

Region 8 Board and Funded Chair Meeting Minutes 03 13 2026

Serenity Prayer 02:10 PM

Attendees: Debby, Laurie, Lonna, Stuart, Andrea, Tina, Ellen, JC, Julia, Claudia

Visitors: Anna, (Shirley entered later in meeting)

- Introductions around the room.
Old Business
- Approval of the minutes 10/25/25- approved
- Assembly 2026 update – We are on target. Little Rock Dates 09/25-27
- Treasurer report – thank intergroups that answered the appeal for donations, received 10,000\$. Current balances are operating account \$32,726, savings \$44,200. Trying to make a transition for future treasurers. Treasurer philosophy our funding comes from donations, we had to cut money for committee work. (due to an accounting error in previous budget) Treasurer is looking at all voucher. Everyone is to get vouchers and receipts in within 6 weeks. Driving expenses are for to and from the assembly. Be mindful if it is needed to pay for driving to restaurant, go in a group, be mindful. Please send in voucher online and receipts are asked to be scanned in. JC has an application on her phone that allows making pictures into one PDF. Happy to share that information after the meeting. How are we doing registration for second assembly? The registration form is not yet online; there should be an option for board and region 8 committee chairs to sign up without paying. Lonna will ask MJ to get the registration online and the board will email out announcement for everyone to register. Treasurer encourages us to be paperless
- OA Strategic Plan – Laurie Trustee: WSO is revamping strategic plan. It is in the beginning of the process. The board of trustees is working hand in hand with region chairs as the link to the fellowship as a plan. Our trustee has experience with this in professional life. Two main focuses: maintain the current fellowship and its recover and the future of recruiting new members given how wide spread the disease is. Last August, came up with a Three-year plan: YR 1: The Power of We (focus on the fellowship), YR 2 Our solution will be for life, YR 3 How Did I Save a Life Today? This year many regions are doing workshops on the Power of We, IG renewal workshops, reach out to IG to get people to get involved in service, new meetings, new members. Region Chairs will have forum at WSBC, gather PIPO region committees together to discuss what is working, how can Regions support IGs. Workshop on how to handle a disruptive member? Workshop on Relapse is not contagious, recovery is. How we can 12th step others on a one-to-one basis. The Power of We Workshop materials are on the Region 8 website as a resource. Tina spoke that her IG did have a workshop on this topic. This strategic plan runs from May to April. Next year is starting May 2026: Our Solution is for Life.

New Business

- Emergency motions – none
- Chair will ask to move motions 1 and 2 to be placed on the consent agenda
- Service Positions – people may be willing to serve, but they need to be asked, we may need to be asking people to run for service positions. We also need to mentor people when they start their position. TSW chair states when she considered stepping down, she called several individuals, to talk

about a transition. TSW elections was delayed, and then completed in December. TSW is talking as a committee about transitioning for 2027.

- Bylaws state committee chairs are to be voted in according to a schedule. There is to be a vote at the committee and the board also needs to appoint the committee chair. Currently most committees are out of alignment with the PnP. Option to have the term start at that assembly and roll back or to roll forward. Discussion currently more than half the committees are out of alignment with the PnP. The committee chair terms could be tracked in schedule A by the secretary. Currently when someone is appointed, they finish that term and then can start their first term. Depending when if they idea is to keep current Bylaws to have the Bylaws committee track compliance of terms to be in alignment with Bylaws. Ellen will ask Barbara C to find out how her new region and possibly other regions do this.
- Motion to vote Tina as TSW chair and Georgette as Ways and Means chair. Vote approved
- Bylaws will email the funded chair emails and track the terms to be in alignment with the bylaws.
- Straw vote to have at least one board and funded chair meetings in between assemblies – yes
- Importance of all board and funded chairs attending Sunday morning meeting. It appears it is getting more difficult to meet then. It is important for everyone to try to be present. Bylaws state a formal board meeting immediately before and after the assembly. Years past the Sunday meeting became informal. This will be a formal meeting on Sunday morning. There is a concern there may be less expensive flights earlier. Need expressed for clarity on timing of Sunday meeting.

10 minute break

Committee Updates

- Ways and Means – Georgette not here due to flight delays. She is bringing tools die to sell, buy 3 get one free, 12 for 75\$, journals are 20\$
- Bylaws – Debby, report is in packet, 3 motions this assembly, the Make a Motion video is being prepared for website, they want to streamline newsletter approval process will go through bylaws chair
- IGOR – The 3 motions this assembly, there is an IGOR meeting Sunday morning. Question about possible airport delays
- TSW – sending the 12 on the 12 writing each month, recovery help button, Zoom workshops – last workshop was September 2025. Last meeting discussed changing what they do. They are receptive new ideas. You can email the chair. Someone from outside Region 8 geography can be on the committee. Secretary pointed out the budget requests for money for translated workshops. TSW committee chair states there was confusion about how much money in their budget line. The budget was 500\$ for this need. Lonna has found translators working for 40\$ and hour for each language. Previously TSW created the recovery help page on website, 12th on 12th emails in 3 languages, at each assembly asked people to sign up to be workshop speakers, mentors, sponsors
- PIPO - presentation on social media platforms program and information they get back, survey on how did you find out about OA, previously did outreach to higher education institutions – currently using this health care professionals, faith leaders, EAP organizations
- Tech- Need a second chair, someone volunteered and backed out, has helpers, submitted article for newsletter, will only be using one camera this assembly, other camera it too outdated

- Int- Pablo did a report last Sunday, transition of leadership, discussed problems with languages, problems with funding, Laurie present and talked about increasing representation at WSBC, discusses PIPO documents with QR codes that takes people directly to Region 8 website, funding for reps to attend to assembly, Laurie will talk at WSBC about are there practices in Region 9 that can help, find a meeting tool, difficulty with time change, Pablo will attend the committee meetings but not assemblies, importance of face to face meetings and opportunity for 100\$ for new meetings, wanting to work with TSW, Dominican Republic event – there are 30+ people still participating in meetings. TSW committee invited Int chair to attend the TSW meeting. The OA posters can have a QR code added that will direct the person to the local meeting list. Secretary asks about software for translations and cost so board meeting can add the money to their budget line. Treasurer states she can pay it directly, Stuart to send info for how it can get paid.
- Ways and Means Georgette arrived – Die are here to be sold. Question of how to get permission to sell things at WSBC. Not clear.

Secretary reminds everyone to review the “Useful Information for new board members and committee chairs” document. This will be posted on the website.