

SOAR 8

Southeast Overeaters Anonymous Region 8



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To all members of OA REGION 8:

In only a few days many of us will be meeting in Orlando for the business assembly!

This is an addendum to the packet. It includes anything that was left off the original packet, any corrections that have been made and any changes that have been made since the packet was published. By printing out this addendum and bringing it to the SOAR 8 Assembly this week you will have all the changes and corrections made to this date without needing to print out an entirely new packet.

If there is anything we can do to help you this week in preparation for the SOAR 8 Assembly in Orlando please email secretary@oaregion8.org

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Standing Rules

These rules take precedence over Robert's Rules of Order. They may be suspended by a 2/3 vote using a Motion to Suspend the Rules, to force standard parliamentary procedure.

Participation in Assembly

1. Voting member must wear **appropriate identification** badge/ribbon denoting Rep, funded committee chair, or Board Member.
2. The Secretary shall **call the roll** at the beginning of each session, and prior to any important vote, as deemed necessary by the Chairman. A roll call is performed by counting Board members, Committee Chairs, and each state's registered Rep(s).
3. A person must have been **counted in the preceding roll call** to participate in any Assembly procedure, e.g., voting, making a motion, speaking pro or con, etc.
4. **Visitors and guests** are permitted in the Assembly, but should not participate in any procedure except speaking informally when recognized by the Chairman.

Voting Procedures

1. Vote may be taken by voice, show of hands, standing, or ballot, at the discretion of the Chairman.
2. A voting member may request a more accurate vote count by simply calling out "Division." The Chairman may then use a voting method which assures an exact count.
3. The Chairman may also call for division by stating, "The Chairman is in doubt."
4. Ballot vote will be used for elections unless there is only one nominee, and the Assembly passes a motion to accept by acclamation. Ballots will be distributed, collected, and tallied by non-voting members appointed by the Chairman. After announcement of results, motion is in order to destroy ballots.

Recognition

1. Voting members who wish to speak shall, from the center microphone, give their name and Intergroup, and wait for recognition from the Chairman. If necessary to get the Chairman's attention, the voting member may say "Madam/Mr. Chairman," but may not speak further unless recognized by the Chairman.
2. For certain procedures, the voting member, from the center microphone, may display a sign to gain recognition from the Chairman (e.g., Point of Order, Point of Information, Parliamentary Inquiry, etc.). Motions and Debate
3. Process for New Business Motions
 - a. Secretary will distribute minutes of the Business Assembly to the Board and Committee Chairs electronically no later than fifteen (15) days after close of the Business Assembly. New motions will be contained in the Committee Reports of the minutes.
 - b. New motions arising out of committees during an Assembly shall be communicated to the Secretary within fifteen (15) days after the close of the Assembly at which they emerge. After Board notification the Secretary shall forward these motions to the Bylaws/Electronic Documents Chair within twenty-one (21) days of the close of the Assembly at which they emerge.

- c. New motions arising outside the Business Assembly shall be submitted to the Secretary at least sixty-five (65) days prior to the Region 8 Business Assembly or special Region 8 Business Assembly at which action is to be taken on the proposed motion.
 - d. Motions must be formatted to contain the intent, the proposed motion, any possible effects (costs, time, other committees affected, etc.), date of implementation and a list of necessary changes to be made to the Policy & Procedure Manual for consistency or congruity.
 - e. The Bylaws/Electronic Documents Committee may suggest changes in the motion to the maker to facilitate arriving at a more suitable version for submission to the next Business Assembly if the passing of the motion, as initially proposed, would:
 - 1.) create incongruity within either the Policy & Procedure Manual or the Bylaws,
 - 2.) create incongruity between the Policy & Procedure Manual and the Bylaws,
 - 3.) be in contradiction to or with either the Policy & Procedure Manual or the Bylaws, or
 - 4.) result in an adverse, unintended effect unrelated to content, intent or rationale (such as, but not limited to, language or structure).
 - f. The Bylaws/Electronic Documents Chair will submit the reviewed motions to the Secretary electronically, no later than (sixty) 60 days after the close of the Assembly for inclusion in the mailing packet for the following Assembly.
 - g. No motions other than emergency motions will be taken from the floor at the Assembly. Emergency motions shall be submitted to the Bylaws/Electronic Documents Chair before the lunch break on Saturday of the Assembly.
4. There will be a maximum of **three pro and three con speakers to each motion**. There will be a maximum of **two pro and two con speakers to each amendment**. Each speaker may speak for a maximum of three minutes.
 5. Pro and con speakers shall use the appropriate **pro/con microphone**. While waiting to speak, pro/con speakers may queue at the microphones.
 6. A voting **member may not speak on two consecutive motions or amendments** unless the maximum number of speakers has not been reached.
 7. The **first speaker is always pro**, and is usually the maker of the motion (unless he/she wishes to have another voting member speak).
 8. If **more than the maximum number** of speakers wishes to speak to a motion, they are encouraged to select among themselves those speakers who can best represent their views.
 9. There shall **be at least one pro and one con speaker** before any discussion on the motion is taken from the center microphone.
 10. A motion to close debate (**Previous Question**) or limit debate is in order for motions or amendments, and requires a 2/3 vote.
 11. To save time on a simple amendment to a motion, the Chairman may ask the maker of the motion if he/she would be willing to accept a **“friendly amendment.”** If the maker of the motion agrees and there is no objection from the Assembly, the motion is changed to include the amendment.

Miscellaneous Rules

1. **No smoking** is allowed in any Assembly room.
2. **No animals** are allowed in any Assembly room, except guide dogs and service animals.
3. **All cell-phones**, beepers and 2-way pagers are to be set on vibrate or turned off.
4. **Voting members are not to leave or enter** the Assembly room while votes are being taken.
5. **No eating food** allowed during the business session.

AMENDED AGENDA

SOAR 8 Orlando November 5 & 6, 2010

Friday Nov 5, 2010 - SOAR 8 Assembly Meeting Agenda

1. **7:00pm ASSEMBLY CONVENES**
OA readings: Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, For Today
2. Appointment of Timer
3. Recognition of New Intergroups, New Reps, **Green Dots**, Conventioneers & Visitors
4. Introduction of Region 8 Board members, Funded Committee Chairs & IG Chairs
5. Introduction of former Region 8 Board members and Trustee
6. Credentials & Roll Call
7. **Adoption of amended Agenda**
8. FUN
9. Forum -International Region 8
10. **8:15pm BREAK**
11. Announcements
12. 8:30pm Welcome & short skit by Central Florida Intergroup
13. 8:45pm Presentation & Discussion - "**Abstinence - much more than a food plan**".
14. **10:00pm RECESS**

Saturday Nov. 6, 2010 - SOAR 8 Assembly Meeting Agenda

15. **7:30 New Rep Orientation**
16. **8:30 CALL TO ORDER**-OA readings: Serenity Prayer, 12 Concepts, Voices of Recovery
17. Credentials
18. Adoptions of Standing Rules
19. Approve Consent agenda
20. Approve minutes from New Orleans Assembly
21. Introduction of Parliamentarian & short parliamentary lesson
22. 7th Tradition
23. Board reports - 5 min each +5 minutes questions
24. Trustee Report - 5 minutes + 5 minutes for questions
25. **BREAK**
26. Credentials
27. **Motions** -P&P/General
28. **12:00 LUNCH BREAK with SPEAKER**
29. **RECONVENE 2PM**
30. **2-3:30pm** Committee Meetings (Take break if needed-be ready to go @ **3:30**) Hand in report to Secretary
31. Final report from New Orleans July 2010 Assembly/convention.
32. Credentials
33. Unfinished Business (Continue motions if needed)
34. New business
 - A. **Budget**
 - B. Election of Vice Chair
 - C. Election of Secretary
 - D. Election of Region 8 WSBC delegates
 - E. 4 Bids November 2011 Assembly & Convention
 - F. Discussion of changes to Hosting Manual
 - G. Emergency Motions (if needed)
35. Committee reports
 - Ways & Means
 - Bylaws/Electronic Documents
 - IGOR
 - TSW
 - PI/PO
 - Technology/Website
 - Unity in Diversity
36. **"Did You Know?"** Educational segment about **Financial Health**
37. Any other new Business
38. Ask - it - Basket (time permitting)
39. For the good of the order (time permitting)
40. Break out for additional Committee Meetings (time permitting)
41. **GREEN DOT CEREMONY**
42. **5:30pm ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS**

PI/PO REPORT FOR REGION ASSEMBLY

Martha Pace, Chair

Public Information/Professional Outreach Committee set one short term goal plus several long term goals at the SOAR 8 Region Business Assembly in New Orleans. We're definitely looking forward to the Orlando Assembly to continue our work.

Our short term goal is to have a PI/PO Workshop at the SOAR 8 Recovery Convention. If we can't do this in Orlando we will ask to have one at the following assembly. We feel that we can get more PI/PO activities accomplished if attendees at the Recovery Convention realize some of the many activities any OA member can do individually or at the group level no matter what the size of the local group. Two members of the committee volunteered to do this workshop.

WSO designates January as "Media Month" but leaves it up to intergroups &/or local groups what they choose to do. These plans need to be discussed & projects decided now to have them ready to do beginning immediately after Christmas. We know that many individuals are looking for ways to deal with their weight &/or eating issues primarily during the Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Year holidays & immediately afterwards.

We will be discussing some ideas including signs being used by Baton Rouge IG, cost of a highway/interstate sign visible to tourists/residents as they enter Florida, buying scattered time for television ads which more than 1 intergroup could donate to run, getting WSO audio spots on local radio stations to air in late Dec., Jan. & possibly Feb., getting items in local newspapers during the same time period, plus other ideas from committee members.

In addition we will discuss distributing PI/PO materials for intergroups who are financially unable to attend Region 8 Business Assemblies; distribute directions/template that can be used by IG's, local groups &/or individuals for meeting information flyers with tear-off slips, & send it to IG Chairs for them to distribute to groups.

Looking forward to seeing YOU in Orlando.

Ways and Means Report

1. Audited the SOAR 8 treasurer for July, August, and September - all is correct.
2. All sweatshirts sold with a profit of \$227.50.
3. Fundraising ideas for November 2010 assembly
4. To date this committee has made a profit of \$836.

Sam

Ways & Means Chair

New Business Motion 1A

Motion:

To revise the Policies & Procedures Manual

2. Financial Policies pg 2.1

c. Meals pg 2.2

Submitted by: Treasurer and Ways & Means

Current reading:

Reimbursement for meal expense (including tips) incurred at or traveling to and from Assembly shall be a maximum of \$60 per Assembly for funded committee chairmen, and \$90 per Assembly for board members, plus the cost of Saturday lunch and banquet. Should the funded committee chairmen be requested to attend the Friday Board Meeting an additional \$25 will be available for meal reimbursement. No alternate meal expense shall be reimbursed for Saturday lunch and banquet.

To read:

Reimbursement per Assembly for Funded Committee Chairmen, Parliamentarian and Webmaster will be the cost of the Saturday lunch and banquet and the Sunday morning wrap up meeting. The reimbursement per Assembly for the Board will be the Friday lunch, the Saturday luncheon and banquet and the Sunday morning wrap up meeting. Should the funded committee chairmen, webmaster, or parliamentarian be requested to attend the Friday morning Board meeting the Friday lunch would be covered. No alternate meal expense shall be reimbursed for Saturday lunch and banquet.

Submitted by: Treasurer & Ways and Means

Rational:

We now fund for up to \$60 per committee chair and \$90 per board member. This is approximately \$900 per assembly. Although not every Board member or Committee Chair uses the entire allotted amount it is the only flexible travel expense. Region 8 is now also funding the Webmaster in the same capacity as the Parliamentarian. The expenses now become 7 funded chairs, 4 board members, Parliamentarian and Webmaster. Fiscal responsibility leads to the conclusion that this is no longer a financially prudent use of Region 8 funds.

New Business Motion 3

Motion: Change the name of the Unity In Diversity Committee to Unity With Diversity

Submitted By: Unity in Diversity Committee

Intent: Reduce confusion regarding name of committee.

Implementation: Update SOAR 8 Policy & Procedures Manual 16-1.

Cost: None

Rationale: Bring name of committee in line with WSBC Committee.