

## The Region 5 Media Committee (MC) Meeting Report for November, 2018 through February 16th, 2019

### Previous Fall Assembly Items:

1. Chairman recreated the WSO permission verbiage to use to get permission for using the graphics from the website contest.
2. MC decided the Fall newsletter theme would be “*Growing OA Recovery*”. The theme for the Spring newsletter will be “*Growing Worldwide Membership Region-wide*”.
3. The group made a general goal of creating three newsletters per year that will coincide with the Region 5 Business Assemblies (Spring, Summer, Fall). But will remain flexible in the number that are created depending on what is needed.
4. The group will also aim to keep a new “What’s Happening” current events section on the website that will be updated often, with quick links to new events, etc. This will be part of the new website when it goes live.
5. Reviewed the proposed Region 5 Policies Amendment D and decided to suggest an additional amendment to the wording that is being considered. The MC wanted to remove strict references to the number of Newsletters that will be created and instead say that the MC will “regularly” create the newsletters and announcements throughout the year. That way there is greater flexibility when updating information, so we can keep the website as fresh, current and easy to manage as possible.

### Actions taken during the Fall and Winter:

Committee member Fall Newsletter assignments:

- **Deanna B** wrote about experiences in *Growing OA Recovery*, while participating in the Intergroup to Intergroup sub-committee for the past six months.
- **Jo A** wrote about experiences in *Growing OA Recovery*, while participating in the Each One Reach One sub-committee for the past six months.
- **Gwen C** wrote about how Sponsorship helps with the theme *Growing OA Recovery*.
- **Kevin F** wrote about experiences of *Growing OA Recovery*.
- **Jan C** wrote about experiences in *Growing OA Recovery*.
- **Cutia** wrote about experiences in *Growing OA Recovery*.
- **Joel I** wrote an article that will act as a how to about creating anonymous email accounts for use as contact information in OA.
- **Keri** collected all of the articles and materials and then redesigned the Newsletter, which was reviewed by the MC and the Region 5 Board and was published by November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Items that the committee worked during this time:**

1. The committee worked together with Joel on organizing and classifying the contest winning photos/graphics to use in the new web design.
2. Keri worked with Joel (who worked with the webmaster) on preparing final files and samples to be used to implement the updated web design (once we had approval from the Region 5 Board, to move forward with the updates).
3. Members will be working with Joel to review the new website in February before it goes live early this Spring (we hope).
4. The MC had EZ Talks meetings to test the video conferencing tool. It was decided that the new Video Conferencing Ad Hoc Committee would take over the testing of video conferencing software and the conversations and decisions about those tools.