



OA REGION 5 TREASURER  
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Dear Region 5 Fellowship,

This is my first Assembly of my second term. I am continuing to streamline reporting. I am preparing guidelines for the Finance Committee to help make them aware of what they should be monitoring throughout the year. At our Assembly Finance Committee, we will work through the Guidelines and make modifications.

As of December, 2018, the balance in our checking account was \$31,159.12. In the savings account, we maintain \$13,705.69 as a prudent reserve. Combined, the balance was \$44,864.81.

We collected \$23152.63 in our Group Contributions compared to this \$23,082.04 in 2017. That was an increase of \$70.59. Let your groups know how important and appreciated their contributions are. Quarterly contributions, no matter how much, keep a consistent cash flow. While OA has no dues or fees, it is not free. Contributions do more than just pay our expenses. Our committees have submitted additional budget requests in an effort to help spread this message. We also budgeted an **increase** of \$2,000 for World Service to help defray their expenses.

Our 2018 Convention's income was \$28,581.39. Expenses were \$20,122.84. Therefore, our 2018 Convention made \$8,458.55 after a \$2,819.52 payout to Central Indiana Intergroup. Thank you everyone for the hard work and attendance. Conventions are a major source of income. Please promote the 2019 Convention in Milwaukee.

I have prepared a packet for the accountants for preparation of the 2018 tax returns and filings. Because of the advanced preparation and our ability to provide full financial statements, they estimate their fees to be considerably less this year. We budgeted \$1,400 and they estimate their fees to be \$375.

Make sure to download the Contribution Form on the Region 5 website's FORMS tab. As you can see in the Contributions Report, I get checks and do not know what groups they are for. Also, if you do not know your group's number, please look it up on the OA.org website in the Find a Meeting section. For a mailed receipt, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Your cancelled check serves as your receipt, however, if necessary, you can request an email receipt. To speed up delivery of your contributions, please note the **Region 5 post office address is Post Office Box 1087, Lombard, IL 60148**. The Post Office is no longer in Indianapolis and they will no longer forward the mail. Also, we are now Region 5 not Region V. Please make out your checks to reflect this change.

We approved our 2019 budget at the Fall Assembly but the Committee of the Whole does not meet until the Spring Assembly. When subcommittees form in the Spring, there is no clear idea of what the expenses will be. We tried to forecast the expenses but we can expect to see some variances. I hope you will continue your trust in your Officers to control these costs. We keep the good of our members at the forefront in our decisions.

We added funding in the budget to help an Intergroup send a Delegate to the World Service Business Conference. The budget amount is \$1,500 and may be split among Intergroups according to need and demand. Remember that your Intergroup should be self-supporting but if you need one-time assistance, let us know at the Fall Assembly. This budget item is in addition to the funding of a Region 5 Delegate we regularly send.

I am indebted to the Finance Committee who work with me on the budget revisions and the Auditing Guidelines. I am so grateful to OA and my higher power for the support I receive. Please let me know if you have questions. I work for you.

Respectfully submitted,

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