# BOARD AGENDA

# REPORT

**Meeting Date: September 2016**

**Region/Committee: Region One**

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|  | **Aug 2016** | **Feb 2016** | **2015** |
| **Affiliated Groups** | 357 | 350 | 331 |
| **Unaffiliated Groups** | 39 | 44 | 65 |
| **Total Number of Groups** | **396** | **394** | **396** |
| **Total Number of Intergroups** | 25 | 24 | 24 |
| **Total Number of Service Boards** |  |  |  |

I continue to be humbled and amazed by this service to God, OA and Region One. It is so wonderful for my spirituality, abstinence and 12 Step Program to do this service.

**Region I Board**

The Region I Board has had a few changes just recently, One Board member resigned and we were able to appoint a wonderful temporary Vice Chair, in Trish from Bend. So now we are Chair, Bev, Portland; Vice Chair, Trish, Bend, OR; Treasurer, Deborah, Portland; Secretary, Pat O’C, Portland; Member-at-Large, Sue, Kennewick, WA. Communication Coordinator position is open. I have been keeping the information on the website up to date.

The Region I Board has been rather busy since WSBC. We have had several monthly phone conference meetings, a day long working “retreat” and one in person Board meeting in Montana. Our secretary, Pat, sends out minutes and Action Lists.

The retreat was very productive. We had previously decided to do something special as a Board Project and budgeted some money for this. We focused the work retreat on pulling together and getting a vision for this project. We are using the materials from one member for Intergroup Renewal. Some of the same ideas have been implemented very informally in Oregon Intergroup and over the last 7 or 8 years it has grown from struggling to get people there to something that usually has 30 or more very active members. Today I believe that the reason that there are so many active people on the Region One Board from the Portland area is because of the strength that is in Oregon Intergroup.

The Region I Board has decided to change our model of taking Region I Board meetings out to outlying areas to having several in-person Board meetings closer to home and using the “travel” money to send Board members to outlying areas to conduct Intergroup renewal workshops. And we are offering Intergroup Officers money to attend the Assembly where we will be conducting an Intergroup Renewal presentations and actually showing them how to implement some of the pieces by asking about how the Region I Board can better serve the Intergroups and members in our area. Thus model as well as explaining the process. We practiced at the Board meeting and workshop in Montana in June. It was very well received.

**Assembly and Convention**

Assembly will be hosted by Southern Alberta Intergroup in Calgary, AB on September 15 and 16th followed immediately by our annual Convention September 16 – 18th. The theme is **Yahoo!!! You Always Have Other Options!** and a cowboy dress style, suggested. We are polishing our cowboy boots and putting on our hats.

Several positions are open for election including nominating a new Trustee, Vice Chair, Secretary, Member-at-Large (new position) and Communication Coordinator.

**Unaffiliated**

The number of unaffiliated meetings in Region I has been reduced by emailing all of them and saying that there are a number of reasons to not affiliate and sometimes it is simply an oversight. Then outlining the procedure to become affiliated.

One former Intergroup express interest in re-forming but was dragging their feet about getting a set of Bylaws worked up. Since they include the area of the Oregon coast where my brother lives, I offered to come down over July 4th weekend and assist them. So on July 2nd I meet with them and lead them through the process of personalizing the Sample Intergroup Bylaws. In the afternoon I lead the “Working all 12 Steps” workshop. It was all well received. And I got 8 groups off the unaffiliated list – it is the direct approach.

**Other Trustee Activities**

* Answered official inquires sent through the OA website about Traditions from OA members in Region One
* Participating in the Region I Board Special Project, planning day on May 20, 2016.
* Answered direct email and phone inquiries.
* Reviewed intergroup bylaws.
* Sent out many emails to the Yahoo groups (Region One and Oregon Intergroup) to help keep OA members aware of current OA happenings and news.
* Serving on the new Board OA Website Review Committee and the IIC, which reviews and approves all content for *Lifeline, A Step Ahead*, and *Courier*.
* Mentoring one of the new Regional Trustees.
* Promoted WS Convention, in Boston and the Region I Convention.

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