

# BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

3/7/26

- Open with Serenity Prayer
  
- Read Purpose:  
  
Bylaws Committee:
  - a. Keep the Region 5 Policies and Procedures, Bylaws, and the Standing Rules pertinent and current.
  - b. Provide a mechanism for critical new business motions to be processed at Region 5 assemblies when delay of consideration would adversely affect the operations of Region 5 or OA as a whole within Region 5.
- Review our Spring Assembly Report
- Future Direction
  1. Clean up Standing Rules for In-Person and Virtual
  2. Policy regarding use of Images: Review
  3. Handling Amendments at Virtual Meetings
    - a. Submit in Advance.
    - b. Who can propose a motion?
    - c. Do we need a reference committee?
    - d. Make it easier to submit changes. Email to make editorial changes.
  4. Amend Bylaw Article IV; Section A; Paragraph 3; Subpart b. from 3 assemblies to 2.
- Next Meeting to be assigned Doodle poll

# **Convention Committee Report**

March 7, 2026

In Attendance: Barb K, Teresa H, Kevin F, Marilyn D, Laura W, Leigh Ann M, Barbara D

## **Discussion:**

Barb K updated the committee on the progress of the Indianapolis convention committees. The committees began meeting in the fall of 2025 and the committee chairs meet via zoom the third Thursday of each month. During the monthly meetings the chairs provide an update on the progress of their committee as well as to discuss any needs or questions.

Next the committee reviewed the convention program and discussed how to better incorporate the theme of the convention into the titles of the sessions. The group also discussed the preconvention workshop topic and rather or not it should differ from the previous preconvention workshop topic or build upon it.

Other topics discussed included the registration flier, cost of the convention, meals, the hotel accommodations and number of speakers or panelist needed for the convention.

## **Next Steps:**

The discussion ideas will be taken back to the Indianapolis convention chairs for further discussion.

Respectfully Submitted.

Teresa H.

# **The Region 5 Media Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**Acting secretary:**

Chris B. CHI-WIF

**Chair:**

Norma B. Southwest Michigan

**Others members present:**

Brent H. Greater Kansas City

Carol Ann M. Milwaukee Area

Diane Mc. Suburban North

Kerry M. Region 5 Secretary

**Minutes:**

Statement of Purpose was read. Brent offered his experience in Information Technology. Since links to old/outdated newsletters were found. He is willing to go through the different intergroup newsletter links on the Region 5 website to see which ones are valid and which ones may have issues. The Region 5 Newsletter was discussed. In the past, encouragement has been made to submit articles for the Newsletter and this encouragement was stated again. However, there are no previous minutes for the Media Committee to reference.

SMART GOAL 1: We will each submit at least one (1) online article to the R5 Newsletter as follows:

March: Norma

April: Diane

May: Chris

June: Carol Ann

July: Brent

SMART GOAL 2: Brent will make time to check out links on the website sometime over the next week (by March 14, 2026).

SMART GOAL 3: Committee would like to look on the Region 5 website for old information by the end of April, 2026.

SMART GOAL 4: Ask intergroups and/or home groups for five minute writing exercise time and ask them to write on their favorite Slogan or Step or Tradition by the end of April, 2026.

# The Region 5 Finance Committee meeting

Saturday March 7, 2026

Acting secretary: Liz Z.

Chair: Barbara H.

Other members present: Sally L., Lynn H., Hudson S., Mary Ann P., Martha D., Beverly B.

## Notes:

- Friendly audit – At last meeting, discussed budget and talked about friendly audits, and Pam’s potential trip to Poland.
- Barbara described how she does data entry into QuickBooks and reconciles it with the bank account. Barbara got access to the Region 5 bank account and started doing data entry in January 2025. The previous treasurer had already loaded the budget into QuickBooks and it could not be changed. Barbara worked with Pam (chair) to simplify how the budget was organized to be easier to read and understand. Also streamlined how payments were processed to reduce fees and duplicated effort. It has been a challenging transition from one way of organizing the budget and QuickBooks to another way of organizing. Barbara has double-checked all of the data that has been put into QuickBooks and everything is accounted for. But the changeover makes it difficult to run reports that make sense with the new way of presenting the budget.
- Budget vs actual vs 2026 budget
  - At October, R5 Assembly, added money to budgets for PIPO and Intergroup to Intergroup committees. When it got added, there was already money in the budget which resulted in an excess. Barbara moved it to the chair travel for potential trip to Poland.
  - Corrections made to the budget report were discussed:
    - WSO Region chair registration/travel line item to \$2000.
    - Region chair travel to other regions line items will be increased to \$4000.
- Barbara asked if it would be valuable to offer to meet with intergroup treasurers? YES!!! Maybe starting in May perhaps every other month. Many new treasurers would probably welcome the help and chance to ask questions.
- Louisville IG is asking if Region 5 can help fund PIPO effort to put small billboards (posters) in their area. Asking for \$1000 to help bring info about OA to people in the area. Posters are up for a month or until someone else wants the space. The billboard company knows how many people see the signs (pinging cell phones going by).
  - Cleveland put up posters in areas that are underrepresented in OA and have an OA meeting nearby. They are trying to remember to ask newcomers how

they heard about OA. Size of poster boards are good. Cleveland IG feels it is money well-spent.

- Could use the Intergroup funding assistance budget line to fund it. Needs approval from the finance committee. It will also go to the PIPO committee or PIPO.
- Motion made to recommend that the PIPO committee give \$1,000 to Louisville Metro for their poster project. Seconded and approved.