

Region III Inventory

Part 1: The Function of the Region - completed 9/19/08 in Tucson

- What is the purpose of our region? **To carry the message to the still suffering compulsive overeater and to support intergroups and meeting groups within Region III**
- Do we have a statement of purpose or Bylaws? **Yes**
- Do we use Robert's Rules of Order, a parliamentarian and our bylaws during business meetings? **Yes**
- Are we incorporated? **Yes** Do we have a nonprofit tax status? **Yes**
- Do we set realistic short and long term goals? **Yes**
- Does our region have a need for regular board meetings? **Yes**
- Do we choose our service people with care and consideration, placing principles before personalities for the welfare of the region as a whole? **Yes**
- Is an opportunity given to each member to participate in the region's activities? **Yes**
- Do we have a budget which includes a prudent reserve and contributions to WSO? **Yes**
- Do regional assemblies adhere to an agenda? **Yes**
- Does region make an effort to reach loner groups? **Yes**
- Is the region encouraging intergroup and loner group attendance at regional assemblies and WSO conferences? **Yes**
- Do we make every effort possible to fund our chair to the WSBC Conference? **Yes**
- Is adequate advance notice of the regional assemblies given through the mail? **Yes**

Part 2: Twelfth Step Within - completed 4/3/09 in Oklahoma City

- Do all the groups in our geographic area know about our region and the services we offer? **We need to communicate effectively to all intergroups about the services that Region 3 provides.**
- Do we keep in touch with groups who do not attend regional assemblies or send contributions? **No, but communication will be improved with the implementation of Region 3's intergroup loop.**
- Do we encourage the 60/30/10 contribution formula and make sure our area groups know about it? **Yes**
- Do we inform all new representatives of the service structure of OA? **This information will be added to the Green Dot Orientation agenda. It is also included in the format of the Service, Traditions and**

Concepts workshops that have recently been held by many intergroups within Region 3.

- Do we have a regional newsletter? Yes, *Horizon* is published quarterly.
- Do we encourage subscriptions to *Lifeline*? Yes
- How do we help floundering intergroups? We are starting an intergroup buddy system, whereby strong intergroups serve as mentors to smaller, struggling intergroups. The Region 3 Steering Committee members have been traveling to intergroups to conduct Service, Traditions and Concepts workshops. We are bringing back the informal intergroup problem sharing sessions at the Friday afternoon workshop at our assemblies.
- Do we assist unaffiliated groups in close proximity to one another to form their own intergroups? No, we need to do better in reaching out to these groups that are unaffiliated. We can visit their meetings to offer support and guidance.
- Does the region supply adequate information to its representatives on upcoming motions to get an educated vote through the group conscience? Usually, but we can improve communication by sending information electronically.

Part 3: Carrying the Message - completed 4/3/09 in Oklahoma City

- Does our region offer committee meetings that correspond to the committees that are part of the World Service Business Conference? Yes
- Does the region make OA tapes and public service announcement spots available to the intergroups it serves? Soon Region 3 will have the new OA PSAs available to lend to interested intergroups. We currently have no regional tape library.

Are there other alternatives to the present regional structure that might be more useful or provide additional assistance in meeting the area's needs? If so, what? We can and will use electronic communication more effectively and frequently. It was suggested to possibly hold 3 assemblies each year, instead of the 2 that we currently have. This would be a costly move for Region 3, but could potentially bring greater unity to the region.

Submitted respectfully,
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