

Board and Funded Committee Chairs 03/15/2026

08:04 AM Serenity Prayer

Attendees: Julia, Stuart, Lonna, Debby, Dora, Ellen, Tina, Andrea, JC, Sherry- Laurie arrived at 08:30 AM

08:08 Start of meeting

1. What went right, what went wrong
 - a. Chair- rehearsal went well, somethings went differently, Julia will write more things down, everyone said Julia did well. JC will send out Things learned at Assembly – please add lines for your comments and your name
2. Vice Chair- Friday night assembly moved into the convention to hear panel, the hotel room was not large enough, we were able to get pens and paper pads set up last minute, overall good but some challenges with hotel and restaurant/food, waiting to see evaluation sheets, overall successful- Lonna will follow up with Alice on evaluations, Dora states hotel was the best: the shuttle easy, fast, free, room was good, internet good
3. Approved the minutes of Friday Board and Funded chair meeting 03 13 26- approved
4. Secretary- not as prepared as would prefer, having motions not ready on desktop, difficulties in home intergroup have left me very tired, very happy to hear people talking about traditions in committee decisions
5. Treasurer- importance of being at the assembly, wants to text people, Sherry states it was worse, Julia pointed out in afternoon we had too people monitoring zoom, Treasurer understood the reasons for not passing motion 3, difficulty for people getting into break out rooms, Chair notes – if you have an invoice, preference is to send the invoice to Sherry to pay directly, vouchers need to be turned in with in 6 weeks, JC will share an app that allows creating a PDF of receipts, Ellen asks can she pay for hotel room for her and Dora and turn in one receipt, Lonna needs to pay the interpreters- Sherry/Lonna/Dora will talk offline. JC pointing out it is not effective to chat or text board members directly – we need to have a better way. Tech committee make a slide during committee meeting that directs people to break out rooms
Dora states only one Portuguese person because she paid for her registration and no one Spanish. Dora suggests less expensive translation through application Legend on Zoom. Lonna and Dora will get together and trial.
6. Parliamentarian – smaller room, no raised platform is better, it may be better for the assembly to join the convention on Friday instead of them coming to us, safer without a

raised platform, does not like center mike at back of the room. Julia had difficulty with board being separated and ability to ask questions, need to work with next assembly on room set up, talked about screen placement but tech committee does not own screens Sherry spoke about need to be inclusive

7. Trustee – suggested when posting QR – have 5 minute pause to allow people to donate at the time. Lonna complimented the presentation on the Power of We, many people were talking about this, hoping it spreads to IGs. Laurie points out the strategic plan switches at WSBC, OA is the solution for Life, then starting April 2027 How Did I Save a Life Today
8. Ways and Means- not present
9. Bylaws – will get info on the committee chairs terms and possibly updating a bylaws with a motion that keeps staggered but is attainable, Debby wants to directly work with webmaster. In the past bylaws did work with webmaster with directly. Need to get How to Make a Motion presentation on website. IONIS – large files gets stuck. Send a separate email with no attachments to find it.
Bylaws and PnP- Spanish and Portuguese versions have not been updated with new motions and those changes translated. Debbie will get with treasurer to know when the documents were translated. And International committee to get changes made
10. IGOR – new members, subcommittee that works with unaffiliated meetings in other languages, in Brazil all meetings are in NLSB, asking everyone to send a 1-2 minute recording on WhatsApp talking about how service above the group level has helped them, wants to restart the IGOR chairs email group list, want a workshop with IGs in between assemblies. JC will share viewer access to intergroup informal contact list. For a will great a Google email group that is easier to maintain and does not have limitation on Yahoo and other email domains, Chair and others can send information to Dora to send out to IG chairs.
11. TSW – Tina – how do we retain new TSW meeting members, unlock the spirit of service, states what we are offering is not effective (online sponsoring, speaker list), what can we do differently, Tina’s term is over 2nd assembly 2027. Tina will reach out to TSW members before next meeting. Ellen suggest maybe people could come up to Bylaws. Discussion how JC tries to get people to join Tech, Ways and Means, and Bylaws, but typically people refuse these committee’s assignments.
12. PIPO- Likes the committee, heard someone say “This is God’s Assembly”, difficulty sending assembly report, suggestion to have a committee secretary to write the progress notes. Appreciates the importance of succession planning. Spoke about being timer. PIPO rocks. Nancy’s direct marketing presentation was clear for others to understand and it was a great presentation. Mike suggested reaching out directly to insurance

companies. Idea to have OA attendance as part of the process prior to weight loss surgery. Cultivating relationships with people on committee.

13. International – Stuart express concern that the packet was not translated, technology with committee meetings, there may have been people trying to get into committee meetings not in the Zoom room. In the past the international committee meeting during assembly did occur in the Zoom room with translators. Will work offline on translation process. Will investigate why no Spanish speakers attended assembly.
14. Technology -Claudia not present. Requests to make a slide for break out rooms during committee meetings.
Next meeting Board and Committee meeting Wednesday May 20th 5:30 EST. Julia will send out meeting notice.
15. JC states reminder to everyone: Motions are due to Secretary 07/27/2026. Please send any motions to work to bylaws by July 2st.
16. Julia does not want to renew Region 8 chair Zoom account with understanding future chair may need it.
17. Everyone please register for Little Rock Online, now.