

OA Region Inventory

This inventory is divided into three parts and can be used at three separate meetings, or a special meeting could be planned specifically for using this inventory.

The three parts of the inventory are:

- A. A look at the function of the region
- B. Twelfth Step work within the Fellowship
- C. Carrying the message to the still-suffering compulsive overeater who may not know about OA

When you have completed the inventory, you will probably discover that your region has more strengths than you realized. After all, it takes commitment to be willing to do an inventory in the first place. You may also find some weaknesses. Just as in your personal recovery, appreciate your strengths. As for your weaknesses, remember that help is available to you through your region trustee.

The following sets of questions are suggestions only. Their purpose is to evaluate the region's present performance and to share ideas about service from other regions. Of course, many of these ideas may not apply to your region.

Take a deep breath, and good luck!

Preliminary Questions

1. Does our region have room for improvement? In what ways?
2. Have we ever taken a region inventory? If not, why not? If so, what were the results? Were the suggested improvements implemented?

A. The Function of the Region

1. What is the purpose of our region?
2. Do we have a statement of purpose or bylaws?
3. Do our bylaws state that the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service take precedence in all region business practices?
4. Do we use *Robert's Rules of Order* and a parliamentarian to assist us during our business meetings?
5. Are we incorporated? Do we have nonprofit tax status?
6. Do we set realistic short- and long-term goals?
7. Does our region have regular board meetings?
8. Do we choose our service people with care and consideration, placing principles before personalities, for the welfare of the region as a whole?
9. Is an opportunity given to each member to participate in the region's activities?
10. Do we encourage the Seventh Tradition and the 60/30/10 contribution formula and make sure our area groups know about it?
11. Do we have a budget that includes a prudent reserve and contributions to the WSO?
12. Do region assemblies adhere to an agenda?
13. Does our region make an effort to reach unaffiliated groups?
14. Does the region encourage intergroup/service board and unaffiliated group attendance at region assemblies?
15. Does the region encourage intergroup/service board attendance at WSBC?
16. Do we make every effort possible to fund our chair to Conference?
17. Is adequate advance notice of the region assemblies given?

B. The Twelfth Step Within

1. Do all the groups in our geographic area know about our region and the services we offer?
2. Do we keep in touch with groups who do not attend region assemblies or send contributions?
3. Do we inform all new representatives of the structure of OA?
4. Do we encourage representatives to remind groups to welcome and support individual members who use a variety of OA-approved literature?
5. Do we have a region newsletter?
6. How do we help floundering intergroups/service boards?
7. Do we assist unaffiliated groups in close proximity to one another to form their own intergroup/service board?
8. Does the region supply adequate information to its representatives on upcoming motions to reach an informed group conscience?

C. Carrying the Message

1. Does our region offer committee meetings that correspond to the committees that are part of the World Service Business Conference?
2. Does the region make OA recordings and public service announcements available to the intergroups/service boards it serves?

Final Question

Are there other alternatives to the present region structure that might be more useful in meeting our area's needs? If so, what?

OA Responsibility Pledge

Always to extend the hand and heart of OA
to all who share my compulsion;
for this I am responsible.

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