

OAGB BOARD NEWS – MAY 2009

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

12th Step Within – Into Action

The Board remains committed to carrying the message of recovery to the still suffering compulsive overeater inside our Fellowship through action. Melanie, (our 12th Step Within Officer), tabled a report full of ideas from three months work with a Subcommittee. After a brainstorm of the ideas, the Board agreed to concentrate on the following areas -

- To creating a network of roaming Chairs/Sponsors, with clear qualifying guidelines.
- Organise 3-4 day's focussed event, working the 12 Steps. The aim would be to also provide participants with a working model to take away and replicate in their local areas.

In order to move these ideas into action, a formal proposal will be presented at the Intergroup (IG) Chair's Meeting in June.

Finance

Belle, (our Treasurer), reported that contributions are down.

Our Annual Appeal is currently being prepared and this will include a breakdown of monies sent on to Region 9 and World Service Office, an outline of events that have taken place as a result of having the funds, and a look at the Seventh Tradition. We hope to have this out to you in the next two months.

By Law Proposals and OAGB Policy – The Business of Business

By Laws and OAGB policies are central to the work of the Board. At our last meeting we worked on a proposal on how the Fellowship decides the location of future National Assembly's, as well as a set of guidelines for IG's interested in hosting a National Assembly.

A full presentation of these and other papers will be made at the **Chairs Meeting on Saturday 20th June 10.00 – 4.00pm, at St Clements James Centre, 95 Sirdar Road, London W11 4EQ**. This is a time when the Intergroup Chairs or delegated reps from all IG in Great Britain meet with the Board, for the day. All OA Members are also welcomed to attend.

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The National Assembly – 2009 and Beyond

This years Assembly will be in **Birmingham, from the 30th October – 1st November**. Joanna, (our Chair), proposed several changes to the way this Assembly will be conducted, and we as a Board agreed. The changes will include the use of a secret ballot for voting on pre-printed forms and switching the order of the day so that business takes place in the morning rather than afternoon. We are also planning a Parliamentary Workshop on the Friday evening for new reps, and anyone wanting to familiarise themselves with the way business is conducted at the Assembly.

In order to give prospective hosting IG's enough time to put their proposals together, we agreed that **all future National Assembly will take place the second weekend in October**.

Dates for the next five years are as follows -

- * 2010 – 8th to 10th October
- * 2011 – 14th to 16th October
- * 2012 – 13th to 15th October
- * 2013 – 11th to 13th October
- * 2014 – 10th to 12th October

News in Brief

- We're getting a **new PO Box address** – details in due course
- **Also new web based email addresses for all NSB Officers are on the way** – and being arranged by Kate, our Web and Communication Officer.
- **And we have a new OA slogan - “Give as if your life depends upon it”.**
- **OA 50th Anniversary 2010** – An NSB sponsored convention was agreed as fitting to mark this occasion. Please also think of ways to celebrate this landmark in your local Groups.
- **Want to find out more about the work of the Board or become a Board Member? Come to the Chair's Meeting on Saturday June 20th 10 – 4, and see the Board in action.**