

MARCH 2026

Region 5 Trustee Report

Chair: Pam P., Ohio, USA

Vice Chair: Kevin F., Indiana, USA

Treasurer: Barbara H., Kentucky, USA

Secretary: Kerry M., Illinois, USA

Trustee Liaison: Juliette R., Ohio, USA

	Feb. 2026	Feb. 2025	Change (+ or -)
Affiliated Groups	507	532	-25
Unaffiliated Groups	33	30	+3
Total Number of Groups	540	562	-22
Virtual Groups	165	149	+16
Total Number of Intergroups	24	27	-3
Total Number of Service Boards			

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

Hello, Region, 5!

As your Region 5 trustee, I have been hard at work in my World Service duties as co-chair of the Twelfth Step Within Committee, supporting them in their work and sitting on both the WSBC planning committee and the Lifeline committee preparing for conference and reading your submissions for approval. That is my world work.

For Region 5, I worked with an intergroup that was experiencing some difficulties and now with Pam P.'s and your bylaws committee's guidance, it is beginning to work toward solutions and hopefully, some stability. I have combed and approved bylaws, websites and many flyers as we head into Unity Day and spring retreats. We are an active region, and it is heartwarming to witness. Kudos to a FABULOUS Twelfth Step Within workshop put on by YOU, Region 5 in December, by the way!

And speaking of flyers, I presented to Pam and the board as a result of flyer distribution, the greater question of whether we should be paying for the use of images? Artists have done this work. Many are free. We must be diligent around copyright and public domain. However, what, if any, is our

obligation to Tradition 7? Think about that. I continue to meet with Pam P. monthly as well as the R5 board to address all concerns and to stay engaged with the fellowship.

From WSO...soon to launch the new website with “Find A Meeting” and document library improvements. The donation platform has been revised to reduce the cost by \$25K. We are dipping into our prudent reserve to keep up with rising costs and lower contributions. Managing Director, Dan Sandweiss is retiring after WSBC and the search is on for his replacement. There are several viable candidates and interviews are underway.

In my last report and at our fall assembly, we rallied around the “The Power of We”, did an excellent job with our Disruptive Member workshop, focused on Tradition 1 and Unity. Overarching issues and the principle of unity continue to affect the fellowship with pockets of compulsive eaters requesting special focus. This balance of care and separation is delicate. I look forward to our work together, to our collective group conscience in this area Friday night.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliette R.
Region 5 Trustee
TSW Trustee Co-Chair
February 2026

