



Southeastern Overeaters Anonymous Region 8

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Region 8 Service Directory

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I. Agenda- amended
Friday, October 23, 2020

9:00 am CT / 10:00 am ET

Informal Meeting: R8 Board Only

10:00 am CT / 11:00 am ET

Board Meeting Convenes – Funded Chairs Join - Open to All

OLD BUSINESS

1. Serenity Prayer
2. ZOOM Practice / Refresher (Tech-Web)
3. Approval of Minutes: October 2019 Board Meeting (Secretary)
4. Spring 2021 Update (VC)
5. Topics for Spring 2021, Nashville Assembly for Presentation and Discussion (VC)
Theme: "The Road of Happy Destiny"
 - a. Ideas we can use to grow Region 8 and our Intergroups
 - b. Attracting younger members to the Program
 - c. Passing on the "knowledge and importance" of service so that we can stay afloat
 - d. How are you trudging the road of Happy Destiny?
6. Audits/Finances/R8DSF Update (Treasurer)
7. OA Strategic Plan (Trustee)

BREAK – 10 m

NEW BUSINESS

1. Emergency Motions / Other New Business
2. Funded Committee Chairs:
 - a. Check in & update on Committee issues & activities, questions, concerns, issues – 10 min each

11:30 am CT / 12:30 pm ET

LUNCH: 90 min

1:00 pm CT / 2:00 pm ET

Board Meeting Reconvenes – Funded Chairs Join - Open to All

1. Funded Committee Chairs: (continued)
 - a. Check in & update on Committee issues & activities, questions, concerns, issues – 10 min each

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vouchers / Reimbursement
2. Registration for Spring 2021 Assembly

3:00 pm CT / 4:00 pm ET

Close / R8 Chant / Meeting Adjourn

Friday, October 23, 2020

- 1. 5:00 pm CT / 6:00 pm ET
ASSEMBLY CONVENES (Breaks ~5 or 10 min each hour)**
2. Serenity Prayer
3. ZOOM Basics
4. OA Readings
5. Recognition of New Reps (Green Dots)
6. NEW REP (Green Dot) ORIENTATION
 - a. For this Assembly EVERYONE will participate!
 - i. Please review the videos on Region 8 website, under Tech / Web Committee
 - b. ZOOM Parliamentary Practice
7. Appointment of Timer
8. Introduction of Region 8 Board members, Funded Committee Chairs & IG Chairs
9. Introduction of former Region 8 Board Members and Trustees
10. Nominations for Vice Chair (from the floor)
11. Nominations for Secretary (from the floor)
12. Roll Call (Virtual) & Credentials
13. Adoption of Agenda
14. 7th Tradition (Please go to oaregion8.org to donate. Thank you!)
15. IGOR / IG Chairs /Reps Sharing:
 - a. Please fill out IGOR Intergroup (IG) Information & Update Form prior.
 - i. Form is located on the Region 8 website, under IGOR Committee
16. Announcements: Re-convene tomorrow at 8:00 am CT / 9:00 am ET
 - a. Saturday Meeting ID: 878 7761 0078 / Passcode: TBA
- 17. RECESS**

Saturday, October 24, 2020

- 18. 8:00 am CT / 9:00 am ET
CALL TO ORDER**
19. OA Readings
20. ZOOM Refresh
21. Credentials Report
22. Adoption of Standing Rules
23. Introduction of Parliamentarian & short parliamentary lesson
24. Approve Consent Agenda
25. Approve minutes from last Assembly, Memphis, Tennessee – Fall 2020
26. 7th Tradition (Please go to oaregion8.org to donate. Thank you!)
27. Board reports (5 minutes each + 5 minutes for questions)
28. Trustee Report (5 minutes + 5 minutes for questions)
- 29. 9:15 am CT / 10:15 am ET
BREAK (15 min)**
- 30. 9:30 am CT / 10:30 am ET
Committee Meetings**
 - a. Recommendation of new Committee Chairs to Board
 - b. Hand in report (electronically) to Secretary
- 31. 11:00 am CT / 12:00 pm ET
Lunch Break with Speakers**
- 32. 12:00 pm CT / 1:00 pm ET
Speakers: Nominees for Vice Chair and Secretary**
- 33. 1:00 pm CT / 2:00 pm ET
RECONVENE (Breaks ~5 or 10 min each hour)**
34. Credentials
35. Final Report from Memphis – Fall Assembly 2020
36. Brief Parliamentary Discussion
37. Motions
38. New business
 - a. Region Delegates to WSBC: Delegates selected for the 2020 WSBC will serve as the 2021 Delegates, if the WSBC is held and the delegates are still available to serve.
 - b. Budget
 - c. World Service Office contribution
 - d. Elect Vice Chair
 - e. Elect Secretary
 - f. Committee Chair selection announcements
 - g. Bid for Fall 2021 Assembly and Convention
 - h. Emergency Motions (if needed)
39. Committee reports

- a. Ways & Means
 - b. Bylaws/Electronic Documents
 - c. Intergroup Outreach (IGOR)
 - d. Twelve Steps Within (TSW) / Unity With Diversity (UWD)
 - e. Public Information / Professional Outreach (PI/PO)
 - f. Technology/Website (Tech/Web)
- 40.** For the good of the order (time permitting): Intergroup Announcements, etc.
- 41. GREEN DOT CEREMONY**
- 42.** Announcements:
- a. R8 Board & Committee Chairs Meeting tomorrow
 - i. Sunday, October 25 - 9:30 am CT / 10:30 ET
- 43. ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS**

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Sunday, October 25, 2020

9:30 am CT / 10:30 am ET

Informal Meeting: R8 Board and Committee Chairs Only

II. Consent Agenda

The Region 8 Policy and Procedure Manual states:

There will be a Consent Agenda consisting of routine non-controversial matters. The Chair will determine the matters that will be placed on the consent agenda. Any voting members may go to the center microphone to request that an item from the Consent Agenda be considered as a separate motion. Once the Consent Agenda is established, it shall require a 3/4 vote for adoption.

The 5 motions under consideration for the Consent Agenda are:

1. P&P Motion A – Page 39 of your Packet
2. P&P Motion B - Page 40 of your Packet
3. P&P Motion C - Page 41 of your Packet
4. P&P Motion F - Page 46 of your Packet
5. P&P Motion G - Page 47 of your Packet
6. Bylaw Motion I - Page 51 of your Packet

RATIONALE:

1. P&P Motion A – Move to change Consent Agenda rules so that it says **may** instead of **will**.
 - a. The current wording states that there WILL be a Consent Agenda, when obviously we don't ALWAYS have one. Therefore, changing WILL to state that there MAY be a Consent Agenda is accurate and obviously our current practice.
 - b. This change is a needed correction and is also a "go do."
2. P&P Motion B - Move to change Consent Agenda rules so only a **2/3** vote is required for adoption.
 - a. The current wording states that a **3/4** vote is required when we only require a **2/3** vote to approve By-Law Amendments. This change aligns this policy with By-Law Amendments policy.
 - b. This change is a needed correction and is also a "go do."
3. P&P Motion C - Move to amend Region 8 Policy and Procedure Manual, Vice Chair's Duties.
 - a. The current statement incorrectly describes who receives documents that will be posted on the Region 8 Website. The documents to be posted are actually submitted to the Webmaster and NOT the Tech/Web Chair.

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- b. This change is a needed correction and is also a “go do.”
- 4. P&P Motion F - Move to amend Region 8 Policy and Procedure Manual, Public Information/Professional Outreach, Purpose.
 - a. This motion updates the purpose to include **digital media**, such as Facebook, as one of the ways that the PIPO Committee can assist groups in making the public aware of OA.
 - b. This change is a needed addition and is also a “go do.”
- 5. P&P Motion G - Move to amend Region 8 Policy and Procedure Manual, Public Information/Professional Outreach, Duties.
 - a. The current wording incorrectly states that the PIPO Committee will have audio and video tapes available for sale at each Assembly when the host Intergroup actually performs this task.
 - b. This change is a needed correction and is also a “go do.”
- 6. P&P Motion I - Move to amend Bylaws, Article VIII, Section A
 - a. This motion allows the 2 Tech Web Chairs to rotate off in alternate years to maintain continuity.
 - b. This change is a needed addition and is also a “go do.”

The intent for all 6 motions is to make needed corrections to the current wording in the Region 8 P&P or Bylaws. We are fortunate to have a Bylaws Committee to identify and/or shepherd needed motions through the process. Though these changes are necessary, for us, these are housekeeping items, “go dos.”

By placing all 6 on the Consent Agenda we can use Assembly time more efficiently by voting once versus voting 8 times.

However, any voting member may go to the center microphone to request that an item from the consent agenda be considered as a separate motion.

If an item is removed from the Consent Agenda it will be voted on with the other motions.

Katrina S
Region 8 Chair

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III. Reports

Chair- Amended

iHola! Olá! Hello Everyone!!!

My name is Katrina S. I am Region 8 Chair, a compulsive overeater, and sugar addict, living an abstinent, beautiful life thanks to OA!

Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of being Chair of this amazing region.

In this time of uncertainty, upheaval, and sometimes panic, we, who practice our program, live well, are well and embody the joy of recovery have gifts to share with the world. Because we know that within our weakness lies strength. Because we are people who normally would not mix but do and who mix with courage, strength, and love. Because we know that there is a higher power, a source of serenity, power and love and that that higher power is not one of us, we have gifts to share with the world. And, if we are struggling, we know that we have a higher power, a program, a community and tools to use and to lean on.

Today in this tumultuous, uncertain time the state of Region 8 is strong. You are the reason that Region 8 is strong. You are the reason that Region 8 continues to carry the message. You set up and attended virtual meetings, retreats, and conventions. You called your Sponsors and Sponsees and reached out to Newcomers. You practiced your program to the best of your ability.

The Baton Rouge Intergroup (BRIG) was prepared to host all of Region 8 in a beautiful setting, then postponed, then geared up again, then canceled, then began refunding monies. For a small intergroup the financial loss was tough but without being asked, Central Arkansas Intergroup shared their wealth to help. For BRIG, the only lament, they wish that they could have hosted.

The Middle Tennessee (OA Nashville) Intergroup scheduled an assembly and recovery convention, worked with Baton Rouge Intergroup to postpone and are now rethinking. Their only thought has been how to deliver a wonderful assembly and recovery convention.

Your Region 8 committees continue to work. The Twelve Steps Within (TSW) Committee continues to send out uplifting messages on the 12th in three

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languages. Ways and Means is selling the non-Convention, Convention tees to recoup losses. Tech/Web is working extremely hard to determine how to technically support and run a virtual assembly, creating teaching videos to use on demand, and working out every step needed to remotely complete actions typically done in person. Intergroup Outreach (IGOR) is creating documents to be used to guide Intergroups and Meetings in data collection. Public Information and Professional Outreach (PIPO) is exploring new ways to use technology to reach out. The Bylaws Committee continues to tirelessly work to optimize our documentation with much needed corrections and additions. Lastly, our new Newsletter editor is bringing new stories and information to the Region.

Region 8 was scheduled to host the OA World in Orlando, Florida with your Region 8 Trustee, Andi S leading the planning with the help of Linda H, previous Trustee. The only lament, we wish that we could have made it to Disney! Oh right, we mean the OA World Service Organization Convention! ☺

Your Region 8 Board organized an entirely virtual assembly for the first time in Region history, meeting weekly to get it done. The only thought was getting the business of Region 8 done efficiently and effectively.

Two of the Region's most committed Board Members are scheduled to rotate off but instead of cruising to an assembly where two new amazing trusted servants will step up to take on these duties, found themselves working harder than ever.

Your Region 8 Chair is also Chair of the Region Chairs Committee and a member of the OA World Service Organization Strategic Planning Committee helping to lead OA worldwide.

All of our 52 Intergroups and 3 Language Boards are rising to meet the demands of the new reality we find ourselves in. But that is all because of you, because you are living Step 12, carrying the message and being the message. Because of you, the state of Region 8 is strong.

Stay safe. Take care. Big hugs! Much, much love,
Katrina S
Region 8 Chair

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Trustee Report

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico,
South Carolina, Tennessee, The Virgin Islands, Central America, South America

Hello to Everyone
Ola' ¡Hola!

My name is Andrea better known to most is Andi S. I am a grateful compulsive overeater in recovery just for today. I am truly blessed and honored with the opportunity to give service as your trustee for Region 8. For me, one of the exciting parts of doing service as your Region Trustee, I get to work with compulsive over eaters worldwide as well as within our region. We are all looking for new and different ways to be able to carry the message to the compulsive overeater who is still suffering.

This year has been for all of us a real teaching journey. We have learned to take our face-to-face meetings and put them on a platform so that we can be seen and heard from anywhere in the world. This gives us all the opportunity to be able to travel to anywhere in the world for a meeting, without the plane ticket expense. Most if not all of our meetings have gone virtual. It has really given us an opportunity to grow and learn how to use our devices in oh so many new ways. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

World Service/ office is back up and Running full speed ahead. Even during the beginning of the pandemic the people in the WorldService/ office or working from home to make sure we could all stay connected. What an awesome staff they all are. The new website is up and running creating an easier way for us to maneuver through our documents needs. And our literature department has released the latest book "Body Image, Relationships, Sexuality. If you haven't read it yet do yourself a favor and order it soon.

I have some other great news for you which I will tell you about at our assembly October 23 and 24th 2020.

Looking forward to those virtual hugs,

Andi Sherman
Region 8 Trustee
954-295-1123

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Service Body information

As of October/2020

Total number of meetings affiliated with Intergroups/Service Boards	5,446
Total number of meetings unaffiliated.	800
Total number of meetings.	6,246

Total number telephone meetings	318
Total number of online meetings	545
Total number of non-real-time meetings	63
Total number of virtual meetings	926

Total number of Intergroups	304
Total number of Service Boards	17
Total number of Regions	11
Total number of service bodies	

Our Region 8

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Total number of affiliated groups in Region 8.	600
Total number of unaffiliated groups in Region 8.	105
Total Number of Intergroups in Region 8.	52
Total Number of Service Boards in Region 8.	3

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IV. Motions – 1 new 2 corrected

	Adopted
	Amended
	Lost

SOAR-8
Motion: Consent Agenda

Motion: Move to place Motions A, B, C, F, G and I on the Consent Agenda:

CURRENT	PROPOSED
<p>The Assembly will vote on 6 separate motions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Motion A:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Update Policy and Procedure Manual</i> 2. <i>Motion B:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Update Policy and Procedure Manual</i> 3. <i>Motion C:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Update Policy and Procedure Manual</i> 4. <i>Motion F:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Update Policy and Procedure Manual</i> 5. <i>Motion G:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Update Policy and Procedure Manual</i> 6. <i>Motion I:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Amend Bylaws</i> 	<p>The Assembly will vote on all 6 motions at once on a Consent Agenda.</p>

SUBMITTED BY:
 Chair of Region 8

INTENT:
 The purpose of a consent agenda is to consolidate routine, non-controversial matters. Hopefully, this will allow us to use Assembly time efficiently by reducing from 6 votes to 1.

IMPLEMENTATION:
 Take 1 vote at the assembly on these non-controversial matters versus voting individually on each.

COST:
 None

RATIONALE:
 The intent for all 6 motions is to make needed corrections to the current wording in the Region 8 P&P or Bylaws. Though these changes are necessary, for us, these are housekeeping items, “go dos.”

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MOTION 1: WAIVE SEED MONEY REIMBURSEMENT FROM BATON ROUGE INTERGROUP

	Adopted
	Amended
	Lost

Motion: Move to waive reimbursement of the seed money (\$500) from Region 8 to the Baton Rouge Intergroup for the planned Region 8 (face-to-face) Business Assembly and Recovery Convention.

SUBMITTED BY:

Baton Rouge Intergroup
Patricia F. Region 8 Representative, (225) 921-3974

INTENT:

INTENT: The intent of this motion is to waive reimbursement of the seed money (\$500) provided to the Baton Rouge Intergroup from Region 8.

Implementation:

Treasurer would remove the amount owed from the books

Rationale:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the expected proceeds from the R8 Assembly and Recovery Convention were lost. In addition, the expenses incurred in preparation have been spent. The Intergroup now needs to refund monies paid by registrants. The shutdown occurred within a week of the planned event therefore all preparations had been made and all materials were paid for and ready. Returning this seed money would result in partial elimination of the Intergroup's Prudent Reserve thereby limiting its ability to carry the message locally and fund representation regionally and at world service. The Intergroup agreed, in good faith, to host the Assembly and Convention and perform all the associated duties. Through no fault of its own, all activities had to be cancelled.

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SOAR-8

Motion C: Amend Region 8 Policy & Procedure Manual

	Adopted
	Amended
	Lost

Motion: Move to amend Region 8 Policy and Procedure Manual, Section XIII, **Vice Chair Duties**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING
6. Responsible for approving all flyers/registration forms for Business Assembly before document is submitted to the Technology/Web Site Chair for posting on the Region 8 Website.	6. Responsible for approving all flyers/registration forms for Business Assembly before document is submitted to the <u>Webmaster</u> for posting on the Region 8 Website.

SUBMITTED BY:

Bylaws Committee

Susan Berland

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INTENT:

To correct where this information is sent to be posted to the Region 8 Website.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Change in the Region 8 Policy and Procedure manual

COST:

Minor only if reprinting of the P&P is necessary.

RATIONALE:

This accurately describes the distribution of this information

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I. Standing Rules

These rules take precedence over Robert's Rules of Order. They may be suspended by a 2/3 vote using a Motion to Suspend the Rules, Participation in Assembly

1. Voting member must wear appropriate identification badge/ribbon denoting Rep, Funded Committee Chair, or Board Member.
2. The Secretary shall make a credentials check at the beginning of each session, and prior to any important vote, as deemed necessary by the Chair.
3. Any registered member of the Assembly may participate in Assembly procedures, e.g. vote, make a motion, speak to a motion, etc. Non-voting members may have a voice at the discretion of the Chair.
4. There will be a consent agenda consisting of routine non-controversial matters. The chair will determine the matters that will be placed on the consent agenda. Any voting members may go to the center microphone to request that an item from the consent agenda be considered separately. The consent agenda shall require a 3/4 vote for adoption.

Voting Procedures

1. Vote may be taken by voice, show of hands, standing, or ballot, at the discretion of the Chair.
2. A voting member may request a more accurate vote count by simply calling out "Division." The Chair may then use a voting method which assures an exact count.
3. The Chair may also call for division by stating, "The Chair is in doubt."
4. Ballot vote will be used for elections. Ballots will be distributed, collected, and tallied by non-voting members appointed by the Chair. After announcement of results, motion is in order to destroy ballots.

Recognition

1. Voting members who wish to speak shall, from the center microphone, give their name and Intergroup, and wait for recognition from the Chair. If necessary, to get the Chair's attention, the voting member may say "Madam/Mr. Chair," but may not speak further unless recognized by the Chair.
2. For certain procedures, the voting member, from the center microphone, may display a sign to gain recognition from the Chair (e.g., Point of Order, Point of Information, Parliamentary Inquiry, etc.).

Motions and Debate

1. Process for New Business Motions
 - a. Secretary will distribute minutes of the Business Assembly to the Board and Committee Chairs electronically no later than fifteen (15) days after close of the Business Assembly. New motions will be contained in the Committee Reports of the minutes.
 - b. New motions arising out of committees during an Assembly shall be communicated to the Secretary within fifteen (15) days after the close of the Assembly at which they emerge. After Board notification the Secretary shall forward these motions to the Bylaws/Electronic Documents Chair within twenty-one (21) days of the close of the Assembly at which they emerge.
 - c. New motions arising outside the Business Assembly shall be submitted to the Secretary at least sixty-five (65) days prior to the Region 8 Business Assembly or special Region 8 Business Assembly at which action is to be taken on the proposed motion.
 - d. Motions must be formatted to contain the intent, the proposed motion, any possible effects (costs, time, other committees affected, etc.), date of implementation and a list of necessary changes to be made to the Policy & Procedure Manual for consistency or congruity.
 - e. The Bylaws/Electronic Documents Committee may suggest changes in the motion to the maker to facilitate arriving at a more suitable version for submission to the next Business Assembly if the passing of the motion, as initially proposed, would:
2. create incongruity within either the Policy & Procedure Manual or the Bylaws,

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3. be in contradiction to or with either the Policy & Procedure Manual or the Bylaws, or
4. result in an adverse, unintended effect unrelated to content, intent or rationale (such as, but not limited to, language or structure).
5. The Bylaws/Electronic Documents Chair will submit the reviewed motions to the Secretary electronically, no later than (sixty) 60 days after the close of the Assembly for inclusion in the mailing packet for the following Assembly.
6. No motions other than emergency motions will be taken from the floor at the Assembly. Emergency motions shall be submitted to the Bylaws/Electronic Documents Chair before the lunch break on Saturday of the Assembly.
7. There will be a maximum of three pro and three con speakers to each motion. There will be a maximum of two pro and two con speakers to each amendment. Each speaker may speak for a maximum of three minutes.
8. Pro and con speakers shall use the appropriate pro/con microphone. While waiting to speak, pro/con speakers may queue at the microphones.
9. A voting member may not speak on two consecutive motions or amendments unless the maximum number of speakers has not been reached.
10. The first speaker is always pro, and is usually the maker of the motion (unless he/she wishes to have another voting member speak).
11. If more than the maximum number of speakers' wishes to speak to a motion, they are encouraged to select among themselves those speakers who can best represent their views.
12. There shall be at least one pro and one con speaker before any discussion on the motion is taken from the center microphone. Voting members who wish to speak shall follow the recognition procedure outlined above.
13. A motion to close debate (Previous Question) or limit debate is in order for motions or amendments, and requires a 2/3 vote.
14. To save time on a simple amendment to a motion, the Chair may ask the maker of the motion if he/she would be willing to accept a "friendly amendment." If the maker of the motion agrees and there is no objection from the Assembly, the motion is changed to include the amendment.

Miscellaneous Rules

1. No smoking is allowed in any Assembly room.
2. No animals are allowed in any Assembly room, except guide dogs and service animals.
3. All cell phones, beepers and 2-way pagers are to be set on vibrate or turned off.
4. Voting members are not to leave or enter the Assembly room while votes are being taken.
5. No eating food allowed during the business session.

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II. Decorum in Debate

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition pages 391-394

“The following practices and customs observed by speakers and other members in an assembly assist the carrying on of debate in a smooth and orderly manner.” (RONR p. 391)

1. Confining remarks to the merits of the pending question.

Remarks must be germane to the question being addressed – must have a bearing on whether the motion should be adopted.

2. Refraining from attacking a member's motives.

Can speak against the consequences of the action being proposed, but avoid personalities or attack motives of the member who has spoken or who has proposed the issue.

3. Addressing all remarks through the chair.

Speaker should not address comments to another member. If a member wishes to question comments made by the previous speaker, he/she must seek recognition from the chair and address the assembly. The speaker can then ask the chair to request an answer from the previous speaker.

4. Avoiding the use of members' names. (used in large assemblies)

It is better to say “the member who spoke last” or “the delegate from _____”. Officers should be referred to by their office. The speaker may use first person in relating their views.

5. Refraining from speaking adversely on a prior action not pending.

Speaking on an action previously taken is allowed only when the issue is being reconsidered, rescinded, or amended.

6. Refraining from speaking against one's own motion.

A person can vote against their own motion but cannot speak against it. If the maker decides that the action should not be taken, he/she can ask permission to withdraw the motion.

7. Reading from reports, quotations, etc**only with permission.

A member may ask permission to read a report or quotation, etc. while speaking in debate.

8. Being seated during an interruption by the chair. (used in large assemblies)

If the chair is asked to make a ruling, the speaker should be seated....and may resume speaking after the chair is finished.

9. Refraining from disturbing the assembly.

During debate or during voting, members should not talk to others or move about the assembly. (side conversations!!)

Jan Strand, PRP

March 1, 2014

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III. Links to Online Forms

Voucher and Advance Request Form

<https://oaregion8.org/documents/SOAR8-Voucher-and-Advance-Request-Form.pdf>

Committee Selection Form

<https://oaregion8.org/documents/PDFs/Region8-Committee-Selection-Form.pdf>

Committee Progress Report

<https://oaregion8.org/documents/PDFs/Fillable-SOAR8-Committee-Progress-Report.pdf>

Region 8 Delegate to WSBC Application

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Request for Budget Override

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Certificate of Eligibility – English

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Certificado de Elegibilidad - Espanol

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Request for Steps, Traditions, Concepts Workshops

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