

OCTOBER 2025 Region 5 Report

Chair: Pam P., Ohio, USA
Vice Chair: Kevin F., Indiana, USA
Treasurer: Barbara H., Kentucky, USA
Secretary: Keri E., Illinois, USA
Trustee Liaison: Juliette R., Ohio, USA

	2025	2024
Affiliated Groups	529	538
Unaffiliated Groups	24	32
Total Number of Groups	553	570
Virtual Groups	153	149
Total Number of Intergroups	27	29
Total Number of Service Boards	N/A	N/A

*The virtual groups total is included in **Total Number of Groups**.

Hello Region, 5!

I am excited to be at my first assembly as your new trustee. I hope (and pray) I can support, guide, and serve you to the best of my ability. I am six months in and still crawling vs walking but what I do not know, I will gladly find out and/or ask for help. And our collective wisdom, knowledge and experience will be the ultimate source of information for all of us. I have as your R5 trustee fielded lots of questions, approved and helped tweak bylaws, tallied new meetings, guided and supported areas in distress, presented a workshop on service and attended MANY meetings!

Pam P.'s Chair Report is a thorough accounting of the concerns of the greater fellowship regarding distribution of literature, translation licensing, current financial needs, and the region chairs strategic "North Stars" for the next three years which the trustees wholeheartedly support. This year's guiding theme or "North Star" is "*The Power of We*" which is in alignment with the strategic plan to grow and sustain OA. Please see her report for those details. It's excellent!

So our collective conscience and *the Power of We*...one of the things that resulted from the BOT meetings and the OA World Convention in August was my awareness of separation created by language. I experienced it first when referencing "the world service office" and what came from that exchange is not using the word "the" but "our". Our WSO. Our world service office.

As we dive into the concept of "The Power of We", it is a crucial and pivotal time for Tradition One:

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on OA unity.

When addressing our business how do we protect this tradition? How do we unify? We are a people who normally would not mix. Our concepts are clear; collective consciousness, right of participation, we listen to minority voices and come to substantial unanimity, remain democratic in thought and action. All of this informs us as what to do about our on the table concerns:

1. Translations, licensure and the distribution of literature

2. 7th tradition: lost income on convention, literature sales and contributions are down by 3% & 6% respectfully
3. service challenges
4. disruptive persons.

Whatever we encounter, we remember our primary purpose.

And the gift of the We and Unity is power. Power to do what we could never do alone. I look forward to our collective work together at assembly.

In service,

Juliette R.
Region 5 Trustee Liaison