## **Spring 2021 SOAR8 Business Assembly Report**

Submitted by Anne L.

**Information**

* Anyone can get events put on the SOAR8 calendar by emailing the info to the Secretary (currently Dara Sue) at secretary@oaregion8.org.
* Likewise, anyone can send an email to the All SOAR8 mailing list (Allsoar8@oaregion8.org).
* The SOAR8 Tech Web committee is working on guidelines for hybrid meetings once places start to reopen.

**Nominations**

Nominations for officers (to be elected at the Fall 2021 assembly):

* Chair: Susan B, Piedmont IG (currently Bylaws chair and also chair of Piedmont IG) and Barb C, FL NFI (former Tech Web chair)
* Treasurer: Michelle D, Arkansas (current Treasurer)
* Region 8 Delegate to WSBC (2022): Marisa M, Ingrid A, and Sarah S.

Nominations remain open until 60 days before the Fall assembly (so, until August 17, 2021).

**Upcoming Assemblies**

* The Fall 2021 Assembly will be hosted virtually (no in-person component) by Greater Atlanta Intergroup, with the theme of Diversity. Dates are October 16-17, 2021 (both recovery convention and business assembly).
* Miami Dade-Florida Keys Intergroup is exploring hosting for Fall 2022.
* The Board is considering a motion to be presented at the Fall 2021 assembly to have only 1 in-person assembly per year, in the fall (so as not to conflict with WSBC); the motion is still in drafting, and may include a second virtual assembly in the spring.

**Treasurer’s Report**

We’re doing well financially, have funding for things that is not being used, and have too much for a prudent reserve. This was discussed toward the end of the meeting, I believe, after I had to leave.

**Motions**

* Passed motions to correct the bylaws to indicate that the secretary, not the vice chair, assembles the assembly packets.
* Passed a motion to separate the logo image from the logo text to make updates easier.
* A motion to revise the logo text (which describes the geographic areas covered by Region 8 and currently lists all covered U.S. states by name, but the rest only as Central and South America) to be more inclusive by listing regions at a similar level of detail (by making the U.S. part “Southeastern United States”) was contentious and sent back to committee (Bylaws).