Vice Chair, Jeri,

- Secretary, Jeremiah
- Events Coordinator, Lynn H
- Treasurer, Patti
- Publications, Luanne
- Region 2 Trustee, Hanna

Next was an Ask It Basket, followed by discussion of the Region 2 Convention, which is scheduled for July 9-11, 2021. It will be 100% virtual. The Convention Chair, Jerry, reported that the Convention will have Spanish translation, it will be hosted by San Diego, and there is a scholarship program. Registration is open now.

Lynn K, Region 2 Chair, invited us to a Sunday Chat with the Chair, every other month on the even months. Email Lynn K with items you want to discuss.

Hanna, Region 2 Trustee, was our Speaker and told her story. Hanna is stepping down as Region 2 Trustee due to health reasons, so it was even more poignant to hear her speak today!

Next we had an Ask It Basket, followed by establishing a Quorum. We had 39 voting members, 2 non-voting members, 6 Visitors, and 0 alternates.

We discussed and voted on 4 Motions. They were all Motions with minor changes to the Region 2 By-Laws to remove outdated references, to correct typographical errors to comply with IRS Regulations, and to remove duplicate passages. All 4 Motions passed with unanimous consent.

We then enjoyed Committee Meetings. My Committee, the Twelfth Step Within Committee, just completed writing a very informative pamphlet on Twelfth Step Within for OA Meetings and Intergroups. It was just approved by the Board. Our Committee Chair agreed to distribute it to the Intergroups in the next few days. We began working on updating the section on Twelfth Step Within on the the Region 2 website, which we voted to be our next Committee project.

We all joined together again for a Workshop presented by Jeri, our Region 2 Vice Chair, break-out room discussions, and sharing on the Workshop and break-out discussions.

We ended with Committee Reports presented by the Chairs of each Committee. Of note is a survey created by the Diversity Committee which has been approved for us to share -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/diversityR2>

Any one is welcome to attend our next Region 2 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.

At 4:48 pm we had our Closing Announcements and at 5:06 pm our Region 2 Spring Assembly was adjourned.