



Convention Committee Spring 2025 Assembly Report



BE ALIVE IN '25

Greetings all ! We're looking forward to being together in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in May 2025. The Convention Committee as a Whole meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm CST via Zoom for 90 minutes. Attendance has been very good. Our upcoming meetings are



- March 18, 2025
- April 8, 2025
- April 29, 2025
- May 13, 2025

Join Zoom Meeting

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The Welcoming, Decorations, Registration, Raffles and Program subcommittees have been diligently meeting monthly or more frequently.

Thanks to the Region 5 board of directors for approving new A La Carte pricing in 2025.

Registration is open now on Regfox! Also, by phone or by mail to the Milwaukee Area Registrar. <https://OARegion5.regfox.com/2025-region-5-oa-convention>

The approved convention flyer can be found on Regfox. for easy downloading or printing. The link to the Sheraton Room Block is also found on Regfox. Volunteer lists will start emerging as people register.

Program Highlights

- Pre-Convention Workshop Friday, May 23 10 am – 2 pm (separate registration fee)
LIVING ABSTINENTLY IN '25: Eating and Emotions
- **3 Tracks:** COME TO BEE-LIEVE (the steps and principles); BEE ALIVE & THRIVE (diversity and traditions); and, BEE ENGAGED! (tools, PI/PO)\
- **5 Keynote Speakers:** 30-35 minutes followed by sharing at your table for 20-25 minutes followed by positive pitches for 10 minutes.
- **18 recorded sessions:** 5 keynotes and 13 workshops



Welcoming Highlights

Under the leadership of the Welcoming Committee, members are giving service to attend every virtual Intergroup meeting in R5 between Feb 15 - Apr 15, to ensure that everyone feels welcomed and invited to attend BE ALIVE IN '25. The Raffle Basket flyer will be provided at this time, too.

Other Highlights

- The Convention event is posted on the WSO website.
- Co-chair Laurie L is filling the role of Liaison to The Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel
- The draft program topics was sent to the Region 5 board for approval on February 4.



- Keynote Speakers are being qualified now.
- Table centerpieces were assembled on February 15.
- Deadline for submission of printed materials is April 25, 2025.
- The DJ is reserved for the Bee Bop Dance on Saturday night.

Still Needed

- Hospitality co-chair for May 23-25
- Literature chair needed for May 23-25
- Marketplace co-chair needed



The Region 5 Bylaws Committee Meeting Report

For Saturday March 8, 2025

Business:

Decisions Made:

1. Rewrite the Representative Funding Assistance Form.
2. Write a Motion to include Representative Funding Assistance in our Policy and Procedures for fall assembly
3. Change Bylaws to require at least one voting region 5 representative to constitute a quorum. Change Standing Rules for quorum to match. This is for the Fall Assembly.
4. Create a new finance committee business motion to amend the 2025 Budget to reflect new projections.

Actions Taken:

1. New Business Motion written to Amend the Budget.
2. Approved Budget Motion as ENB

Assignment Made:

1. Susan will write up Funding Forms and Motion
2. Susan to write up Change in Standing Rules and Bylaws regarding a quorum
3. Gerri to write up ENB Motion for Finance Committee Budget Changes

Issues for Later:

Finance Committee meeting report 3/8/25

Chair: Barbara H.

Acting Secretary: Liz Z

Other members present: Sally H., Carolyn S., Amy G., Carol Ann M., Lynn H.

Notes:

- Purpose of the committee is to look at financials and make sure everything is done correctly.
- Region 5 is doing very well financially. Current bank account balances:
 - Checking account - \$25,759
 - Savings account - \$43,741
- Looking to simplify budget reports so they are easier for everyone to understand
- One year of operating expenses (\$33,000) will be kept as prudent reserve
- 2025 budget was voted on at the fall Assembly.
- New proposed budget is lumped into sections to make it easier to look at and evaluate how we are doing related to key functions:
 - Assemblies
 - Convention
 - WSO
 - Operating expenses
- Question about adding a variance column into the budget (exists in the budget vs actuals report)
- Need to make a motion to reorganize the format of the budget and the different total amount of the budget.
- Income is from 7th tradition donations and Convention. Assemblies just break even at best.
- New budget proposal reflects increased expected contributions because of Region 4 joining Region 5 half-way through the year.
- Still unclear what income from Conventions will be post-pandemic. The first Convention after pandemic was larger than expected. This year we will get a better sense of what Convention income may be going forward.
- Important to keep line items in the budget even if they are not being funded in the current year. If the line item is dropped, it can be forgotten. Preferred to have 0 in the budget line but keep the line in the budget.

Decisions made:

- Endorsed changed 2025 budget in new format to organize by major region functions.

This highlights the major changes:

- Assembly income reduced to be closer to 2024 actuals
- Increased meeting contributions because Region 4 joined and anticipating convention income.
- Hotel and insurance expenses have increased.
- Made clear the intergroup funding assistance for attending Assemblies and WSBC
- Removed specific lines for WSO donations (at their request) and reduced the planned contribution to WSO pending donation of funds above prudent reserve.
- Reduced overall budget expenses from \$112,582 to \$91,040

Actions taken: Motion created to adopt amended 2025 budget

Assignments made: Continue to meet virtually to support new treasurer

Issues for later: none

for Saturday, 8 March, 2025

Business:

Decisions made:

Pilot the new “What’s New” section of the Region 5 web site to be moved to the top of the Home Page

Determine the future content of the “What’s New” section and make recommendations to the Region 5 Board.

Not to make any changes to the current wording of Section H.4. for the media committee purpose.

Actions taken:

1. Voted the new Chair for the Media Committee (Thomas M. - Two Rivers Intergroup)
2. Voted for the New Section of the Region 5 Home Page to include the “What’s New” section to appear at the top of the home page.
3. Recommended that there be three bullets to the “What’s New” section to be frequently renewed to ensure the Region 5 web site visitors are always kept informed of What is New.
4. Committee members to submit articles to be published based on their experience at Region 5 Assembly.

Assignments made:

Region 5 Secretary will pursue getting the Region 5 Web Master to add the new top section of the Region 5 Home Page to include a section that is “What’s New”.

This new section will be updated as necessary to ensure that the content is current and relevant.

These will be hyperlinks that lead to the new content to keep the Region 5 members aware of New Literature, New Pamphlets, New Fliers, and New Save the Dates (to name a few).

Issues for later:

Review the current Region 5 Policies & Procedures Manual and suggest changes to the Manual section H. (Committee Purpose) 4. (Media Committee)
The current committee members will review and recommend any changes that will benefit Region 5 as a whole.