

Report on Region Six Assembly Sept 20, 2003 – submitted by Carol B.

50 delegates and four Board members convened in Albany. (There are currently 897 Affiliated Groups (up one from April), 99 Unaffiliated Groups (down 5 from April), totaling 1086 Groups with 49 Intergroups in the Region.

The morning workshop discussed Tradition One – Unity. We divided into small groups and answered the questions from the OA 12 & 12.

In the afternoon, the various Region 6 committees met, such as the By-Laws, Convention, Newsletter, PI, Finance & Twelve Step Within. I attended the Twelve Step Within Committee for the first time, having participated in the Twelve Step Within Committee at the WSBC in April. (For those of you who are unclear what 12 Step Within means, I am attaching an article with a definition and description. Briefly, in 1985, the WSBC established this type of committee to address relapse and recovery for our current and past members with the goal of (1) increasing member retention, (2) carrying the message to still suffering members, and (3) reaching out to past members who have left.)

At the committee meeting, Regional reps shared their experiences. Since WUIG has not had this type of committee for several years, this was an eye-opener for me. In addition to establishing ‘Relapse and Recovery ‘ meetings and marathons throughout Region 6, there were several other projects that were of interest. First, one Intergroup developed a “Welcome Back” packet to be sold to groups for free distribution to returning members. (As you know, in October this idea was presented to our Board and we approved the purchase of material for 150 packets. So far, feedback has been very positive and we have only ----- packets left.) Another Intergroup discussed their program called “Meeting of the Month”, where every month the Intergroup chooses a different meeting to support and at least 3 members agree to attend that meeting for the month, resulting in many benefits (details attached). A third idea was a project called “Celebrate 12 on the 12th”, where, on the 12th of the month, OAers make 12 Step calls.(Flyer attached).

Goals of the committee were to increase the creation of 12 Step Within Committees at the Intergroup level. Committee members were asked to present this concept at our Intergroups and to contact 5 other Intergroups to find out if they have this type of committee. We were also asked to present a workshop at the next Region 6 Assembly in April 2004. I would highly recommend the establishment of a Twelve Step Within Committee at WUIG.

After the committees met, the Assembly reconvened. Elections were held. Board reports were presented. New Business was discussed. Policy, By-Law and Committee motions were voted upon. First Timers’ ceremony was held. Assembly adjourned at 6:00 pm.