



REGION 2 REPRESENTATIVE

Requirements: 1 year of abstinence.

Term: 2 year commitment.

- Attend the [Region 2](#) Spring Assembly (typically held in [March](#)).
- Region Representatives are the link between the local group and the regional level. They bring concerns and issues to the region for discussion and bring information from the region back to their groups.
- A proven commitment to service is also an important consideration in choosing a region representative.
- For further information or to volunteer, please send email to info@oasv.org.

What is a region?

Regions are composed of groups, intergroups, and service boards within specified geographic boundaries and the virtual community. OA is divided into eleven regions. There are eight regions within North America. Mexico is in Region Two; Bermuda is in Region Six; the Virgin Islands, Central America, and South America are in Region Eight. Region Nine encompasses Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Western Asia. Region Ten encompasses the Far East, Southeast Asia, Western Pacific Basin, Australia, and New Zealand. The Virtual Region encompasses the virtual groups and virtual intergroups. View a [world map of the eleven regions](#).

Why is the region important?

As part of OA's service structure, the region is important in coordinating Twelfth Step work on a broad scale. Each region has a regional trustee. Regional assemblies choose trustee nominees to be presented to the [World Service Business Conference](#). Once elected, the regional trustee brings input from the region-wide membership (gathered at the regional assemblies) to the [Board of Trustees](#) and communicates Board of Trustees information to the region. Regional assemblies also elect their own board of trusted servants, which may include a regional chair, a vice-chair, a treasurer, and a secretary, to administer the region's business in accordance with the region bylaws. Regional committees work with the regional officers to plan and provide public information, professional outreach, convention planning, bylaws reviews, ways and means, newsletters, financial oversight, and other services and activities to assist the region's intergroups/service boards in carrying the message. Regions may provide funding assistance to help intergroups/service boards that would not otherwise be able to send a representative to regional assemblies or World Service Business Conference. They also provide travel funds for regional officers to give workshops on topics such as service, Concepts, and Traditions for intergroups/service boards that would like to have them.

Regions are an important resource for information, intergroup/service board and group support, and recovery. They carry the message of OA recovery through regional websites and regional conventions, continuing the connection between the group, the intergroup/service board, and world service.

What is the makeup of the regional assembly?

Each intergroup/service board is encouraged to send at least one (or more, depending on size) representative to the regional assembly. The assembly is an important business meeting. It is also an opportunity for intergroups/service boards to share experiences. The regional trustee attends to learn about matters of interest to the region and present world service concerns that need regional input. The trustee may ask for specific feedback to bring to a future Board of Trustees meeting. Since attendance at every intergroup/service board meeting is unrealistic for trustees, the regional assembly provides a forum for the exchange of ideas between the region and OA as a whole. It also gives intergroups/service boards an opportunity to share experience, strength, and hope.