**NFI Meeting – 4.8.2023**

**PIPO Report**

* Update regarding the ‘**Recovery Symposium’**, held on March 18, 2023.

If you recall, after having attended a couple of their Planning meetings with a goal to learn more about RCO’s (Recovery Community Organization) and how our OA program can have a positive effect in this arena, I experienced strong doubts that our presence may jeopardize the Traditions of Anonymity. We discussed it at great length at our last NFI meeting.

That same afternoon I sent a detailed email to our Region Trustee, Dora, along with the flier and my concerns based on what I heard at the sessions I attended, and this was the reply I received, on 3/12:

“Dear Nancy, there are many reasons to suggest you decline this outside event .... Anonymity and maybe the endorsement of the outside enterprise.

I am adding our chair to this email too.   I feel it won't be good for OA as a whole.

Dora”

After reading that, I had mixed feelings…. 1st: really quite surprised I rec’d affirmation our participation was *not* appropriate (“***it would*** ***not be good for OA as a whole***”); grateful I listened to my gut; grateful I followed through and referred the situation to a higher OA level; and finally----

**I was overwhelmingly** **disappointed, and still feel extreme sadness about this**…..

I contacted the chair of the event that day and advised we had to cancel our participation and would we be able to get the $50 refund from our registration fee. She said that should not be a problem. I went her NFI PO Box address.

* I texted Emma and am awaiting a reply as to a follow up on the Pamphlets I provided her for her clients at Lakeview Behavioral Health; and if she’s had an opportunity to speak to her supervisor on the possibility of myself and another member coming in to host an OA meeting; or do a panel discussion on how OA program has improved the quality of our lives and help with our weight issues, along with a Q and A session about OA. I’m awaiting a reply.