

OA Virtual Region Board Meeting Minutes - unapproved

May 2, 2026

Members Present:

Chair
Vice Chair
Treasurer
Secretary
Member at Large
Data Coordinator
Digital Coordinator
Bylaws Committee Chair and Member
Data Tech Committee Chair
Digital Resources Committee Chair and Secretary
Language Services Committee Chair
Twelfth Step Within/Workshop Committee Chair

Opening:

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Readings:

The Virtual Region Strategic Vision and Concept Six.

Minutes from April 7, 2026, Board meeting accepted by acclamation without changes.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the region remains solvent, bills are current, and contributions continue to be received. Detailed financial figures are not yet available because the new bookkeeper is still being onboarded and trained. Final 2025 financials and convention results are therefore still pending. The Treasurer also reported that a federal tax filing extension will be submitted once the final 2025 figures are available.

Unfinished Business

Bookkeeper and Assembly financial statement update: The board discussed the delay in receiving financial statements while the new bookkeeper is being trained. To help members understand why the 2025 financials will not be available for Assembly 1, the board agreed to post an explanatory notice on the Assembly webpage. The Treasurer will draft the explanation.

Assembly preparation: The board reviewed progress on Assembly planning and outreach. Key updates included the following:

- PDFs of the Assembly Binder have been posted on the website in English, Spanish, Greek, and Portuguese.
- An English text version of the Binder will be added for members whose languages are not yet covered by translated PDFs, with clear labeling that directs members first to existing translated materials when available.
- A recent e-blast appears to have increased registrations.
- A Zoom rehearsal is scheduled for May 20, 2026. The final time will be confirmed after coordinating across time zones.
- The Zoom team, parliamentarian, and other key Assembly support roles are expected to participate in the rehearsal.
- The webmaster confirmed support for setting up polls in advance.
- Outreach to encourage Assembly registration and participation continues.

World Service Business Conference update: The Chair reported that the conference was productive and positive. Key outcomes included the following:

- The Virtual Region motion related to retreats was referred to the 2027 WSBC Convention Planning Committee.
- The motion regarding an ethnically Jewish special focus group did not pass. The motion maker intends to reintroduce it next year.
- Another Virtual Region motion concerning chair authority and substitute selection did not pass because members wanted clearer guardrails regarding who may be chosen as a designee.

The board also discussed the emergency WSBC motion on translation licensing. Although the amended motion did not pass, members said the discussion underscored the ongoing importance of licensing for translation and distribution. The board also noted a change in trustee liaison.

12 Step Within Workshop Committee: Planning is continuing for upcoming workshops and retreat options. Current plans include the following:

- Holding four workshops, ideally before November.
- Coordinating with other intergroups where possible.
- Continuing to explore an in-person retreat option.
- Developing pricing details later for June 17-22, 2027, cruise retreat from New York City to Nova Scotia, once logistics are confirmed.

Digital Resources coordinator communication: In response to earlier concerns, a meeting was held to improve communication processes, especially for e-blasts. A draft process document was created and will be reviewed. The board also discussed the importance of coordinating announcements in advance so they can be placed appropriately, combined when helpful, and linked to the correct webpages without duplicating effort.

New Business

Possible reduction from two assemblies to one annually: The board discussed whether the region should move from holding two assemblies each year to one, while continuing to hold a separate convention. Before making any decision, the board agreed to gather feedback from intergroup and service body chairs through post-Assembly feedback channels.

Trustee vacancy: The Chair announced that a World Service trustee vacancy is currently open and encouraged qualified members to apply.

Calendar updates: All are reminded to keep meetings listed on the calendar up to date.

The meeting was adjourned with the 'We' version of the Serenity Prayer.