**Board News**

Welcome to the newsletter which is issued after each meeting of the National Service Board of OA in Great Britain. Its aim is to share information about what the National Service Board do to support the fellowship in Great Britain and ways in which members may participate in this service.

**National Assembly 2014 - Sheffield**

The National Assembly is to be held in Sheffied in October 2014. It will be hosted by North of England Intergroup. Pack 1 is available at http://www.oagb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/National-Assembly-2014-Pack-1-1.pdf. Each group and intergroup in the country is entitled to send a representative to the assembly.

**National Assembly 2015**

We currently don't have an IG to host this next year.  And we need one!  North of England will be hosting this year and Devon and Cornwall last year. So can all IGs who haven’t hosted for a while please give this serious consideration. There are very comprehensive guidelines available, so please email Sue J, on chair@oagb.org.uk to talk about this.

**Minutes Secretary for the National Assembly**

Sheila has kindly taken the minutes at the National Assembly for a number of years now. This year (2014) in Sheffield will be her last year as minute taker. The position is open now for volunteers to take minutes of the National Assembly held each year. Ideally the candidate would have experience at their local Intergroup and be familiar with the 12 steps and 12 traditions of OA. They should also have at least 3 months current abstinence.

**Email Responder**

Thank you and welcome to Laura who has been our email responder since February. Laura does a great job of monitoring and responding to emails sent to general@oagb.org.uk, replying to the sender or forwarding the email to the appropriate person.

**Website update**

The website redesign was launched at the beginning of October 2013 at http://www.oagb.org.uk. The site is still evolving; developments this year include changes to the Public Information and Help Starting a New Group pages, and a new page of members’ shares. We have three so far and are still looking for more members’ recovery stories sharing experience, strength and

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hope about OA in about 500 words. Please send these, and any questions, to general@oagb.org.uk.

Many thanks to Karen who updates the website and sends out news and information round the OAGB email loop. Sign up for these emails on the website if you haven’t already done so.

**Delegate Assistance**

A reminder that the deadline for applications for financial assistance at the National Assembly in Sheffield is 1st Septermber 2014. Please contact treasurer@oagb.org.uk, for further information.

**12th Step Within**

The OAGB Board have agreed to fund a Board member to attend an intergroup meeting and the intergroup are able to request this. Board members are open to requests from Intergroup to discuss the work of the Board and would be abel to host a workshop if required. Please contact chair@oagb.org.uk if your intergroup would be interested in having a Board member attend your intergroup meeting.

**OAGB email loop**

If you have details of an event or workshop your group or intergroup is putting on, or anything you think might be of interest to OA members, please send it to our email loop for distribution. [events@oagb.org.uk](http://service.mail.com/callgate-6.69.5.0/rms/6.69.5.0/mail/getBody?folderId=29&messageId=MzcyMcM6ViYvKeHD%2FGNsyUhYayEedZVu&purpose=display&bodyType=html).

***And finally***

We wish you all an abstinent day!

If you’d like to contact any of us then please do so via email:

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