

# CHAIR'S REPORT

My first year as Chair has been a whirlwind, and I thank you for the trust you have placed in me! There is so much to talk about and share with you, but I am going to try hard to limit myself to some of the key things I've been working on.

## **Getting to know more of our members**

Thanks to virtual meetings, I've had the opportunity to "visit" Intergroup OA meetings around Region 6 with our Trustee Liaison. It's a great experience to get to meet many of you; Bob and I enjoy hearing about what's going on in your IGs. We'd love to meet more of you, so please let us know if you'd like us to come to an OA meeting, workshop, Intergroup meeting, etc. Plus, if you're at the Convention in October, be sure to say hi!

## **Highlights from the 2024 World Service Business Conference: "We All Belong: Welcome to OA"**

I had the honor to represent Region 6 at this year's in-person World Service Business Conference! Being there to represent our Region (rather than an Intergroup) was a different experience, and I thoroughly enjoyed working with all our Delegates! Here are some of the highlights:

- There were five formal meetings to address the business of the Conference; agenda items included Officer, Region and Committee reports, Trustee elections, New Business, Bylaw Amendments and lots more.
- The Conference also included three workshops (All About Conference, Everything You Ever Wanted to Learn About Our Service Structure and Our Uniqueness is an Asset: Inclusion and Acceptance), a Literature Q&A, the WSBC Forum.
- The overall attendance included 188 eligible voters from all Regions, including sixteen Delegates from Region 6 Intergroups.
- Six Trustees were elected and four trustee positions remained open to be filled by appointment for the rest of the current term.

I had the opportunity to partner with the Region 9 Chair on the "Everything You Ever Wanted to Learn About our Service Structure" workshop. Did you know OA is in 79 countries?! Read the report at <https://oaregion6.org/how-oaers-do-the-work-of-oa/> to learn the more about OA's service structure around the world and find out what those 79 countries are!

For additional information on the 2024 WSBC, please refer to the following:

- Quick report: [Delegates-get-the-job-done-at-WSBC 2024](#)
- 2024 WSBC Wrap-up Report: [WSBC wrap-up-report-2024.pdf](#)

Lastly, note that the 2025 WSBC will be virtual, which makes it a great opportunity for more of our Intergroups to participate! We'll have more information soon!

**Trustee Appointments and Affiliation:** We were very fortunate to have Bob F. assigned as the Trustee Liaison for Region 6! Bob's history in our Region provides him a great background in

partnering with the Board and me - and in working with our membership. He is a terrific partner and his experience on the OA Board definitely benefits us.

Three Region 6 members were appointed to fill the rest of the term for open Trustee positions! Thank you to Blair, Bruce and Kim for stepping up to provide this important service! The appointments last through this year, and all three have submitted applications for affirmation at the Region 6 Assembly this fall.

**Region 6 Intergroup Forum:** Bob F. and I host the “almost-monthly” Forums, and we have had strong participation from both English and French speaking members. Topics covered so far this year came from member input (via our survey) and include:

- Helping newcomers get started on the road to recovery, using OA’s “Where Do I Start” pamphlet and the “Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers’ First Twelve Days” document.
- Public Information campaigns that are effective, easy and low cost
- Tips for getting people to do service
- Service starts with abstinence and abstinence supports service
- Boosting Recovery by hosting workshops
- Highlights from the 2024 World Service Business Conference
- The WSBC Agenda Questionnaire: what is it and why should my Intergroup care?

We have two more Forums scheduled this year; be sure to join us on October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>!

**Region Chairs Committee (RCC) and Board of Trustee (BOT) meetings:** I attended the RCC meetings that took place during the WSBC in April and just got back from the RCC/BOT meetings that took place in Albuquerque August 22-24. A lot of the focus is on strategic planning and idea sharing on how we **work together to help more people find OA and to help more people recover in OA**. These meetings have provided important information and the opportunity to share ideas from across OA’s regions. I’ll look for ways to share the ideas I hear with Region 6 members, so keep your eyes on the Region 6 Messenger and our blog, come to future R6 Intergroup Forum meetings, come to our Assemblies – and invite Bob and me to “visit”!

I hope these highlights give you an idea of what I’ve been working on as your Region 6 Chair. There is much more that can be done and it’s so personally rewarding - I invite you to join me in service!

Yours in service,

Kimberly C.  
R6 Chair/Présidente R6

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