

## Report of Region 6 Representative - Spring 2009 Meeting

I attended the Region 6 Assembly in Albany, NY as your SWCT Intergroup Representative on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Several statistics are noted below which may be of interest:

Region 6 area: New England states, New York State, eastern Canadian provinces  
(Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, eastern and central Ontario)

Number of Intergroups in the Region: 43  
Number of Groups represented: 999  
Number of representative allowed: 119  
Number of representatives attending: 71

We are among the six largest Intergroups in our Region:

Greater NY Metro	96 groups
Central Ontario	65 groups
Massachusetts Bay	62 groups
Western Massachusetts	47 groups
New Hampshire	45 groups
Southwestern CT	45 groups

(Central CT has 26 and Southeastern CT has 10)

The morning (wrkshop) focused our energies on brainstorming ideas for how to use our time well at regional assemblies. Consideration was given to increasing the time for meeting from one day to 1 1/2 days and to varying the organization of the agenda. The ideas generated will be reviewed by the Board, which Zazu sits on as regional treasurer.

Committee meetings were held in the afternoon. There are 8 committees (By-laws, Convention, Finance, Intergroup Outreach, Newsletter, Public Information/Public Outreach, 12 Step Within and Young People) and each representative was asked to serve on one of them. I chose to join the 12 Step Within Committee which is working on a "Back to Basics" Initiative using OA's eight tools of recovery. The Committee will offer a workshop on this topic at the October Convention. I cannot report on the work of the other committees because I did not take notes on their reports since the reports from each Committee are to be posted on the Region 6 website. Unfortunately that has not yet occurred!

Other business coming before the Assembly was the hearing of reports from the officers and acting upon various motions to amend Region 6 policies and bylaws. Motions generating the most discussion which passed were 1) the bylaws amendment to implement term limits for Region 6 officers, providing that "no person shall serve more than 2 full consecutive terms of office in anyone Board position" and "no person shall serve more than 12 consecutive, continuous years of office in any capacity as an officer" and 2) a provision that Region 6 officers, whether elected or appointed, must have at least 2 years of current and continuous abstinence. A motion to require at least 6 months of current continuous abstinence of representatives to Region 6 was defeated, the primary rationale being that abstinence requirements for reps should come from the Intergroup who is sending the representative.

The First Timers Ceremony concluded the day's business during which I got to remove the blue dot from my name tag which identified me as a First Timer at the Assembly.

Thanks for allowing me to represent you at the Region 6 Spring Assembly.

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