

BUSINESS ASSEMBLY MINUTES
Raleigh, N.C. USA March 9-11, 2012

Friday March 9, 2012

7:01 PM ASSEMBLY CONVENED

- OA readings Welcome and opening remarks – Color commentary by the Chair on school and sports colors
- 7:18 Appointment of Timer – Gary
- 7:20 Recognition of New Intergroups, New Reps, **Green Dots**, Conventioneers & Visitors & Remote Attendees
- 7:24 Introduction of Region 8 Board Members, Funded Committee Chairs & IG Chairs
- 7:27 Introduction of former Region 8 Board Members and Trustee
- 7:30 Credentials & Roll Call
- 7:40 Adoption of amended Agenda (if needed) Objection made. No consent agenda.
- 7:42 Change in agenda to include consent for a member to take Lonna's place at 2012 WSBC. Requirements were read. Applications are available from the secretary and on line and will be accepted until Noon Saturday.
- 7:49 PASS IT ON - Chair's vision for Region 8. Refers to Bill's book about the first years of the program and how the message was passed on from two members to three and so on. She hopes we will all pass it on to those we meet who are still suffering from the physical, emotional and spiritual manifestations of this disease,
- 7:51 Forum – “Assemblies and Conventions-who, what, where, when, why and how many?”
Break into groups to answer the questions
- 8:22 BREAK 15 minutes.
Announcements
8:30pm Welcome & short skit by hosting Intergroup
8:50pm Presentation & Discussion -
“Physical, emotional & spiritual recovery: the results of working the 12 Steps”

10:00pm RECESS

Saturday March 10, 2012

7:30 New Rep Orientation

8:36 CALL TO ORDER-OA readings

8:45 Credentials – **46 Voting**

8:46 Adoption of Standing Rules

8:47 Approve minutes from last Assembly - Medellin, Colombia, S. A, November 4-6, 2011 Small change from Bylaws

8:51 Introduction of Parliamentarian & short parliamentary lesson

8:57 7th Tradition

8:58 Board Reports

Chair read from her heart. Spoke about carrying the message and passing it on. Thinks that every workshop, speaker, skit, etc should all lead to something that strengthens our recovery and passes it on to someone else. How does what we are doing help the next person to stay abstinent.

Vice chair is very honored to be serving in his position. He explained how he has turned over his concerns and fears to HP. Attended hosting committee's planning meeting via remote. Relieved so many fears to know how well they had their plans in place. Is grateful that he is no longer doing double duty as web master. Asks that we be gentle with her so as not to attack the minute she takes over the position.

Secretary pitched for reps to step up and not be afraid of service at any level and how service helps her recovery

Treasurer gave report. Questions were asked and answered.

9:31 Board Motion 1 Motion carried without any edits or discussion

9:42 BREAK

9:59 Sang Happy Birthday to our Vice Chair and Parliamentarian

10:00 – Trustee report Gave away Lifelines. Gave away a subscription to Smoky Mountain. Spoke about having a trustee, or board member come to workshops throughout the region. Just ask! Encouraged people to give away lifeline. Encouraged people to apply to be a world service rep. Encouraged people to run for trustee. Encouraged 12 stepping during this assembly. Excited about what the new Chair will do. No questions were asked.

10:12 Motion: Bylaws & P&P by Baton Rouge IG Parliamentarian read from the OA 12&12 on the meaning of group conscience.

10:15: Motion was read. Pros and Cons. Question time was extended. Motion was made to limit the time to an additional 10 minutes. Motion as made to Table the motion. Motion to table failed. Questions continued for 10 minutes. Vote was taken by written ballot to be totaled by Parliamentarian and Trustee. Needs 3/4 to pass. Vote was taken and originally it was believed that the motion has passed however parliamentarian realized she made an error. The vote carried by only 2/3 in favor. It needed ¾. Motion did not pass. *It Total yes: 29 in favor out of 43 votes. Needed 33.* Motion to Destroy the ballots was made. Motion was seconded and accepted.

11:20 Final report from Medellin – partially in Spanish. Full report will hopefully will be given in July in Miami.

11:25 OA's Strategic Operations Plan

Part of the stategic plan is to make sure newcomer kits are available at all meetings.

12:00 LUNCH BREAK with SPEAKER

RECONVENE 2PM

2-3:30pm Committee Meetings Hand in report to Secretary at 3:30.

3:31 = Credentials -45 voting Credentials accepted

3:32 Bids for March 2013 Memphis GAS UP / Jacksonville North Florida both gave presentations. Voting followed on paper ballot. Memphis was the winning bid Memphis March 15-17

4:30 Committee reports were given

4:51 **“Did You Know?”** Educational segment . Reading the 12 steps from the AA Literature or the OA Literature should be read as printed by AA. We do not have permission to change their wording.

4:59 For the good of the order:

Gary from Miami IG – wants you to take the fliers back home to encourage people to attend the Miami Assembly in July

Evelyn -TRIAD third Saturday of every month they have a workshop – newcomer friendly.

Linda H – Pinellas Traditions in November Assembly at the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort

Harriet – Reminder to get registrations in

Kat – There is an afghan to raffle

Zee Amelia Island Convention 3rd year- has been selling out – September FL

Barb Palm Beach workshop

Smoky Mount said there is a workshop with our Trustee as speaker which will be taking place before this is printed

Low Country, at Hilton Garden Inn will be having a retreat

Joe N – Baton Rouge will have a 1 day retreat on May 19th between Baton Rouge and Slidell.

Arkansas at the Heffer Ranch will be having a retreat with workshops April 28th 9am 4 pm 1 day on a working ranch

Jenn IG is having a PI workshop and a Step Workshop in April

Sander – Savannah IG has been formed. Will have a retreat in Savannah April 27-29 – it is on the Internet.

Raleigh has given us the 12 steps traditions and concepts of service banners.

Cards given to the birthday board members

Turn your clocks ahead tonight! We lose an hour sleep!

5:09 GREEN DOT CEREMONY

5: 11 ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED