

# SOAR-8 Business Assembly – November, 2015

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## Policy & Procedure Change

	<b>Adopted</b>
	<b>Amended</b>
	<b>Lost</b>

### SOAR-8

#### Motion 4: P&P – Two Region-8 Assemblies Per Year

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##### **Motion:**

Move that Article XI. Assembly Procedures; Basic Principles; Item 2 of the SOAR 8 Policy and Procedure Manual be revised as follows:

Assembly shall be held ~~three~~ **two (2)** times a year: March, ~~July~~, and **September** ~~November~~.

This motion shall go into effect at the close of the November 2016 Assembly.

##### **Submitted By:**

Miami-Dade and the Keys Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous

##### **Intent:**

This motion would change the SOAR 8 Policy and Procedure Manual so that Region-8 Assemblies and accompanying Recovery Conventions would occur not three times but twice a year. This motion shall go into effect at the close of the November 2016 Assembly.

Improvements in communications, most particularly email and free long-distance calling have enabled, Region Eight to handle most Region Business between Assemblies. Even the work of standing committees is increasingly developed and shared among committee members before the Assemblies. Further, the recent passage of new processes for the submission of motions has meant much more efficient assemblies and far less business to be handled on the Assembly floor. Currently Region-8 and participating Intergroups dedicate an increasingly large percentage of their budgets (see gas and travel costs alone) to holding and attending Assemblies and the amount of work actually done on the Assembly floor does not seem to warrant the cost.

##### **Implementation**

Implementation and costs would be limited to changing relevant passages in the Region-8 Policy and Procedure Manual, and the Hosting Manual as well as the Standing Rules. We would need to change all sections that deal with the timing of Assemblies.

##### **Cost:**

There would be minimal cost in reprinting the P & P and Standing Rules as typically, these are now referenced electronically through the Region-8 Website.

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### **Rationale:**

Most Regions hold fewer assemblies than does Region-8 and they seem to function very well. In the past consideration of lessening the number of Region-8 Assemblies has been tied to the idea of a number of Region-8 Recovery Conventions. The intent here is to consider these items separately; a separate motion concerning Region-8 Recovery Conventions might be made separately.

Region-8 has approved the November 2016 Assembly. It is recommended that the new assembly schedule begin March 2017.