

WELCOME

Welcome New Representatives! The business of the Assembly includes committee work, election of officers, selection of trustee nominees, amendment of bylaws, and creation and maintenance of all Region Publications (for example, the Policy and Procedure Manual).

If this is your first time attending a SOAR 8 Business Assembly, you are affectionately termed a **GREEN DOT**. You are now in our shoes – as we were all **GREEN DOTS** at one time. The **GREEN DOTS** keep things moving in a new and fresh direction.

However, the first time we walked into the Region 8 Business Assembly it was overwhelming. We want you to know you are very important and you are not alone. You may bring a computer, or print out the documents you need. In order to make things easier, there are some things you should do:

- Check with your Intergroup to ensure your “credentials” have been submitted to the SOAR 8 Secretary. Paperwork is important!
- Register in advance (on-line or by check) for the Business Assembly. Make sure you have registered as a “First Time Rep.” If you must register at the last minute, don’t worry – we will be able to catch up on the paperwork.
- Download and read the New Representative (Green Dot) Manual from the www.oaregion8.org webpage. This orientation handbook is to help you understand and become comfortable with the Business Assembly.
- Download the Assembly packet and Addendum (if needed) from the www.oaregion8.org webpage. We recommend you print and study the actual MOTIONS so that you can annotate questions and take notes.
- Look for an email that will assign you a Green Dot Mentor, an experienced region representative. The mentor is available to support, listen, answer questions, and explain what is going on during Assembly. Just remember to sit next to your mentor at the Business Assembly and ASK QUESTIONS when needed!
- AT REGISTRATION: When you arrive at registration, sign the credentialing book. Find your name under the STATE and INTERGROUP. Receive your name tag, meal tickets (if purchased), registration bag, etc, and make sure you get a blue ribbon **“REPRESENTATIVE”** and a green dot sticker to attach to your name tag.
- Attend the Green Dot orientation meeting. This will normally be Saturday morning and you may bring your breakfast. The meeting time and room will be announced.
- Be patient with yourself and adhere to your abstinence requirements.

We are here to help you with any concern, large or small. Be assured that the procedures become clearer with time as you continue your 12th Step service work. Welcome, and thank you for your service.

The Region 8 Board