

VIRTUAL REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATION

Representative Attending Business Assembly Virtually

Name:	
Intergroup:	
Mailing Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip:	
Email address:	
Phone number:	

1. My Intergroup has submitted my Certificate of Eligibility to the Secretary, OA Region 8. (To be submitted in January and as changes occur. See Region8 P&P, Section 6.1.)
2. I understand that nothing can replace completely the experience of being physically present at the Region 8 Recovery Convention and Business Assembly. However, rather than having no voice in the proceedings, it is possible to have some participation by attending virtually. Thus, I understand and agree that I will be attending the Region 8 Business Assembly by means of a computer or other electronic device (virtually; over the web/internet/chat room). I will attend through videoconference with SoutheastOARegion8 using Skype. Technical problems may interfere with my ability to connect, hear and chat with the Tech Web Committee.
3. I understand that given the limitations of Skype there is a recommended maximum of ten separate connections available. Thus, I understand that once the ten connections are requested, allocated in priority based upon receipt of this application, no more can be added. Multiple virtual representatives may be located at a single connection (and would be counted as one connection) and each accredited member will be allowed to vote.
4. *(To be determined.)* I understand that I must wear my nametag and credential ribbon during the Assembly – especially during roll calls for credentials and while voting – and must display it visually to the Tech Web Committee for verification.
5. I understand that I am subject to limited voting. Limited voting means that appropriately credentialed representatives who are attending virtually (over the web/internet/chat room) will be able to cast a vote for motions or amended motions, and elect new Board members provided they are willing to waive their anonymity when written (secret) ballots are used. Limited voting also means that, taking into account the present limitations of the Tech Web Committee, virtual representatives will be able to listen to the assembly proceedings, but will not be able to participate in pro/con debates on motions, nor make amendments to any motions.
6. I waive my rights to secrecy during voting. Votes are normally taken by a show of hands, a voice vote (aye or nay; yes or no) or by standing. In these types of votes, the voter’s choice is NOT secret. Thus, anonymity is not an issue for physical representatives, nor will it be an issue for virtual representatives. Exceptions do occur, such as when a contentious issue is better decided by ballot, or for elections.
7. When voting by ballot: Virtual representatives will submit their vote to the Tech Web Committee electronically (thus waiving their secrecy). The votes may be submitted electronically through the Skype chat window, email, or other online voting platforms; the platform to use will be made clear to the members in advance of the Assembly. The Tech Web Committee will complete a written ballot to the collection for each virtual representative who votes. Ballots will be distributed, collected, and tallied by non-voting members appointed by the Chairman. After announcement of results, a motion is in order to destroy ballots.
8. I may elect NOT to vote. When a 2/3 or a majority is required for passage of any motion, it is defined BY THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST (not the number present in the quorum). There is no requirement that all representatives, even those physically present, need to vote.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Return this form and the required virtual attendee registration fee to the Region 8 Secretary (secretary@oaregion8.org) at least one month prior to the Business Assembly you wish to attend virtually.)