

Workshops:

The **Service, Traditions, Concepts (STC) Workshop** was focused on how to present and lead a STC Workshop utilizing OA's suggested guidelines. While the information was of value, I feel the workshop would have better served the attending delegates if the main topic was getting the membership to attend STC workshops. Short of suggesting that you call such workshops a "sexuality," or a, "body image" workshop, there wasn't a whole lot of help in this area.

I suggested that a greater emphasis on the STCs in the sponsor-sponsoree relationship might create a desire for more information on the subject; perhaps a workbook similar to the **Twelve Step Workbook** might help.

Bernie hosted the **Smiles of Service: We Are Not a Glum Lot Workshop**. Our Intergroup Chair is a regular stand-up comedian, and I think he should share his presentation at an intergroup meeting sometime in the future.

Committees:

I requested and was assigned to the Technology/Web Site Committee. As suggested by the name the goal of the committee is to help establish guidelines for OA relating to developing a Web Site.

As it stands now, there are two content management systems (Joomla & WordPress) available with established templates that we can use. The sub-committee that I selected will be working on creating tutorials for utilizing this software.

A second sub-committee will be looking at new technology that will enable, for example, video conferencing, not only for business meetings but for on-line meetings.

Region III:

On Wednesday evening we met with the other Region III delegates for dinner and some brief presentations of what's happening within Region III; of course we have our convention/assembly here in August—now's the time to reserve your hotel room and send in your registration form; there's the OA cruise, "Recovery at Sea" in March, 2011— we have plenty of tickets available for winning a free trip(\$10/ea, 3 for \$25); there's also the OA quilt—tickets are available for that drawing too (see Kay).

Business Meetings: Attending: 165 delegates and 16 Trustees.

The proposal for a Conference Seal of Approval for the pamphlet, A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery did not receive the 2/3 vote necessary for approval.

The revised pamphlets, "Questions & Answers," "Sponsoring Through the Twelve Steps," "Tools of Recovery," "To The Family of the Compulsive Eater," "To the Teen," and "Welcome Back" were all approved.

The primary issue of concern during the deliberation on these pieces of literature seemed to be related to the use of "compulsive eater," vs. "compulsive overeater." Some were also concerned that there are too few references to the "Big Book."

We established a Youth in OA Conference Committee, and in the future delegates and intergroups can opt to receive conference materials electronically instead of hardcopy. And, groups and service bodies will now provide an e-mail address when they register with the World Service Office.

We revised the policy statement regarding locally produced literature: it must be developed according to the **OA Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature** and should be used with the greatest discretion. It should be considered temporary and discontinued when OA literature for general use is available to cover the subject.

And, we now have a 9th Tool of Recovery. It's an **Action Plan**: A new tool to support our progress toward recovery. Don't know yet how it's going to read, that the job of the Board and/or the Conference Literature Committees will work on that during the year.

There were two bylaw changes for delegate and trustee qualifications. We no longer have service requirements **above** a certain level, the word is now **beyond**.