**NFI Announcements for PIPO Committee-7.13.24**

* Region 8 PIPO had (2) guest speakers from **WSO’s Young People’s Committee**. They discussed their committee’s difficulty in contacting colleges and universities within our region about OA.
* They proposed that we email ‘**higher education’** facilities within **10 states** represented in our region. The letter can highlight things such as: our program is free and self-supporting through our own contributions and would specifically include that it **supports staff who are** **focused on student health and wellness**.
* If this idea is accepted by WSO, we would begin sending emails and finish this effort by the end of October, prior to the holidays, since students tend to be less focused between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
* As for the Region 8 OA FB page (proposed by Susan, Region 8 Chair), last month Robin, our Region 8 PIPO Chair, sent an email to ALL SOAR 8 looking for individuals to compile a committee to assist with the FB page. Robin received a response from 4 individuals, 2 of them already completed FB Pages for their respective Intergroup. Work to continue on the FB topic.