

BUSINESS ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

The Golden Dream



SOAR8 Business and Recovery Convention Report Submitted by: Neill & Patrick
Theme: Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Recovery--The Golden Dream
Hosts: Intergroupos Bogota, Medellin & the General Service Board of Colombia
Bogota Colombia, November 14 – 16, 2014
Friday Evening, November 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

El Dorado is the term used by Europeans to describe a tribal chief of the Muisca native people. As an initiation rite, he covered himself with gold dust and dived into Lake Guatavita. An imagined place, El Dorado went from a city to a kingdom to an empire of this legendary golden king. In pursuit of the legend, Spanish conquistadors Francisco Orellana and Gonzalo Pizarro departed from Quito (now capital of Ecuador) in 1541 in an expedition towards the Amazon Basin, as a result of which Orellana became the first known person to navigate the entire length of the Amazon River.

El Dorado is now the name of numerous places, especially mining towns, in South America, the United States and elsewhere, as well as the name of many films and TV shows, pieces of music, sports teams, and other items.

Spanish Version of The Serenity Prayer

*Dios concédeme la Serenidad
para aceptar las cosas que
no puedo cambiar, Valor
para cambiar aquellas que
puedo, y sabiduría para
reconocer la diferencia.*

Assembly Called to Order, Chair Welcomed Assembly "en Español" Recognition of New Intergroups & New Reps

This is only the second SOAR8 Assembly outside of the US. The first was held in Medellin in November 2011. OA members from The South American National OA Board and Bogota did an amazing job putting this together. There were glitches and the translations in both English and Spanish did slow business proceedings down a little, but all in all it was a great Assembly.

Credentials & Roll Call

**5 Virtual Attendees Watched the Assembly Proceedings from home (4 Atlanta, 1 Little Rock)
32 Voting, 13 Non, (13 New Green Dots)**

Watch the Southeast Overeaters Anonymous Region 8 (SOAR 8) Conference via Online Video



Posted on [October 9, 2014](#)

Remote attendance of the Southeast Overeaters Anonymous Region 8 (SOAR 8) Conference is available with the aid of current computer technology. This technology can be used to videoconference as sub-committees between assemblies so that members can have the face-to-face meeting experience from wherever they may be in the Region. Another use reported by current members is that it allows for video "face to face" contacts with other OA members – some in very remote parts of the region – who otherwise are limited to phone meetings. [Please download this PDF for more information on linking into the conference.](#) [Please download this PDF for more information on using Oovoo.](#)

Presentation: "Let Us Not Close the Doors: Unity with Diversity"

There is a new WSO approved Unity with Diversity Checklist and UWD Statement for use by groups. The UWD Statement is included in the new Suggested Meeting Format for OA Meetings.

Unity With Diversity Checklist

The following checklist for OA groups and service bodies is offered in the spirit of Overeaters Anonymous' Third Tradition and the OA Unity With Diversity Policy Statement. This checklist is not meant to be exhaustive, nor can it be. As we continue to grow, so does our understanding of diversity. These questions are only a starting point for reflection and discussion. We hope that newcomers who are used to "closed doors" can find not only a welcome in OA, but also a home if they wish. As OA's responsibility pledge states: "Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion; for this, I am responsible."

1) In what ways do we welcome all who share our compulsion, regardless of race, ethnicity, language, culture, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or any other attribute?

2) What measures do we take to provide meeting access to OA members who have challenges such as mental or physical disabilities or illnesses, or those who have allergies? What about those who have small children or those who rely on public transportation?

- 3) How do we welcome members such as anorexics, bulimics or those who have had weight-loss procedures? Do we welcome OA members in relapse as authentically as we welcome newcomers or any other members?
- 4) Does our group meeting format use the Diversity Statement included in OA's current Suggested Meeting Format?
- 5) Do we avoid suggesting that *all* OA members have the same issues with food, such as addiction to specific foods, a need to weigh and measure, and so on?
- 6) How do we communicate to newcomers—and reinforce to all members—that Higher Power means a God of our individual understanding and is not specific to any particular religion, faith or concept?
- 7) Do we respect each member's way of practicing the OA Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in a manner best suited to his or her own needs?
- 8) Do we emphasize all three aspects of recovery (spiritual, emotional and physical) equally, or do we focus only on one or two?
- 9) Does our OA literature table stock items that highlight our common solution through diversity, such as:
- ***A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery;***
 - ***Black OA Members Share Their Experience, Strength and Hope;***
 - ***Dignity of Choice;***
 - ***Focus on Anorexia and Bulimia Packet;***
 - ***Many Symptoms, One Solution;***
 - ***OA Members Come in All Sizes;***
 - ***To the Teen;***
 - ***To the Man Who Wants to Stop Compulsive Overeating, Welcome;***
 - ***Welcome Back, We Care! Packet;*** and
 - ***Young Person's Packet***
- 10) How do we reflect diversity when we conduct business meetings, elect trusted servants or choose speakers and workshop leaders?
- 11) In what ways do we carry the OA message to groups who are currently under-represented in the rooms? Speakers? Workshops? Special focus meetings? Other methods of attraction?
- 12) Having completed this checklist, what other areas can we examine in order to better "extend the hand and heart of OA" to all who share our compulsion?

For guidelines on how to hold a Group Conscience Meeting, go to www.oa.org/pdfs/groupconscience.pdf. More information is also available in the *OA Handbook for Members, Groups and Service Bodies* in the OA Bookstore (bookstore.oa.org).

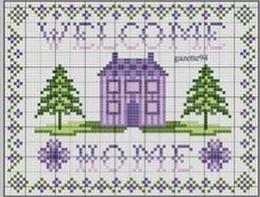
“We are not people who would normally mix, yet mix we do.”

There is also a new (not yet approved) UWD Power Point presented as a workshop at SOAR8 in Bogota. 10 Slides with accompanying notes are provided. So, it's easy to use for a Serenity Day Workshop or Retreat. The workshop was created by Viviana G and Patrick.

Providing a Welcoming Environment is EASY

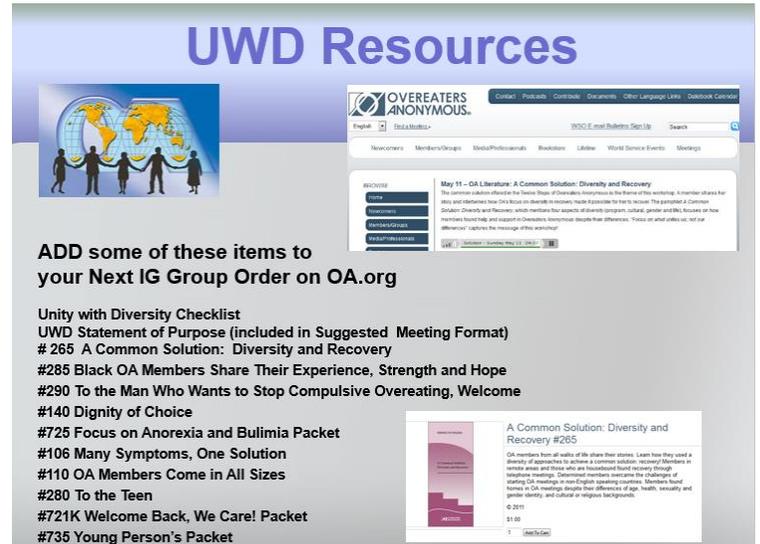
Take a moment and think about your very first OA Meeting?

Were You Nervous?
Did you Share or Take a White Chip?
Did OA Members Talk To You After The Meeting?



If there was one thing that we could have done differently to make YOU feel more welcome, what would it have been?

UWD Resources



ADD some of these items to your Next IG Group Order on OA.org

- Unity with Diversity Checklist
- UWD Statement of Purpose (included in Suggested Meeting Format)
- # 265 A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery
- #285 Black OA Members Share Their Experience, Strength and Hope
- #290 To the Man Who Wants to Stop Compulsive Overeating, Welcome
- #140 Dignity of Choice
- #725 Focus on Anorexia and Bulimia Packet
- #106 Many Symptoms, One Solution
- #110 OA Members Come in All Sizes
- #280 To the Teen
- #721K Welcome Back, We Care! Packet
- #735 Young Person's Packet

Patrick brought back requested resources for Kathy T's Triangle OA Meeting in Spanish and will be offering a virtual workshop in Spanish (using a translator). Viviana G. will lead the workshop and will be Skyping with us from Venezuela.

Discussion Topic for Fri. Nov. 14, 2014 – “Fear: The Shadow of the Sickness”

Speaker 1: Janet T.

My abstinence date is July 2008. My sponsor gave me a food plan, and my sponsor's food plan had more food on it than mine. In OA, we can say "don't touch my food" and everyone understands. Service is very important to my recovery. A big part of my life today is knowing that God is going to take care of me, No Matter What! At one time I just wanted not to live anymore! I had a spiritual sickness. Fear is an evil and corroding thread that destroys my life. I need to inventory my fears; I have to look at my fears. I live in Steps 10, 11, and 12 today. I was afraid to show emotion at one time. I found out my sister had died while I was at a retreat. Unlike my old self, I did not run away from my feelings. I shared my sadness, pain, and tears, and was lifted up by the support of others.

Speaker 2: Alba

I could not control my food and eating. At one time, I had to buy new clothes every 5 days. I was very aggressive and angry toward friends and family. I spoiled vacations for my children with my behavior. I was the oldest in my family of 7 and I felt responsible for everything. When I was isolating with food, everything was OK, at least for a while. Fear dominated my life. I was afraid of

not being the perfect wife and mother. I felt guilty all the time. My husband was not a compulsive overeater. I would stay in the car when we went shopping or out in public, and I would ask my husband to bring things to me. When I came into OA, I had a punishing God. In OA, I found a loving God. I asked God why I was a compulsive overeater. I heard God's voice when I told my husband I didn't want to go back to OA, and he told me that the facts showed that I was powerless by myself. In OA, I felt understood for the first time in my life. In recovery, I was finally able to attend soccer games with my husband because I could wear normal-sized clothes. I was frightened by the noise and excitement at the game and began crying. I began to realize how much I hadn't learned about the outside world because of my fear and isolation in the food. Now I work with my sponsor on my fears. I ask myself what I need to learn from my fears.

Speaker 3: Aleta

I was not a compulsive overeater until I had my tonsils out when I was 5 years old. I didn't want all the ice cream that my family and the doctor said that I could have at the time. Later I started to overeat ice cream, and I figure that I started eating compulsively to make up for what I had missed. To control my weight, I abused amphetamines that were legally prescribed by a series of doctors that I sought out. I finally found OA and got abstinent, but didn't do much service. I realized later that from 1976 to 1983 my sponsor kept telling me to go to intergroup meeting and to World Service Business Conferences. I didn't go, and one day I decided that I knew better than anyone and stopped going to meetings. For 7 years I stayed in relapse, until someone who I didn't like said "what can I do to help" when she saw me crying. She asked me what I was eating and I honestly told her. She said not to eat anything till I called her. I followed her instructions, and she told me what to eat. I was afraid of many things, so I didn't do many activities or go places. I was afraid of flying. I was afraid of turnstiles, because I might not get my body through them. I was afraid of going to the movies, because my body might not fit in the seats. I was afraid of dying. Inventories and action helped me to overcome these fears. When I suffered fears of economic insecurity, I heard God's voice saying "Give and spend, and the Lord will send". I practiced this, and the money was there when I needed it. OA helped me to live through the death of my son. With OA, food doesn't rule my life anymore!

Saturday Morning, November 15, 2014

Assembly Called to Order

BOARD REPORTS

Sander B., Vice-Chair

SOAR 8 Business Assembly and Recovery Convention Bogota' Colombia

Sander Bellman Nov. 14 - 16, 2014

The Golden Dream

Welcome to Bogota' Colombia and SOAR-8's second-ever International SOAR-8 Business Assembly and Recovery Convention, hosted by Intergrupos Bogotá (Bogotá Intergroup) and Corporacion de Servicios Generales de CCA - OA de Colombia (the Colombian OA National Service Board). My many thanks to the Bogota' Intergroup and for my many friends here and in Medellin for the outstanding work they did in putting together this beautiful Assembly and Convention.

The city of Bogotá, the capital of the Republic of Colombia, is one of its main tourist destinations. Despite not having beaches or tropical climate, Bogotá is a metropolis with many cultural activities and is home to major international events. The city also offers a wide variety of international restaurants and sites specializing in nightlife as well as parks, museums, shops and architecture. Assemblies and Conventions for March, and July 2015 are right on target. In March, 2015, we will be meeting March 13-15, in Nashville, TN. Their theme is, "Carry the Message, Be the Message." For more information, see <http://www.oaregion8.org/assemblies/upcoming-assemblies.html>. Then, on July 10-12, we will be meeting in New Orleans, LA for the summer assembly sponsored by the COLA (Central Office of Louisiana) Intergroup.

The Pinellas Traditions Intergroup of Pinellas County Florida (Greater St. Petersburg Area) plans to present a bid here to sponsor the November 2015 Recovery Convention and Business Assembly. We are currently looking for other Intergroups or Service Boards to present bids for the March, 2016 assembly and beyond.

Our primary purpose in OA is not only to abstain from compulsive eating but to also carry the message of recovery through the Twelve Steps of OA to those who still suffer. (OA Preamble, OA 12 & 12, p. v, as modified by WSBC, 2013). One of the most effective ways of spreading this message is to sponsor Recovery Conventions and Assemblies throughout our Region. Not only do such events help spread the message to those who suffer in our local Service Body areas, but they also help provide outreach funds to other Service Bodies in our Region during the rest of the year. Intergroups and Service Boards commonly raise between \$2500 and \$4000 to help in their local efforts. An equivalent sum is also raised to help spread the message throughout our Region. Our Region consists of intergroups and service boards from Tennessee, Arkansas and other Southeastern States to Central and South America and the Caribbean. If your Intergroup or Service Board would like to bid on a future assembly, contact vicechair@oaregion8.org. Also check out our "Hosting Manual" at <http://oaregion8.org/downloads/Hosting-Manual-as-of-May-2012.pdf> and "Guidelines for Hotels" at <http://oaregion8.org/downloads/guidelines-for-hotels-desiring-to-host-a-business-assembly.pdf>. As your Vice-Chair, I am responsible for helping intergroups and service boards plan for and conduct SOAR-8 Recovery Conventions and Assemblies. To that end, I ask for your commitment to sponsor such an event in March, 2016, and to present your proposal (bid) at our next Assembly in Nashville. Although I am rotating out of service as your Vice Chair at the end of this assembly, I know whoever is elected as your new Vice Chair will be happy to assist you in preparing your bid. Let us all remember OA's responsibility pledge which states: "Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion; for this, I am responsible." If you are like me, I believe OA saved my life and I am eternally grateful for those who extended their hearts and hands to me, when I was so desperately in need. Now I must give back, and I ask each of you, in your Intergroups and Service Boards, to extend your hearts and hands to those who share our compulsion and to give back that which has been given to you. I cannot keep that which I do not give away.

I hope to see you in Nashville in March so we can continue to, "Carry the Message by Being the Message." Although I will not be present as your Vice Chair, I hope to attend and participate in their Recovery Convention.

Sander Bellman, Region 8 Vice-Chair, Marietta, GA

Linda H., Trustee

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ATIYA!!! The NEW SOAR8 Treasurer

I've had a busy summer carrying the message to different parts of Region 8. Gloria and I went to the Dominican Republic for their 2nd Annual Workshop—Abstinence is No 1. We shared our Experience Strength and Hope with all who attended. There were also attendees from North Carolina, New York, Venezuela and Colombia who helped us present. Linda sends out a monthly e-blast with updates about our Region and beyond. You can sign up for this online on the SOAR8 Website. Here are a few of the most recent updates.

WHATS NEW SECTION ON OA WEBSITE gives updated info about OA events.

PIPO has a new poster for distribution

4TH QUARTER Step Ahead Newsletter is available for subscription

THE NEW "A Taste of Lifeline" book --- is scheduled for release in February.

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OA members to work all 12 Steps!

Janet T., Vice- Secretary

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NOTE: It's now easier than ever for Reps (and you too!!) to get information about what's going on in our Region. Reps can sign up for the Trusted Servants (Region 8 Reps) email list. Anyone can sign up to be on any of these lists except for the Board Members email list. Just go to the SOAR8 Website and use the scroll down bar under "CONTACT US" and "EMAIL LISTS" to sign up.

Welcome to Bogota, Colombia. I write this report with a heavy but grateful heart today. These past few weeks, after the unexpected death of my sister, Judy, have been difficult. I am strengthened by the friendships I have found in Overeaters Anonymous, most specifically in Region 8 and my Central Florida Intergroup. Thank you all for your kinds words, thoughts and prayers through this difficult family time.

I am excited to be attending my first international assembly as a member of Region 8. I look forward to getting to know all my South & Central American "peeps" while in Bogota. The energy in this area is wonderful!

As a member of the Board, I have been assigned to chair the committee review the motion from the last assembly, to consider remote voting at our assemblies. We will consider this financially and technologically to see if it is a viable option for our vast Region 8. More will be revealed for sure!! See you all soon!

Bienvenidos

Gloria, Chair

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Bienvenidos!

Welcome everyone to Bogota, Colombia, for our November Assembly! Our theme is: ***“Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Recovery: The Golden Dream”***. Bogota is the City of Gold and I am so happy to be returning here. Thanks to our hosts, Intergroupos Bogota and Medellin and the General Service Board of Colombia (OA)!

Hola Amigos! Me llamo Gloria esoy commedora compulsivo en recuperacion gracias OA!

Hello friends! My name is Gloria and I am a compulsive overeater in recovery thanks to OA!

2014 Accomplishments for Region 8

What a great year it has been for Region 8, particularly with our outreach efforts, passing on the message of recovery. Here are just some of the outreach events and other activities we have been able to accomplish with your service and generosity: 2014 Our Primary Purpose: *Abstinence is #1* Bogota, Colombia- November 14-16, 2014

1. Your Region 8 Trustee, Linda H and I travelled to the Dominican Republic to participate in their relatively new Intergroup's Second Annual International Workshop. Please see my report on the trip to the Dominican Republic, attached to the end of this Report.
2. Your SOAR 8 Board has done several Service, Traditions and Concepts workshops all over the southeastern United States, in the Dominican Republic and in Brazil. ***Please sign up for one using the form you will find on our Region 8 website!***
3. Linda and I also traveled to Rio de Janeiro Brazil to attend the annual Business Assembly of the National Service Board of Brazil (JUNCCAB). Please see my report on this trip at the end of this report.
4. Your Region 8 Unity with Diversity Committee has created a workshop on the UWD Checklist which will be presented at this Assembly as our Forum.
5. Region 8 is on the cutting edge of discussion about remote attendance and remote voting. We have just created an ADHOC Committee to study this subject, in accordance with the Assembly's decision last July. More will be revealed as the Committee gets things underway.
6. Region 8 funded 5 delegates to the WSBC. WOW!

Region Chairs Committee

It is my great privilege to be the Forum Chair for WSBC 2015. Be sure to attend and more will be revealed.

It is the job of the Region Chairs Committee to distribute materials resulting from performance of the Strategic Plan tasks. Please visit the OA.org website to download the Abstinence PowerPoint, the Strong Abstinence Checklist (which now includes a Strong Abstinence Literature Resource Guide of applicable OA literature) and you can also download podcasts from this year's VIRTUAL workshops. Every year the 10 Region Chairs attend the Assembly of another Region. In 2015 we will attend the Region 10 Assembly in

Patti S., Treasurer (Report Given by Ways and Means Chair in Patti's absence)

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We were mandated to spend down our prudent reserve in 2012 because our prudent reserve was 80%. We had to spend it down to within 40 - 60% as mandated by our bylaws. However, as we spent the prudent reserve down, our costs continued to go, especially for airline and international travel within Region 8. We also increased our rep. funding in order to bring more delegates to assemblies. Please remind your groups to give as they are able so SOAR8 can continue to grow and share the OA message. Thanks to Kat for filling in for Patti S."

We now have the ability to take recurring auto payments through Pay Pal. The instructions are easy to follow and can be found on the SOAR8 website. If anyone wants to do a personal or group recurring donation let me know. Personal donations are tax deductible. Please go back to your meetings and ask if they are mentioning the suggested

Thank you all for your service ☺

Patti Schumacher

Region 8 treasurer

A Special Region 8 Appeal—PLEASE PRINT FLYER ON NEXT PAGE FOR YOUR GROUPS

Did you know that the suggested 7th Tradition split of 60/30/10 sends only 10% to Region 8? This is a special appeal for a special 7th Tradition exclusively for Region 8. In this post, a special message from our Region 8 Treasurer.

Give Five to Keep the Spirit of Medellin Alive! Donation for Special Appeal

"The Spirit of Medellin" has come to mean the life changing experience Region 8 went through during our first International Assembly in Medellin in November 2011. It marked the beginning of the coming together of all parts of Region 8, formerly separated by sea and speech, but now separate no more. Our success at reaching out to all of Region 8 has been beyond our wildest dreams!

**THERE ARE EASY
STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS
ON SOAR8 WEBSITE FOR
DONATING FUNDS.**

**FUNDS CAN BE DESIGNATED
AND/OR RECURRING.**

**BOTTOM OF LANDING PAGE
OF SOAR8 WEBSITE**

Tradition 7

Every OA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Please include your group number on the 2nd address line of your address or on the confirmation page where it asks for "Special Instructions for the Seller".

Donate



<OR>

Please send Group, Intergroup or personal contributions via check to:

Region 8 Treasurer

P.O. Box 1375

Holmes Beach, FL 34218 ... *Please include your group number on your check.*

SPECIAL APPEAL



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only 10% to Region 8

HERE ARE WAYS REGION 8 SERVES YOU:

- Board members present workshops throughout the region
- Scholarships are provided so underfunded Intergroups can send reps to business assemblies and WSBC
- Region 8 web site is maintained—see our events calendar
- Remote access to business assemblies is now available
- Intergroup Chairs' support via email loop and phone meetings
- Communication and idea/information sharing: fund raising, outreach, diversity, sponsorship, relapse prevention, technology, public information, carrying the message
- Region-wide lists: speakers, email sponsors and Intergroup sponsors
- Region 8 newsletter published three times a year
- Direct connection to WSO, giving all members a voice in decision-making

WE ARE REQUESTING A SPECIAL 7TH TRADITION EXCLUSIVELY FOR REGION 8. PLEASE "GIVE AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT".

Region 8 Treasurer

PO Box 1375

Holmes Beach, FL 34218

Please write "Special Appeal" and group # on checks

SUBMITTED MOTIONS

Motion 1 Move to 2 SOAR Assemblies per year (Bylaws Change) MOTION LOST

Motion 2 Move to 2 SOAR Assemblies per year (P&P Change) MOTION OUT OF ORDER

	Adopted
	Amended
	Lost

BYLAWS CHANGE= MOTION LOST

1.

SOAR-8

Motion 1: Bylaws – Two Region-8 Assemblies Per Year

Motion:

Move that Article VII Section 1-Regular Meetings, Item A of the SOAR 8 Bylaws be revised as follows:

Current Wording:

Region-8 shall hold regular Region-8 Recovery Convention and Business Assemblies three (3) times a year, on a rotation basis among the states, countries and territories in the Region as approved at the Region-8 Business Assembly one year previous.

Proposed Wording:

Region-8 shall hold regular Region-8 Recovery Convention and Business Assemblies three (3) **two (2)** times a year, on a rotation basis among the states, countries and territories in the Region as approved at the Region-8 Business Assembly one year previous.

This motion shall go into effect at the close of the November, 2015 Assembly.

Submitted By:

Colombia Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous

Intent:

This motion would change SOAR 8 Bylaws so that Region-8 Assemblies and accompanying Recovery Conventions would occur not three times but twice a year. Because hosting bids have been accepted through November of 2015; this motion shall go into effect at the close of the November, 2015 Assembly.

Improvements in communications, most particularly email and free long-distance calling have enabled, Region-8 to handle most Region Business between Assemblies. Even the work of standing committees is increasingly developed and shared among committee members before the Assemblies. Further, the recent passage of new processes for the submission of motions has meant much more efficient assemblies and far less business to be handled on the Assembly floor. Currently Region-8 and participating Intergroups dedicate an increasingly large percentage of their budgets (see gas and travel costs alone) to holding and attending Assemblies and the amount of work actually done on the Assembly

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CHANGE = NA

	Adopted
	Amended
	Lost

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Motion 2: P&P – Two Region-8 Assemblies Per Year

Motion:

Move that Move that Article XI. Assembly Procedures; Basic Principles; Item 2 of the SOAR 8 Policy and Procedure Manual be revised as follows:

Current Wording:

Assembly shall be held three times a year: March, July, and November.

Proposed Wording:

Assembly shall be held three **two (2)** times a year: March, July, and **September** November.

This motion shall go into effect at the close of the November, 2015 Assembly.

Submitted By:

Colombia Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous

SINCE MOTION 1 FAILED, MOTION 2 IS N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ways & Means- Kat R.

Bylaws/Electronic Documents- Bill

IGOR- Andi S.

TSW- Donna D.

PI/PO- Lonna C.

Technology/Website-Lyne P.

Unity With Diversity Report- Viviana

The Unity with Diversity Committee facilitated a conference call during the assembly with Desmond G., the delegate for young people within WSO to ask about resources, legal reporting issues, and sponsorship.

WSO approved documents have been approved by the committee to be added to the SOAR8 website.

Workshop is planned for 2015 on breaking the language barriers. OOVOO account will be used (similar to Skype) for virtual participation between US and South American members of OA.

Assisting with translation of Bylaws.

GREEN DOT CEREMONY:

13 New Green Dots are now fully-fledged SOAR8 Representatives

MEETING ADJOURNED

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next year's WSO Strategic Plan is designed to encourage
OA members to work all 12 Steps!**



World Service Convention

Boston Marriott Copley Place

110 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02116

Phone:(617) 236-5800

September 1-4, 2016

Contact: <http://www.aa.org/contact/>

Phone: 505-891-2664

UPCOMING 2015 EVENTS LISTED ON SOAR8 WEBSITE:

Feb 27th - Mar 1st 25th Florida State Convention - Orlando, FL

"Together We Can..... Turn Silver into Gold"

Apr 24th - 26th North Carolina Spring 2015 OA Retreat - Durham, NC

"The Twelve Step Journey" Sponsored by Triangle OA Intergroup



UPCOMING 2015 SOAR8 ASSEMBLIES:

Middle Tennessee Intergroup, Nashville, Tennessee, USA- March 2015

Central Office Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA- July 2015

NOTE: Drive time from RDU to Nashville is ~8 hours, Non-stop flight ~1 hour 30 minutes

PRINTABLE REGISTRATION FLYER ON WEBSITE

<http://oanashville.org/>

2015 SOAR 8, NASHVILLE, TN



Middle Tennessee Intergroup is hosting the 2015

Soar 8 Recovery Convention and Business Assembly

March 13 – 15, 201

Holiday Inn/Oprylans/Briley Parkway

[click here for 2015 SOAR 8 registration flyer](#)

Register online at

www.soar8mar2015.eventbrite.com

(a surcharge is added when using this site)

Convention Highlights

Registration (outside assembly room)

Friday: 3:00-7:30 PM

Saturday: 7:00 am— Noon

Opening Ceremony: 7:30 PM Friday

Special Events: Saturday

Banquet: 7:00 PM

Entertainment: Auction 9:00 PM

Convention Ends: Noon Sunday

For More Info:

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