

Region 8—Second Assembly 2026—Little Rock

September 25-27, 2026

On Friday Evening we gathered to review the procedures which would be used during the Business Assembly on Saturday.

The hosting IG from Little Rock presented a skit which was quiet clever based on the Wizard of Oz which high-lighted our Step work and the promises which come...quite engaging. This preceded the speakers who shared their ESH...all were exceptional!

We then adjourned until Saturday morning 8:30.

On Saturday, the Assembly was opened at 8:32 by Julia S. Region 8 chair. After the Serenity Prayer (in English, Spanish and Portuguese) followed by recitation of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts of Service and the days reading from Voices of Recovery, the room and Zoom were polled for eligible voters, the number for the morning stood at 37 Registered voters.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda was passed by a nearly unanimous vote. All Motions presented at this Assembly are located in the Assembly packet at the Soar8 website. Most of the Motions addressed non-controversial housekeeping issues to better communicate practices through the Policy and Procedure Manual and to help keep those practices in compliance with the Bylaws.

The current theme of Recovery from WSBO for 2026 is: The Power of We
The theme of Recovery from WSBO for 2027 is: OA: The Solution for Life

Minutes from the previous assembly (First Assembly) were accepted and approved.

Gary D. our Trustee gave a report of what we can anticipate in OA in the near future. There are plans to make our “branding” more visible and recognizable. Our world is constantly changing and the way we promote recovery is evolving.

The Assembly then broke off into sessions of various committees to do strategic planning for the next 6 months. The committees are Ways and Means, PIPO, International Committee, TSW, Tech/Web, IGOR and Bylaws and Electronic Documents.

When the Assembly resumed, another Credential poll was taken and voter count remained at 37 eligible voters.

Election for Vice Chair, Board Secretary and WSBC Delegates for 2027 (held virtually) was held. Candidates spoke to those assembled as to their qualifications and what strengths and passions they bring to being of service.

Vice-Chair: Michelle D. was voted in by a nearly unanimous vote

Secretary: No nominations came from the Assembly. We go into this period of time leading up to the First Assembly in 2027 with no elected Secretary

WSBC Delegates: Region 8 can send up to 5 Delegates to WSBC. 2027's Conference will be held virtually. Dora P., Andrea, Lucy and Sam presented their qualifications to be Region 8's delegates. They entertained questions from those in attendance. A paper ballot vote was taken and all four were affirmed to represent Region 8 at the virtual WSBC in 2027.

The Budget for 2027 was presented, questions were asked and answered from both in the meeting room and from Zoom, it was passed without amendment.

At our next Second Assembly, those Chairs due to rotate out of service are: TSW, Tech 2 and PIPO.

Our Second Assembly for 2027 bid was presented by the Nashville IG. That bid was accepted. It will coincide with a Region Chair conference where Chairs from all Regions of OA will be present.

The Business meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM

It was an honor to be at this Assembly, to do Service, to meet a broad swath of people working their recovery programs to the best of their ability. While I did not represent CFI as I am Bylaws Chair of Region 8, I feel that being present was a privilege. I was disheartened that there was no representation from CFI. I hope this changes in the future.

On a personal note, while waiting in Atlanta for my flight to Little Rock, Tina S.- Region 8 TSW chair came to say hello. We spent much time together, even had time to visit the Clinton Library and the Little Rock State Capitol before the work of the Assembly began. It was wonderful to see familiar faces of friends who are in OA Recovery and to meet new friends. I saw problem solving in action, younger people stepping up to do service and the energy of engagement was high. Of course, I am looking forward to the Second Assembly in Nashville in 2027...and I hope that Central Florida IG will be strongly represented!

There was the camaraderie of our fellows, many dynamic speakers, merch and a resale clothing Boutique...great fun!

In Service and Recovery

Debby H.