

Region 9

OA Region 9 Statement of Purpose:-

'To carry the OA message to the still suffering compulsive overeaters, wherever they live and whatever language they speak. In fulfilling our purpose, we should ever strive to achieve worldwide unity and common policies among our countries. With love and tolerance as our code, together we can do what we could never do alone.'

CHAIRS REPORT OF 48th WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE (WSBC) **Mon 4th May – Sat 9th May 2009**

Introduction:- The 48th WSBC OA was held in Hotel Albuquerque in New Mexico America. Just under 200 (188 / 189) delegates and Trustees from all ten Regions were present. This year's conference had the overall theme – **'I PUT MY HAND IN YOURS'**

Emphasis is still focused on how the abstinent member, recovery and service work together in our lives as individuals and how every level of OA service moves the recovery bicycle forward. 'No passengers everyone pedals!'

There were lots of committee meetings and workshops as well as the main business meetings for consideration of the motions. The purpose of the WSBC is not just to vote on those business motions but to make suggestions to the Fellowship in the coming year as well as to share and pass on renewed energy & resources to our other service bodies as well as individuals in our recovery.

During the WSBC the Serenity Prayer was said in many languages over the week.

As well as covering the business motions brought to conference and the strategic planning process - the general theme of a large portion of conference workshops and forum etc was inspired by the multilingual nature of our Fellowship - the issues and concerns raised last year at conference relating to these matters. This is very exciting for our Region as well as those others that encompass members who speak a language other than English as their mother tongue.

<u>Motions worked on</u>
<u>Proposal A a – Submitted by Board of Trustees (BOT)</u> To grant the Conference seal of approval to the revised pamphlet 'Sponsoring Through the Twelve Steps – One Approach' – Motion Lost This motion only just failed – the feelings were that whilst it was a good pamphlet – it referenced too much in favour of AA and not enough OA and was flexible in areas in which the conference believed that it should be more prescriptive – for instance in line 43 'the sponsor maybe abstinent'. The pamphlet will now go back to the literature committee and may go back to the BOT.
<u>Proposal A – To adopt December 12 (12/12) as International Twelfth – Step – Within Day to reach out to members who are still suffering within the program. - Adopted</u>
<u>Proposal B – To remove the creation of the agenda questionnaire – Withdrawn on the basis that for some small service bodies – the participation in the agenda questionnaire creation procedure is the only voice they have (Also see Bylaws proposed motions 12 & 13).</u>
<u>Proposal C – To eliminate the mechanism set up for service bodies to appeal against denial of their credentials (Past its date for application) – Adopted</u>
<u>Proposal D – To specify that each group should determine their open/ closed status and also to specify that WSO should refer enquiries to the group contact. Meeting lists on the WSO list would not reflect the status – open/ closed – of the meeting – Motion Lost</u>
<u>Proposal E – To remove the directive to establish a public awareness campaign and special fund – Adopted – Public awareness costs will now be met from general revenues as an ordinary cost in the normal course of events.</u>
<u>Proposal F – To contract the firm the designed the WSO web site to design Web site templates for use by OA service bodies and groups. – This was amended –Lost</u>
<u>Proposal G – To hire an employee at WSO to work on web sites within the various service bodies and groups – a substitute motion was brought to the conference floor – ' The WSO to work with OA service bodies & groups to assist in implementing and maintaining OA web sites - Lost</u>
<u>Proposal H – To change the definition of abstinence. – The original motion was altered to read 'Statement on Abstinence and Recovery – Abstinence in Overeaters Anonymous is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviours. Spiritual, emotional and physical recovery is the result of living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve –Step program.' – Adopted</u>

Bylaw Amendments
<u>Proposal 1</u> – To require the qualifications for nominee trustees to have worked through all twelve steps before their application & nomination. – Adopted
<u>Proposal 2</u> – To raise the approval rating needed for new business proposals to be placed on the WSBC agenda from 30 % to 50%. – Adopted
<u>Proposal 3</u> – To include the fact that the Regional Trustees alternate the representation of virtual groups. – This was withdrawn and will go back to the reference committee and come back next year.
<u>Proposal 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8</u> – Were all ‘housekeeping’ motions that improved the English and wording of the particular bylaws – Adopted
<u>Proposal 9, 10 & 11</u> – To require intergroups, regions & service boards to submit their bylaws to WSO – only when they have been significantly revised. – Adopted
<u>Proposal 12 & 13</u> – To remove the creation of the agenda questionnaire – withdrawn – see also proposal item B.
<u>Proposal 14</u> – To allow Bermuda to affiliate with Region 6 intergroups – Adopted

New Trustees, - General Service Trustees were appointed ;- Joe Lawson and Cheryle Touchton and Region Trustees ;- Region 3 – Wanda Stayton, Region 6 - Mary Rose Dallal and of course – Region 9 – Esti Ordane
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For us in Region 9 – the single most significant thing of the week was the concentration on language issues experienced by OA members and prospective members that do not have English as their mother tongue.

<p>Forum – The Many Languages of Recovery:- held on Wednesday morning. This contained similar substance to that of last years Thursday evening session but it was planned into the main agenda of the weeks events and therefore most delegates and trustees attended and took part in an interactive workshop that explained what had happened in the previous twelve months since WSBC 2008, where we are at the moment and explored ways to move forward in carrying the message of OA and the OA program to compulsive overeaters who do not speak English as their first language.</p> <p>The Region Chairs led us through a detailed an thorough explanation of :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The passion that we all share – to carry the message to the entire world – that there is a freedom from the bondage of compulsive eating – the physical pain, the emotional obsession and the spiritual hopelessness. • A member from Region 6 spoke in <u>Spanish</u> and another from our own Region 9 in <u>German</u> and gave an explanation of difficulties in translation of the OA Literature and the various service material that is involved in being an active part of the fellowship. This took about 2 minutes each and served as an example for all English speakers present at how frustrating it can be. (Translation of what these members had said was then done by an English member). • Exhibits were given in Japanese on the overhead projector. • Literature from our own Region – in Hebrew, Dutch, Greek, Finnish, German & Spanish was exhibited at the tables. (A big thank you to those who carried them half way across the world for us to be able to do this). • A map showing the various languages in the world and their spread was shown. • Explanation was given of the work done so far in compiling details of the literature already translated and licences obtained. NB According to WSO records OA literature has been translated into 26 languages in 33 countries and includes items in Russian, Farsi, Icelandic, Slovenian, Afrikaans and Turkish. • Details of the translations of OA literature carried out so far. • Details of the languages that Alcoholics Anonymous (the Big Book) and the AA Twelve & Twelve are available in. • The history of how translation in OA was carried out in the past and the new Translation Guidelines. • The work of the BOT Translation Committee set up since last years WSBC (i.e. at Board of Trustees (BOT) level – please don’t confuse this with our own Region 9 Translation Committee). – criteria for funding translation, admin logistics, the Courier, glossary, links from WSO website to ‘local language’ websites. • The ‘Summary of Motions’ brought to World Service Business Conference as prepared this year by the BOT and what a difference this makes to translation of the motions for WSBC. NB This document which was available with the motions this year summarised 35 pages of motions into 8 pages. Last year a similar document was produced that summarised 52 pages into 6 pages. • The ideas for our priorities that were produced by the Translations Guidelines, the August 2008 joint RCC/ BOT meeting, the BOT translation committee, our own Region 9 brainstorming session at last
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years Region Assembly, and previous Region 9 minutes of translations committee were all summarised – a table of this summary was given to all present. – This is attached to this document in Appendix B but essentially all of these sessions place the following as a suggestion for priorities:-

- Think like a sponsor – how do we carry the message in this sense, create a rough draft of what was needed i.e. a Strategic Plan for Translation in OA.
 - a) The OA Steps & Traditions Lists, About OA, Our Invitation to you, the Meeting Format. - The pocket reference guide. A Glossary of terms and the group registration form.
 - b) Some basic pamphlets – the translations guidelines make some suggestions but does not override service body preferences.
 - c) In terms of OA Books - The 'OA 12 & 12' then followed by the 'For Today' and 'Voices of Recovery' and the 'OA Workbook' as well as the 'Overeaters Anonymous 2nd Edition' (brown book).
 - d) Asking what Regions want to be translated.
 - e) Looking at what AA literature is translated – in particular the Big Book and the need to let the fellowship members know about this. If a prospective member wants OA literature and it doesn't exist in their own language then perhaps there is some AA literature which will start them off. (During the conference we were reminded often that we can have an OA meeting with just – The OA Pocket Reference and the Big Book)
 - f) The difficulty the Agenda Questionnaire poses in respect of translation.
 - g) The possible need for PI in countries where English is not the primary language.
 - h) Lifeline in full or part in other languages
 - i) Possibly translating the Flyer for the 2010 WORLD OA CONVENTION.
- An English member explained on a personal level that she had wonderful recovery as a result of 'taking the medicine' offered by OA members in recovery – that medicine being in the form of working the steps and being an interactive member of the OA fellowship – by the fact that all the literature and WSO materials are in English. The question was raised 'why should I get better first – just because I happen to speak English'? We were reminded that the Responsibility Pledge of OA reads 'Always to extend the hand and heart of OA to all who share my compulsion – for this I am responsible' – it does not add 'Those that speak English'.
- Members were encouraged – that if ever they got the opportunity to attend an OA meeting or workshop that would be in a language other than their own and which would be translated – that it would do wonderful things for their recovery if they attended.
- Our Region 9 Translation Fund last year - increased to Euro 4500 (£3000) and how excited we all were when we could afford to do this.
- The Translation Budget for 2009 at WSO level includes:-
 - a) Portions of WSO website in Spanish = \$15,000
 - b) PI Courier & Spanish Newsletter = \$3,000
 - c) Service body Translation Assistance = \$7,000
 - In total for 2009 = \$25,000
- Members were asked to turn to their neighbour and ask in Spanish or German –

In English:- What can I do to carry the message of OA to speakers of a language other than English.

In Spanish:- Qué puedo hacer para llevar el mensaje a los hablantes de un idioma distinto del Inglés

In German:- Was kann ich tun, um die Botschaft zu Sprechern einer anderen Sprache als Englisch

- Members worked in their groups on set questions and fed back to all – their recommendations and feelings.
- Members were given a letter in many languages and asked to go home and translate it!! (I will need to enlist help – will let you know how I get on!)

We are all together Now – No matter What Language We Speak

A further workshop was held which sought to recognise the challenges involved for non – English – speaking members in OA. We were asked to address:-

- 1) Although recovery may be the 'language of the heart', literature must speak in the language of the reader. How do we accomplish this?
- 2) How can the English speaking community help?
- 3) How can we help the non-English speaking community get help in their languages from the WSO?
- 4) Can we offset the costs of translations and printing of translated material?
- 5) How can we get more representation from the non English – speaking members?

Covered:-

- The difficulty in finding OA in a country which speaks a language other than English and communication with WSO.
- Taking part in the WSBC and Regional Assemblies because of the language barrier.
- In terms of 'what can I do to help' - for example – speak slowly and clearly at WSBC, summarise points that will need to be translated, summarise reports and lay them out in a logical and understandable manner with headings and bullet points, consider the fact that the huge WSBC Materials manual will have to be translated to other languages – in whole or in part – in order for our full fellowship to participate fully – sponsor a fellow OA member into service, don't use slang, use careful English, minimise local expressions.
- Many languages do not have equivalent words or expressions to that used in English – e.g. in Icelandic – there is no such thing as World Service Business Conference.
- Many languages use masculine and feminine in their structure.
- The word 'overeater' in Polish translates is the equivalent of 'gluton' so if used literally – PI would be difficult.
- Much work is already being done – e.g, in Iceland twice a month a meeting telephones a speaker – gets the speaker to speak in English to the meeting over the phone and is then translated into Icelandic.
- The OA 12 & 12 is being translated into Icelandic at the moment.
- Costa Rica Intergroup were granted funds from the Translation monies voted last year – this was used towards creating their own web site in Spanish.
- National Service Board of Columbia translated Voices of Recovery recently and are now working on Beyond Our Wildest Dreams and Seeking the Spiritual Path.
- Suggested that we should set up Spanish Language Service Boards, Portugese Language Service Boards, and French Language Service Boards that would serve all speakers of that particular language and thus save duplication of efforts.
- A goal of the Unity with Diversity committee is to contact delegates all over the world and ask for translation of basic things such as forms and letters etc.

Both the Wednesday forum and Thursday workshop were wonderful and were extremely well received by all present including those OA members that had English as their mother tongue. The feeling of fellowship and love in the room was very evident and there was a huge sense that OA members and prospective members that speak a language other than English have just as much a right to recovery as English speakers and the conviction that there is no recovery without literature translated into local languages. Once again – just like last year - I sensed a wonderful feeling that OA members would do their utmost to ensure this would happen. It is truly an exciting time for our Region.

Translation Fund @ WSO Level

As a result of the general feeling of the Conference, the forum and workshop and various discussions – an emergency motion was put forward for a translation fund –

“To establish a special fund to assist in the translating of OA literature, forms, correspondence, web site and other materials to languages other than English. Money in the fund is in addition to that of the Translation Committee Budget” - this was adopted.

A special collection of 7th Tradition that was specifically for this fund was taken in addition to the 7th Tradition normally taken at conference – this collected \$1475.80 as a start to the fund.

Region Chairs Committee (RCC) Meeting :- One of the functions of the Region Chair (and thus my role as current Region 9 Chair) is to attend a 'day long' meeting on the Tuesday of the week of the WSBC. In the morning the Region Chairs meet and in the afternoon of the same day the Region Chairs meet with the Trustees and report back their work and what has been discussed and planned that morning and throughout the year in our Regions. Being in my second year as Region 9 Chair I was much more familiar with the activities and the purpose of these meetings.

The following was discussed at the meeting of the RCC on the Tuesday of the week of WSBC 2009:-

- RCC progress in fulfilling the tasks assigned to the committee in the Operations Plan.
- Long- and short-term goals for the committee
- Update and sharing on the various different Region activities and concerns. This is an extremely useful aspect of this committee – we had all reported on our Region activities as well as Regional Assemblies prior to the meeting – thus giving us a chance to read what others had been doing in the year – and

then asked questions of each others activities and how we arrange workshops and assemblies to carry the message and strengthen the service structure of OA.

- Consideration of Program / Service / Life balance – what tasks to ask of OA members and what to put into Region Assembly Agendas and what to leave out. A number of us had reported (me included) that our assemblies were extremely busy and often the chairs role is occupied by a person new to the role – this can lead to the Chair looking at the tasks laid out in the Strategic Plan and Operations Plan and trying to fit it all in – leading to over commitment – an expression was used – ‘Binging on Good Intentions’ – This was well received by all – both Region Chairs and Board of Trustee members. (I also discussed this with our Regional delegates from Region 9 who were at the WSBC). A member of the board suggested that – we have a 7.5 page document for the plan and that in essence he believed that we should have half of this and actually ask the Region Chairs to do a 1/3rd of what they are doing currently. In proposing the agenda for this coming October I will bare these aspects and the feed back in mind.
- Dates and locations of future RCC meetings.
- Progress and final arrangements for the Forum on ‘The Many Languages of Recovery’ – to be held on Wednesday morning. – The Region Chairs had been in contact with each other by email and had developed this forum but we had not been in a face to face meeting since last September.

The short term goals for the RCC in the coming year are to:-

- Continuation with implementation of the plans described in the Strategic and Operations Plan – with particular regard to Abstinence & Service
- Accurate meeting info at WSO – how we address this.
- Region Board members to continue to conduct Service, Traditions and Concepts Workshops.
- To continue to assist in the Green Dot Mentor Program at WSBC- will produce procedures to help with this.
- Development of a detailed job description for Region Chairs and handbook.

The long-term goals for RCC are to:-

- As Region Chairs – continue to promote achievement and maintenance of abstinence through working the Steps and the use of sponsorship.
- Development of a comprehensive strategy to get more people involved in doing service. Address the three main barriers to doing service – meeting abstinence requirements, the need for financial assistance, and apathy.
- Present workshops on service and how it serves us. To actively seek out opportunities to present Service, Traditions and Concepts Workshops. –
Do you need one of these in your area? Our Trustee – Esti will of course be planning her own travels as Region 9 Trustee. Unfortunately there is no budget for Region 9 Board members to travel to carry out these workshops – but you maybe in the vicinity of where one of us lives and would like to work with one of us on such a workshop – do come forward and ask us please? If we can fit it into our lives – then why not ask?

The Region Chairs Committee are a fantastic group of people, who’s goal it is to help one another to be successful chairs, as we serve in our respective areas.

Strategic Plan :- You may recall and as mentioned above - OA has a plan based on what we have collectively agreed to do and an overall picture of how we use the worldwide resources of OA – time, money etc. Recovery is still via Steps, Abstinence & Sponsorship – this has not changed and we need to be trying to share this constantly at all levels but the plan is a way to achieve what we would all want – a growing healthy fellowship with lots of abstinent members.

So the end result of our activities will hopefully result in:-

- Meetings filled with Abstinent members,
- All service positions filled,
- Active rotation of service positions,
- Meetings growing in size;
- Newcomers stay & become abstinent,
- Sufficient sponsors are available, and
- Meetings operate in the spirit of the 12 Traditions.

Have you seen the OA Strategic Plan bicycle? Has this Bicycle been translated into your local language?

The Strategic Plan sets out what we want to do as an organisation, the Operations Plan sets out ways to do it.

Items completed in 2008:-

- a) Redesigned the website
 - b) Strong Meetings Checklist – implemented & workshops ran all over world on this.
 - c) Survey – to establish the basis of our fellowship. This was done in 26 languages – the strategic plan includes a goal to achieve a 10% growth by 2010 and 20% by 2013. The survey provides a base from which to measure our growth and the effectiveness of the likes of the public awareness campaign. NB As a result of the survey – the estimated number of OA members worldwide is 54,000 (41540 in USA & 12460 elsewhere) – on average 8/9 members per group. Ave no groups in 2008 = 6574 in 74 different countries.
 - d) Funds to attend WSBC & Assemblies increased - A total of \$10702 was used for funding 10 service bodies to send delegates to WSBC. You may recall that we also increased funding at Region 9 level to assist 3 service bodies to attend Region. i.e. Euro 2800.
 - e) Changed the WSO shipping structure
 - f) Revised the 7th Tradition pamphlet and replaced slogan to 'Give as if your life depends on it'
 - g) Expos chosen and budgeted for.
- In the joint BOT / RCC meeting I joined the Finance Sub Committee – we came up with 3 main objectives: - i) Translation of 7th Tradition pamphlet or a summary of it – into suggest Spanish, French, Portugese, German, Italian & Hebrew ii) Continue to support an increase in Delegate Support Funds for attendance at WSBC, iii) Explore ways to contain costs.
- I will report the other objectives from the other committees at a later stage.

WSBC Committee:- I had not applied to join a committee other than the Region Chairs Committee before WSBC – we had reported on being a little overwhelmed by service at the RCC & BOT meetings and some Region Chairs had decided that the tasks they were given in this respect was enough. However as the week progressed I had decided that I should have joined the Finance Committee – if only to listen ! – I therefore joined them on the Saturday afternoon with an intention of not to over commit.

OA Finances:- I have included a summarised version of the accounts for OA Inc. in Appendix B. You will no doubt see that our income is down 2008 compared with 2007. – A large portion is related to funds that are held in investments and the general economy. But I do need to report to you that general contributions are down as is the contribution that the surplus on literature makes. Please take time to consider the accounts.

I hear from time to time in the fellowship that it would be nice if we could meet the costs of the services that our World Service Office provides for us as well as the running costs of the Office itself from 7th tradition rather than relying on literature contributions etc.

I have therefore added a small note that – groups would need to contribute \$134 each per year to do this.

In 2008 – Region 9 contributed \$14,716 in total to WSO from our 776 groups – this equates to 3% of all contributions and approximately \$19 per group.

It was a full and productive week for all present at WSBC 2009. I feel a good deal more prepared then last year and more familiar with the detail of the role in general and how the tasks fit into the Strategic Plan. The role continues to excite me and stretch my abilities in general and I look forward to trying to implement the tasks requested and to attending the forthcoming RCC meetings in the year to follow.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Kind Regards –

Stella

Stella Cooke (Region 9 Chair)

PS Small snippets to share with you.

What an energetic and re-vitalised bunch of individuals we meet at WSBC. – In preparing this report it brought back the wonderful memories of working with 'lovely' lively and talented folk - what a productive lot this wonderful program makes us!

Little quotes that I wrote that were not particularly 'motion' orientated but I would like to share with you:-

- In discussing what we do to remain in good humour and enjoy life - "I wasn't laughing when I weighed 329lbs".
- Our most serious issue:- "We have a solution – but its not clear to everyone. How do we get people to say 'I want what they have' – more quickly!"

APPENDIX A**Further information to report to you:-**

- The WORLDWIDE OA CONVENTION 2010 to be held 26 – 29 Aug 2010 at Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel. ‘ RETURN AGIN IN 2010: WE ARE FAMILY’ is the title. The flyers will be translated into several languages. – Online registration will start early 2010. NB There will be an international lounge for OA members outside of USA – newspapers and magazines and OA literature in other languages will be provided – if you want to submit materials for this – watch for the request from WSO which will come out late 2009 / early 2010.
- Lifeline circulation in 2008 = 9432 which is 8% down on 2007. By March 2009 this was again down to 8563 and there is a large increase in costs not covered by the income it produces – refer to the summary of finances. The budgeted deficit for Lifeline in 2009 is \$60,000. An adhoc committee is looking at ways of reducing the costs and considering what action to take to make Lifeline self supporting. – Do you subscribe to our fellowships magazine? It is considered a service to the fellowship but the current circulation numbers do not cover the costs. This cannot continue as it will have an impact on how we carry the message in other areas of the overall budget. The committee are considering a graduated increase in subscription, - an interesting statistic is that in 1975 Lifeline cost \$5 – with inflation in todays terms – this would equate to \$20 / \$22 – we actually charge \$15. The committee will involve the fellowship in an online survey.
- All past Lifelines from 1965 have been scanned and will be available in our history archives.
- There have been some difficulties with the new web site and it is still being worked on – so the translation of portions of it into Spanish has been delayed.
- Enquiries are being made into ‘web casting’ the WSBC so that service bodies worldwide can register and take part in conference online. – The BOT & RCC were given a demonstration – looks exciting. The venue for the WSBC would need certain lighting and computer hardware and links would be sent when a service body registered – ongoing.
- Recording of past WSBC on MP3 files will be accessible via the WSO website.
- 7th Tradition collected Thursday \$1030.53, Friday \$872.70, Saturday \$923.74 = Total \$2826.97 – In addition to this – a further \$1475.80 was collected for the Translation Special Fund.
- OA 50th Anniversary Celebrations next year ‘IT’S A PARTY - BRING A GIFT’
- If you can’t make it to LA – consider having an OA Celebration Party locally – lets party all over Region 9! – We are 50.
- Sharing of policies for claiming of expenses and consideration of conservation of costs ‘IT BEGINS WITH ME’.

**APPENDIX B –
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, INC.
ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR END 31 DEC 2008**

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>2008 Actual</u>	<u>2007 Actual</u>	<u>Actual Diff</u>	<u>% Diff</u>
<u>Net Income</u>						
Contributions	390000	360000	406546	431944	-25398	-0.059
Literature Sales less Costs	449450	453200	394495	421571	-27076	-0.064
Convention Inc. less Costs	0	0	0	34644	-34644	-1.000
Investment inc. - realised	12000	19250	19883	33248	-13365	-0.402
Other	12000	13000	12403	6665	5738	0.861
Restricted Fund Transfer	16000	31000	38826	34512	4314	0.125
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	879450	876450	872153	962584	-65033	-0.068
<u>Net Costs</u>						
Group Support	536250	550600	515472	488393	27079	-0.055
Lifeline & Step by Step	79600	61950	65588	49294	16294	-0.331
Admin	342600	330750	301673	308258	-6585	0.021
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	958450	943300	882733	845945		
Net Deficit / Surplus before Unrealised Losses	-79000	-66850	-10580	116639	-28245	-0.242
Unrealised Losses on Investments			-146179	-7024	-139155	19.811
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<u>Net Deficit / Surplus</u>	<u>-79000</u>	<u>-66850</u>	<u>-156759</u>	<u>109615</u>	<u>-167400</u>	<u>-1.527</u>

Note:-

In order to fund our activities of Group Support & pay for our WSO etc from contributions - we would have to raise contributions to cover our net costs.

Contributions currently

Additional needed

Increase in % of 7th Tradition in pot

882733	845945
406546	431944
476187	414001
117.13%	95.85%

No Groups
6574

\$134

NB

Contributions are down by 16% in first four months of the year in 2009.

Lit Sales are down by 2.8% in this period.

Region 9
**OVEREATERS
ANONYMOUS, INC.
SUMMARISED
BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual Diff</u>	
Property & Equipment			790903	812460	-21557	-0.027
 <u>Current Assets</u>						
Cash			182429	139882	42547	
Investments			401791	603046	-201255	
Inventories			225801	227426	-1625	
Debtors			61111	45302	15809	
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			871132	1015656	-144524	-0.142
 <u>Current Liabilities</u>						
Creditors			<u>172946</u>	<u>181828</u>	<u>-8882</u>	-0.049
Net Current Liabilities			698186	833828	-135642	-0.163
 European Union Reg						
			7601	8551	-950	-0.111
<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>1417690</u>	<u>1587989</u>	<u>1496690</u>	<u>1654839</u>	<u>-158149</u>	-0.096
 Reserves B/f						
	1496690	1654839	1654839	1545224	109615	0.071
Deficit for Year	-79000	-66850	-156759	109615	-266374	-2.430
Movement In Restricted	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-1390</u>	<u>0</u>	-1390	
<u>Net Funds</u>	<u>1417690</u>	<u>1587989</u>	<u>1496690</u>	<u>1654839</u>	<u>-158149</u>	-0.096

Taken from Note 1 to the main Accounts of OA Inc.

OA Administers the World Service Office as the international headquarters of Overeaters Anonymous and provides services to local groups and regional service bodies through three major activities:-

Maintaining an international directory so that inquirers can be referred to meetings.

Publishing literature that augments the help provided by the local groups, and

Publishing two periodicals, one of which is distributed as free literature to members.

APPENDIX C - SUMMARY OF TRANSLATIONS GUIDELINES, WORKSHOP WSBC 2008, BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS AND REGION 9 ASSEMBLY MINUTES

<u>Translations Guidelines</u>							<u>Region 9 Assemblies</u>	<u>WSBC 2008</u>					
Glossary of OA special program words								Mentioned in depth					
OA Steps & Traditions (Lists)													
Basic Pamphlets : - In no particular order of suggestion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ About OA ➤ Suggested Meeting Format ➤ A Program of Recovery ➤ A Commitment to Abstinence ➤ A Plan of Eating ➤ A Guide for Sponsors ➤ Is Food a problem for you? ➤ Pocket Reference for OA Members ➤ Questions & Answers ➤ The Tools of Recovery ➤ Dignity of Choice ➤ To the Newcomer ➤ Guide for Leading Newcomer Meetings 							The suggestions given in the Translations Guidelines were fed in detail from representation from Region 9 so will not re-iterate here in detail, however, The Region 9 Assembly 2008 translations committee did highlight the need for all languages to have access to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ OA Steps & Traditions (Lists) ➤ About OA ➤ Our Invitation to You ➤ Meeting Format ➤ Group Registration Form – and ➤ Glossary As far back as 2004 the Translations Committee were saying :-'Without going to the locals with the material in their local language – OA will never take off'.						
OA Steps & Traditions (Book) (12 & 12) (Piecemeal if necessary)							Region 9 lists the OA 12 & 12 as the first book priority and followed by For Today or Voices of Recovery And then the OA Workbook.						
For Today (Book)													
Voices of Recovery (Book)													
Overeaters Anonymous 2 nd Edition (Brown Book)													
<u>Suggestion August 2008 BOT / RCC Brainstorming</u>							High Urgent	Med Urgent	Highly Useful	Med Useful	Cost	<u>Input from Region 9 Oct 2008 Brainstorming & previous minutes</u>	<u>WSBC 2008</u>

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A	Make available a list of all literature that is currently available in other languages. (excel spreadsheet –licensed, not licensed, phone nos, etc)	High		High		Cheap	Region 9 thought this was important too and also mentioned that we should know where to obtain the literature if it wasn't from WSO.	
B	Create a strategic translation sub-committee to start somewhere and do it all.	High		High		Cheap	Region 9 have looked at items B, C & D –to assist with this they have suggested a Language Map to help <u>with priorities</u> They also suggest that language service bodies who speak predominantly the same language to work together.	This was mentioned as was the suggestion for WSO to print the literature.
C	Regions with other languages ask regions what they want	High			Med	Cheap		
							Region 9 looked at the need to find out how many languages the Big Book is translated into. – This was discussed at the Aug BOT /RCC meeting but not catagorised as regards urgency etc.	
D	Where to start from:- Thirty questions Where to start as a sponsor How to get to a meeting Meeting format	High		High		Expensive		Bulk of literature expenditure @ WSO is targeted at English speaking community
E	Create a line item in budget where service bodies can apply for funds to translate	High		High		Expensive	Region 9 have a line item in their budget and application procedures in place and have highlighted that we should emphasise the availability of financial support where it exists and send reminders.	Financial burden of translations borne by small segment of fellowship. Request Credit Card Payment facility.
F	Translate forms that people sign be in different languages (summary of licenses agreements into other languages so people know what they are signing.)	High		High		Mid Range		Mentioned
G	Translate the translation process manual into other languages	High		High		Mid Range	With regard to F & G Region 9 have set aside time in their agenda to allow help with translation issues such as understanding the licences etc.	Mentioned difficulties encountered.

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H	Translate the summary of the agenda questionnaire the same way as the survey in 26 languages	High			Med	Expensive		Overwhelming to translate Agenda Q in time and sharing of comments not possible in another language. Many countries not rep @ WSBC due to language barriers.
I	Take Public Awareness Campaign out of the US to countries where English is not the first language		Medium	High		Expensive	Region 9 voted in a motion for the Assembly to make a detailed plan to do some PI in countries that have little or no OA meetings.	Suggested
J	Flyer for the 2010 convention translation		Medium	High		Cheap		
K	Hottest selling items on the website be in different languages. Piecemeal by steps perhaps		Medium	High		Expensive		
L	Interpret service at 2010 convention		Medium	High		Unknown		
M	Pocket reference tool in 26 languages		Medium		Med	Expensive		
N	Newcomer packets in all languages		Medium		Med	Expensive		
O	Link on the website to a translated podcast		Medium		Med	Mid Range		
P	Look at literature from other countries/languages to. Organized by priority, i.e. urgency, cost, frequency, etc		Medium		Med	Cheap		
Q	Find a meeting link on the website be in different languages		(LOW)		Med	Mid Range		Group reg.n forms need to account for different address formats.
R	Lifeline – not every single version –take one and put the translated version on the website as a download – aggressively push online version versus printing		(LOW)		Med	Mid Range		People want to share experiences both ways.
S	Lifeline Online – MP3 in other languages – read		(LOW)		Med	Expensive		
							For Information:- The Region 9 Annual Assembly is held in English as it is recognized that we need a	

