



OAGB BOARD NEWS - October 2008

Hello and welcome to the Newsletter, which is issued after each meeting of the National Service Board of OA in Great Britain to let you know more of what we do and to encourage communication and service.

National Assembly 2008 Update, hosted by Devon and Cornwall Intergroup

We had a wonderful Assembly and Convention in Truro earlier this month with 61 voting delegates from Groups and Intergroups and National Service Board members all giving service to help OA in Great Britain.

3 motions were discussed, all were by-law amendments.

MOTION A WAS ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

Members are elected to serve for a two (2) year term. A member who has already served may stand for re-election for a further term. A member who has just completed four (4) consecutive years of service may stand for re-election only after an interval of two (2) years. No person may serve more than eight (8) years in a lifetime in a combination of positions as a Board member.

MOTION B WAS DISCUSSED BUT WAS WITHDRAWN, IT WILL BE WORKED ON THIS YEAR AND BROUGHT TO 2009 ASSEMBLY

If a Board member should resign or cease to function before the end of his/her term of office, the Intergroup concerned, or any other Intergroup, may elect a member to replace him/her, provided that the election is confirmed by the next National Assembly.

MOTION C WAS DEFEATED - IT WILL BE WORKED ON THIS YEAR AND BROUGHT TO 2009 ASSEMBLY

b) The National Service Assembly will be called at least once a year, and will meet *exclusively in major British cities with good transport links in the North and the South, in turn. The Assembly will be held in an easily accessible location.* A special meeting of the Assembly may be called at any reasonable time on the request of at least one third of the members.

HOSTING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2009

Volunteers were asked for to host the National Assembly in October 2009, this needs to be held by an Intergroup in the North according to our current by-laws, as no formal bids were received a request has been sent to all Northern Intergroups. It would be really helpful if we started to think about hosting two years in advance, so please would all Southern Intergroups consider this for 2010 and bring this up at your IG meetings, full guidance is available from the National Service Board on what is needed.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND JOB ROLES FOR 2008/2009

Both Pamela and Alison rotated off the Board after four years service each, also Sarah who had been co-opted for one year. Our thanks go to them for all their hard work. Six new Board members were voted on for the next two years. After receiving feedback from the delegates on which additional job roles were important to the fellowship after filling Chair, Secretary, Company Secretary, Treasurer and Literature Liaison. Five scored highly but there were only four people left to cover these roles, so it was debated and decided that Public Information and Professional Outreach (this was formerly called HIPM (Hospitals, Institutes, Prisons and Military)) would be combined so we could cover all five roles.

This year the National Service Board members are covering the following roles:

Chair:	Joanna	Secretary:	Rosemary
Company Secretary:	Maureen	Treasurer:	Sam
Literature:	Kathleen	Comms 07000 / NML / PO Box:	Derek
Twelfth Step Within:	Melanie	PI / PO:	Belle
Email / Website:	Kate		

TREASURER

Please can any member / groups / IG's use the counterfoils when sending money to the OAGB treasurer **Group / IG Treasurers- Please Remember** that it was recommended at National Assembly 2007 that groups and Intergroups send 2/3 of their surplus to service body above them and 1/3 to the body above that (e.g. groups send 2/3 to IG and 1/3 to OAGB. Intergroups send 2/3 to OAGB and 1/3 to Region 9.

COMMUNICATIONS

Please would IG's send OAGB more frequent updates for IG contacts / landline numbers / group numbers. With meeting list updates please ensure you specify which IG you belong to, your OA group number and a landline number.

WEBSITE UPDATE The new design website will be fully up and running shortly. www.oa.uk.org

BOARD NEWS DISTRIBUTION

Please ensure that Board News is circulated with your next Intergroup minutes to ensure we keep the lines of communication open to groups as well as Intergroups.

ANNE DIAMOND PI ENQUIRY

A lady called Holly is ringing group contacts trying to arrange for an interview with OA members for a TV show with Anne Diamond. Please direct all of these enquiries to the PI officer, Belle on 01236 82 5507 or email belle825@tiscali.co.uk

PUBLIC INFORMATION / PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE

At your next Intergroup meeting please ask your members if they would be interested in forming a PI / PO committee with Belle as the Chair, no experience necessary, just a willingness to help carry the message. Please contact Belle (contact details as above)

YELLOW PAGES

Is OA listed in your local Yellow Pages? The entry can only be added or amended by local members – please check if it is in your area. You can list a local IG number or the national helpline 07000 784 985.

OA's 50th BIRTHDAY IN 2010

At the Assembly a delegate asked if there were any plans for OA to celebrate OA's 50th Birthday in UK. We will discuss this at our Board meetings this year, but we would be delighted to hear any suggestions you have as to what we could do, please contact Joanna 07977228945 or joanna@cobbproperty.co.uk

DATES FOR BOARD MEETINGS – please put in your diary, visitors are welcome

24 th January 2009	25 th April 2009
20 th June 2009 CHAIR'S MEETING	Fri 9 th – Sun 11 th October 2009 TBV ASSEMBLY

Sponsorship Weekend Retreat hosted by North West Intergroup 14th - 16th Nov 2008 - Noddfa Centre, Penmaenmawr, North Wales. Contact Jane on 01492 531 148 janebeckerman@googlemail.com

The Journey ... not the destination Dec 5th - 7th, Claridge House, Lingfield, Surrey hosted by South Coast Retreat committee – southcoastretreats@hotmail.com or Claire 01892 669 134 / Jen 07884 040 497

Focus on Steps 10 & 11 hosted by South and East IG – 3rd – 5th April 2009, Pleshey, Chelmsford Essex Sam danteandsam@tiscali.co.uk 01296 681 471 Julie on 07957 319 953 Vanessa on 01273 494968