



PROPOSED BYLAW AND POLICY CHANGES
SPRING ASSEMBLY 2025

1. R6 Bylaw III Meetings Section V Item A – Voting Body of Region 6
2. R6 Policy No. 1 Section A – Name Tags
3. R6 Policy No. 2 Section A – New Representatives
4. R6 Policy No. 5 Section A – Minutes of the R6 Meetings
5. R6 Policy No. 6 Section C & D – Conventions



Submission of Proposed R6 Bylaw/Policy Amendments (Spring 2025)

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Move to amend: Article number and name, Section number and name, Part number by (striking, inserting, or striking and inserting) as follows:

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>PROPOSED WORDING</u>
SECTION V. VOTING BODY OF THE R6A Any OA member attending any meeting of the R6A has the right to be heard, once recognized by the chair. A. A quorum shall consist of 30 members of the voting body who are present insuring that at least four (4) states and provinces are represented.	SECTION V. VOTING BODY OF THE R6A Any OA member attending any meeting of the R6A has the right to be heard, once recognized by the chair. A. A quorum shall consist of 30 <u>25</u> members of the voting body who are present, insuring <u>ensuring</u> that at least four (4) states and provinces are represented.

SUBMITTED BY: the R6 Board

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Intent:

The requirement to have 30 members present for a quorum has been in place for many years, when there were a lot more Intergroups and Reps actively participating at the Regional level. Since attendance at the R6 Assembly has declined over the years, the Board recommends adjusting the quorum requirement to have 25 members of the voting body present.

Implementation:

No implementation impact other than updating related documents.

Cost:

None

Rationale: Decreasing the quorum from 30 to 25 voting members is appropriate at this time, given the number of Reps and Intergroups currently participating in Region 6 Assemblies.

Email submission to: Coordinator@OARegion6.org



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Move to amend: Policy #001 Name Tags as follows:

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>PROPOSED WORDING</u>
Policy #001 Name Tags Section:	Policy #001 Name Tags Section:
POLICY	POLICY
A. For the purpose of identifying each Representative and their Intergroup or Unaffiliated Group, a name tag will be given out at the registration table.	A. For the purpose of identifying each Representative and their Intergroup or Unaffiliated Group, a name tag will be given out at the registration table <u>provided</u> .
B. This Policy and Procedure applies to all Representatives and Alternates attending the Region 6 Assembly.	B. This Policy and Procedure applies to all Representatives, Alternates, and <u>Guests</u> attending the Region 6 Assembly.
PROCEDURE	PROCEDURE
A name tag will be given to each Representative or Alternate, which will signify their voting or non-voting status.	A name tag will be given to each Representative or Alternate, which will signify their voting or non-voting status.
	<u>For in-person attendees at Assemblies, name tags will be provided at the Registration Desk, indicating name, service, and intergroup. For virtual/hybrid attendance, a digital indicator will identify each attendee, and signify their voting or non-voting status at that Assembly.</u>

SUBMITTED BY: R6 Bylaws committee Board and contact email address. Contact

Carmen D. Chair 819-743-792 Email Address : chiroangel@videotron.ca

INTENT:

To document requirements for name tags at all Assemblies.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Carried out by the Coordinator.

COST: NONE

RATIONALE: Provides needed update and clarification to the Coordinator to manage name tags for virtual, hybrid, and in-person Assembly attendees.

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Revised May 2024



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Move to amend: Region 6 Policy Number 002 (New Representatives) as follows:

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u> Policy #002 New Representatives	<u>PROPOSED WORDING</u> Policy #002 New Representatives
<u>Policy</u> A. This Policy and Procedure establishes the standard Policy and Procedures for welcoming new Representatives and Alternates to Region 6 Assemblies. B. The Region 6 Orientation committee is responsible for assuring compliance with this Policy and Procedure.	<u>Policy</u> A. This Policy and Procedure establishes the standard Policy and Procedures for welcoming new Representatives and Alternates to Region 6 Assemblies. B. The Region 6 Orientation committee <u>Board</u> is responsible for assuring compliance with this Policy and Procedure.
<u>PROCEDURE</u> A. A newcomer kit will be given to each new Representative. It will include Region 6 Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual and a pamphlet on Parliamentary Procedure. B. An orientation meeting will be held during each session of region 6 Assembly.	<u>PROCEDURE</u> A. A newcomer kit will be given to each new Representative. It will <u>may</u> include Region 6 Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual and a pamphlet on Parliamentary Procedure. B. An orientation meeting will be held during each session of Region 6 Assembly.

SUBMITTED BY: Bylaws Committee

Chair: Carmen D. chiroangel@videotron.ca 819-743-7927

INTENT: To clarify the Policy and Procedures for greeting new attendees.

IMPLEMENTATION: The R6 Board is responsible for implementation.

COST: NONE

RATIONALE: To clarify how new attendees will be greeted.

Email submission to: Coordinator@OARegion6.org



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Move to amend: Policy and Procedure #005 Minutes of the R6 meetings,

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>PROPOSED WORDING</u>
Policy #005 Minutes of the R6 Meetings Section: Policy and Procedure	Policy #005 Minutes of the R6 Meetings Section: Policy and Procedure
Policy The minutes of the Region 6 Assembly will be recorded only by the Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem. The minutes will be distributed within 30 days of the Assembly to the Chair and Coordinator. The minutes will be submitted, amended, if necessary, and accepted by the next Assembly.	Policy The minutes of the Region 6 Assembly will be recorded only by the Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem. The minutes will be distributed within 30 days of the Assembly to the Chair and Coordinator. The minutes will be submitted, amended, if necessary, and accepted by the next Assembly. <u>The Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem is responsible for recording, transcribing, and distributing minutes of the Region 6 Assemblies.</u>
Procedure A. RECORDING OF MINUTES Minutes will be recorded by the R6 Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem. The R6 Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem will be the only authorized individual to tape record Regional Assemblies. B. TRANSCRIBING OF MINUTES Minutes will be transcribed by the Secretary. C. DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES Minutes and committee reports will be distributed to the R6 Board members and Chairs of the R6 Assembly Committees within thirty (30) days of the Assembly. D. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES	Procedure A. RECORDING OF MINUTES Minutes will be recorded by the R6 Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem. The R6 Secretary or Secretary Pro Tem will be the only authorized individual to tape record Regional Assemblies. B. TRANSCRIBING OF MINUTES Minutes will be transcribed by the Secretary. C. <u>APPROVAL COMMITTEE REVIEW</u> <u>The Minutes Approval Committee will review the initial draft. The Secretary will update the final draft with any corrections from the Committee.</u> D. DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

<p>The minutes will be amended, if necessary and accepted at the next Region 6 Assembly following the Assembly to which they refer.</p>	<p>Minutes and committee reports will be distributed to the R6 Board members and Chairs of the R6 Assembly Committees within thirty (30) days of the Assembly.</p> <p>E. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES The minutes will be amended, if necessary, and accepted at the next Region 6 Assembly, following the Assembly to which they refer.</p> <p>F. <u>FINAL DISTRIBUTION</u> <u>The final approved minutes will be distributed to the Board within 45 days for website posting.</u></p>
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SUBMITTED BY: R6 Bylaws committee Board and contact email address. Contact

Carmen D. Chair 819-743-792 Email Address : chiroangel@videotron.ca

INTENT:

To update the P&P based on the Secretary's job description.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The Secretary carries out these duties.

COST: NONE

RATIONALE: To keep P&P current.

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SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED R6 POLICY AMENDMENT (SPRING 2025)

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Move to amend: Policy #006 Conventions by striking and inserting as follows:

<u>CURRENT WORDING</u>	<u>PROPOSED WORDING</u>
Policy #006 Conventions	Policy #006 Conventions
POLICY The purpose of the Assembly Convention Committee is to: a. Encourage and actively solicit R6 intergroups and members to host conventions as a means of furthering OA unity, fellowship and carrying the OA message of recovery. b. Help ensure compliance with R6 policy and OA Traditions as they relate to R6 conventions. c. Raise funds, through Conventions, to ensure R6 stays financially sound. d. Serve as a repository for critical information relative to recent past R6 conventions.	POLICY The purpose of the <u>R6</u> Assembly Convention Committee is to: a. Encourage and actively solicit R6 intergroups and members to host conventions as a means of furthering OA unity, fellowship and carrying the OA message of recovery. b. Help ensure compliance with R6 policy and OA Traditions as they relate to R6 conventions. c. Raise funds, through Conventions, to ensure R6 stays financially sound. d. Serve as a repository for <u>Maintain</u> critical information relative to recent past R6 conventions.
DEFINITIONS Region 6 Assembly Convention Committee is the standing committee established by the Region 6 Bylaws that meets during sessions of the Region 6 Assemblies. Hosting Convention Committee is the committee formed by Region 6 members, local intergroups and/or local groups for the purpose of planning, organizing, and carrying out a Region 6 convention.	DEFINITIONS Region 6 Assembly Convention Committee is the standing committee established by the Region 6 Bylaws that meets during sessions of the Region 6 Assemblies. Hosting Convention Committee is the committee formed by Region 6 members, local intergroups and/or local groups for the purpose of to planning, organizing, and carrying out <u>organize, and conduct</u> a Region 6 convention.
RESPONSIBILITY The Region 6 Assembly Convention	RESPONSIBILITY

<p>Committee is responsible for assuring compliance with this Policy #006 and any other applicable Region 6 policies. The Assembly Convention Committee will review convention proposals and make a recommendation, in the form of a motion, to the assembly. Final approval of this recommendation must be obtained by vote of the Region 6 Representatives at a Region 6 Assembly.</p> <p>Under circumstances where approved convention location is no longer suitable due to physical conditions, major failures of the hotel to comply with provisions of the contract, or due to unforeseen circumstances and the severity of these situations necessitates that action be taken before the next Assembly, the Region 6 Board as our “trusted servants” are authorized to choose either a different convention hotel, hold the convention virtually, or decide to cancel the convention entirely.</p> <p>APPLICABILITY This Policy applies to all Region 6 Intergroups and Unaffiliated Groups within Region 6 interested in making a bid to host the Region 6 Convention.</p> <p>DATE The convention will be early fall, September through early November and the location will be rotated within Region 6 or held virtually. An exception may be made relative to the date in those years with a World Service Convention in or near Region 6”.</p> <p>CHAIR The Chair/Co-Chairs of the Hosting Convention Committee will have at least one year of abstinence. The Trustee Liaison will be an advisor to the Hosting Convention Committee and the Chair/Co-Chairs of the past Convention’s Hosting Convention Committee will serve as advisor(s). The terms of the Chair/Co-chairs of the Convention Hosting committee shall be</p>	<p>The Region 6 Assembly Convention Committee is responsible for assuring compliance with this Policy #006<u>document</u> and any other applicable Region 6 policies.</p> <p>The Assembly Convention Committee will review convention proposals and make a recommendation, in the form of a motion, to the assembly. Final approval of this recommendation must be obtained by vote of the Region 6 Representatives at a<u>ests with the</u> Region 6 Assembly.</p> <p>Under circumstances where <u>an</u> approved convention location is no longer suitable due to physical conditions, major failures of the hotel to comply with provisions of the contract, or due to unforeseen circumstances and the severity of these situations<u>this situation</u> necessitates that <u>requires</u> action be taken before the next Assembly, the Region 6 Board as our “trusted servants” are<u>is</u> authorized to choose either a different convention hotel<u>venue</u>, hold the convention virtually, or decide to cancel the convention entirely.</p> <p>APPLICABILITY This Policy<u>policy</u> applies to all Region 6 Intergroups and Unaffiliated Groups<u>intergroups and Unaffiliated</u> groups within Region 6 interested in making a bid to host the Region 6 Convention.</p> <p>DATE The convention will be early fall,<u>in</u> September through early November and the location will be rotated<u>shift</u> within Region 6 or be<u>held</u> virtually. An exception<u>The timing of convention may be made relative to the date change in those years with when a World Service Convention is planned in or near Region 6”.</u></p> <p>CHAIR The Chair/Co-Chairs<u>chair/cochairs</u> of the Hosting Convention Committee will have at least one year of abstinence. The Region 6 Trustee Liaison<u>trustee liaison</u> will be an advisor to the Hosting Convention Committee and the Chair/Co-Chairs<u>chair/cochairs</u> of the past<u>most recent</u> Convention’s Hosting Convention Committee will serve as advisor(s). The terms of the Chair/Co-chairs<u>chair/cochairs</u> of the Convention Hosting committee shall be limited</p>
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<p>limited to 3 years and not be filled by members of the Region 6 board, whenever possible.</p> <p>FUNDING Any Hosting Convention Committee Chair/Co-Chair who is not a Representative will be funded to the Regional Assembly when a Region 6 Convention meeting is called, in compliance with the funding policy of the Convention.</p> <p>MEETINGS Hosting Convention Committee planning meetings will be held when needed and be open to anyone wanting to give service.</p> <p>MINUTES/REPORTS All minutes and reports will be sent to the Trustee Liaison and Region 6 Assembly Convention Committee Chair. Hosting Convention Committee reports may be passed on to future Hosting Convention Committees as guidelines.</p> <p>CONTRACTS All contracts must be reviewed by the Hosting Convention Committee Chair/Co-Chair and must be signed by Region 6 Chair.</p> <p>CONVENTION ACCOUNTS Two (2) signatures will be required on all Convention accounts.</p> <p>SPEAKERS Keynote Speakers at OA Region 6 Conventions must be OA members. They must have a minimum of three (3) years current continuous abstinence. Keeping in mind that this is a program of attraction, keynote speakers as well as workshop and marathon leaders should demonstrate recovery on all three levels: physical, emotional and spiritual, as it applies to Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>Recordings of keynote speaker candidates will be solicited from the OA membership by the</p>	<p>to 3 years and not be filled by members of the Region 6 board, whenever possible.</p> <p>FUNDING Any Hosting Convention Committee Chair/Co-Chair <u>chair/cochair</u> who is not a Representative <u>region representative</u> will be funded to <u>attend</u> the Regional Assembly when a Region 6 Convention meeting is called, in compliance with the funding policy of the Convention.</p> <p>MEETINGS Hosting Convention Committee planning meetings will be held when needed and be open to anyone wanting to give service.</p> <p>MINUTES/REPORTS All minutes and reports will be sent to the Trustee-Liaison <u>Region 6 trustee liaison</u> and Region 6 Assembly Convention Committee Chair <u>chair</u>. Hosting Convention Committee reports may be passed on to future Hosting Convention Committees as guidelines.</p> <p>CONTRACTS All contracts must be reviewed by the Hosting Convention Committee Chair/Co-Chair <u>chair/cochair and the board</u> and must be signed by Region <u>Region 6 Chair</u> chair.</p> <p>CONVENTION ACCOUNTS Two (2) signatures will be required on all Convention accounts. <u>All bills will be submitted to the treasurer and must have the prior approval of the convention chair for payment.</u></p> <p>SPEAKERS Keynote Speakers at <u>Keynote-speaker candidates for OA Region 6 Conventions</u> conventions <u>must be OA members and must be registered for the convention to be considered.</u> They must have a minimum of three (3) years current continuous abstinence. Keeping in mind that this is a program of attraction, keynote speakers as well as workshop and marathon leaders should demonstrate recovery on all three levels: physical, emotional and spiritual, as it applies to Overeaters Anonymous.</p> <p>Recordings of keynote speaker candidates will be solicited from the OA membership by the</p>
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<p>Region 6 Hosting Convention Committee. It is important that the recordings be made at an OA event/meeting. A subcommittee to select keynote speakers from among the candidates will be identified by the Hosting Convention Committee and will include as a member the Chair of the Region 6 Assembly Convention Committee and/or his designated representative(s).</p>	<p>Region 6 Hosting Convention Committee. It is important that the recordings be made at an OA event/meeting. A subcommittee to select keynote speakers from among the candidates will be identified by the Hosting Convention Committee and <u>its members</u> will include as a member the Chair of the Region 6 Assembly Convention Committee and/or his<u>their</u> designated representative(s).</p>
<p>DONATION TO WSO When Region 6 has a prudent reserve, 15% of the annual Region 6 convention net profits will be donated to World Service.</p>	<p><u>RECORDINGS</u> <u>Convention registrants will receive early access to all convention recordings. Recordings will be published for general access within the year on the R6 website with opportunity for 7th tradition contributions.</u></p>
<p>PROFIT SHARE TO HOSTING INTERGROUP(S) Starting with the 2006 Convention, the hosting Intergroup(s) will receive 10% of the net, up to \$1000.</p>	<p>DONATION TO WSO When Region 6 has a prudent reserve, 15% <u>percent of the annual</u> Region 6 convention net profits will be donated to World Service.</p> <p>PROFIT SHARE TO HOSTING INTERGROUP(S) Starting with the 2006 Convention, the<u>The</u> hosting Intergroup(s)<u>intergroup(s)</u> will receive 10% <u>percent of the net, up to \$1,000.</u></p>

SUBMITTED BY: R6 Assembly Convention Committee

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INTENT:

To consolidate the policy and reflect current practice, with concise and standard copyediting.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Edit the official policy.

COST:

\$0 and administrative copyediting time.

RATIONALE:

To keep a single source of the up-to-date Convention Policy, which will replace the out of date copy in the Convention Manual with a hyperlink to the official policy instead.

The edits reflect 1) the prudent reserve quantity is defined elsewhere in the bylaws under the treasurer role 2) our accountability principle has been applied to digital banking with adapted logistics 3) role titles only need to be capitalized when used as part of a person's name 4) cochair is the main dictionary entry, mentioning the hyphenated variant.

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