

PROPOSED ASSEMBLY WEEKEND & COMMITTEE RESTRUCURE

Presented by the R5 Ad Hoc Committee on 8/10/16

The Ad Hoc Committee considered many things in developing this proposal. Among the considerations were:

- Results of the 2015 Region 5 Inventory – include more OA meetings & recovery opportunities, provide training
- What do we do today – does the activity add value or not
- Time constraints placed on all of us as trusted servants
- Effectiveness of our current Committee structure in carrying the OA message to Region 5

As a result, the Ad Hoc Committee offers the proposed Assembly Weekend plan for your consideration and comment. *The most significant change is that the Assembly business will conclude on Sunday morning by 10AM**. We have chosen to **DROP** 2 activities – New Rep Orientation and Committee Chairs Meeting on Saturday morning. **NEW** activities are indicated as “**NEW!**” on the spreadsheet.

***With 2 Assemblies a year, some IGs only needed to stay 1 night each Assembly. Due to distance traveled, other IGs stayed 2 nights each time. With this proposal, ALL IGs attending Assembly will stay 2 nights twice a year. This will mean an additional cost for some of our IGs and for others, a cost savings.*

Another **NEW** activity proposed is a **SUMMER Board/Committee Update Conference Call****. Without a summer Assembly, accountability to the Region becomes even more critical. This call would be open to ALL Region Reps, Intergroup Officers and interested members. Key aspects of this call would be:

- Propose scheduling the call mid-July (TBD)
- Packet of information emailed at least 1-2 weeks ahead of the conference call; the packet would contain Officer Reports, Trustee Report, Financial Reports (1/1 through 6/30), Business Committee Reports, Outreach Sub-Committee Reports, Day in the Life write-ups, any applicable forms (support fund applications, assembly funding request, officer application forms), etc.
- Time allowed for questions of all reports
- Time would be allowed for Intergroup Sharing
- NO official business conducted – no motions or voting
- Attendance taken via the Credentials Report
- Minutes of the call would be provided (or recording made available)
- **NOTE:** Budget requests would be due to the Treasurer by 7/1 via email

***Any motions related to this Summer Update Call will be presented separately at the 2016 November Assembly.*

The Ad Hoc Committee also recommends the following actions for 2017:

1. The timing of pre-assembly packet mailings continues as is.
2. The Spring & Fall Assemblies be held in Merrillville, IN for 2017. This will “keep it simple” as everyone adjusts to a different Assembly experience.
3. At the 2017 Summer update call, consider the future rotation & timing of Assemblies:

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- While the Region 5 Policy & Procedures supports rotation of Assembly location, is it in the best interest of R5 to continue that policy? If discussion suggests that rotation is no longer desirable, motion(s) could be presented in 2017 to change the Policy & Procedures.
- Does the 2nd weekend of March & November still work best for Region 5? Will the Assembly know the tentative dates for 2018 Convention in Indianapolis? Would that affect the 2018 Assembly dates?

The Ad Hoc Committee presented this **Committee Restructure Proposal** at the July 2016 Assembly. It is provided here so you can see how it became the foundation for our future Assembly weekend:

Business Committees at Assembly – Bylaws, Finance, Convention, Media – defined by the Ad Hoc Committee as primarily conducting the “business” functions of Region

Outreach (or Service) Committee – formerly comprised of Twelfth Step Within (TSW), Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO), Intergroup Outreach (IO) – defined by the Ad Hoc Committee as primarily conducting the “outreach or service” function of Region

Nominating Committee – appointed by Chair, made up of 3-5 Reps with at least 1 year of active service at Region level, chaired by any R5 officer not running for election at Fall Assembly - all work is done outside of Assembly by phone/email. A new task for the Nominating Committee is to replace the “Selection Committee” when searching for a Region Trustee candidate – Bylaws Article VII.A.2.

Emergency New Business Committee - the role that this committee served before will now be done by the Bylaws Committee.

Current **Newsletter Committee** becomes the **Media Committee** (action taken at July 2016 Assembly)

ALL Reps will be asked to serve on a Business Committee **and** a sub-committee of Outreach for a full year commitment. We strongly encourage Chairs of all these Committees to serve on that *same* committee for their full 2-year term at Region.

We thank the Region, our Parliamentarian Karen B, and the Board for their guidance and support throughout this process.

Respectfully submitted,

Region 5 Ad Hoc Committee

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