

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP OF OA INC.
INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2015

Board members present:

Jackie G., Chair	George Y., Vice Chair	Joyce F., Treasurer	Katie B., Office Manager
Lindsey G., Young Persons Chair	Cindy W., 12th Step Within	Griselda G., Mtg. Liaison	

Board members absent:

Bonnie K., Secretary	Sandi H., Public Information	Gaddy G., E-Media Mgr.
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Positions vacant:

Activities Chair	Publications Chair
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OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jackie G. at 7:31 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call was taken. There were 26 meeting reps, 7 board members and 1 World Service Delegate in attendance.

Heather C. read the 12 Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous.

The minutes of the previous Intergroup meeting were approved as submitted.

Frank read Concept 2 from the Concepts of Service.

The 7th Tradition basket was passed.

ELECTIONS:

- Elections were held for the following positions. The results are shown below. All positions are for 2 years.
 - Activities Chair
 - Publications Chair, Camille K. was elected by acclamation.

There were no volunteers for Activities Chair, so the position will be open for election at the next Intergroup meeting.

BOARD REPORTS:

CHAIR:

- Jackie announced that board reports would be held, time permitting, after voting on the proposed Bylaw and Policy motions presented at the last intergroup meeting and the review and voting on whether the motions contained in the World Service Conference Agenda Questionnaire should be considered by the delegates at the 2015 Business Conference.

OCI BYLAW AND POLICY MOTIONS:

MOTION #1 - Move to amend Bylaws Article V, Section 5 – Term of Office, A. 1) to read:

Elections for Chair; Secretary; Office Manager; E-Media Manager; Meeting Liaison; and Young People Chair shall take place in odd-numbered years.

Motion adopted

MOTION #2 - Move to amend Bylaws Article V, Section 1, 2) to read as follows:

Committee Chairs: Office Manager; Activities; E-Media Manager; Meeting Liaison; Publications; Public Information; ~~Twelve~~ Twelfth Step Within; and Young People Persons

Motion adopted

MOTION #3 - Providing the motion to rename the Young People committee is adopted, move to amend Intergroup Policy IV - Standing Committee Guidelines, Items (4) - Public Information and item (7) Young People, changing all references to "Young People" to read "Young Persons."

Motion adopted.

MOTION #4 - Move to amend Intergroup Policy Article IV - Standing Committees Guidelines to include those for the Electronic Communications Committee by creating a new item (3) to read as follows:

(3) Electronic Communications Committee

The Electronics Communications Committee, under the direction of the OCI E-Media Manager, shall maintain and update the various methods of electronic communication utilized by the Orange County Intergroup.

Electronic communications shall be limited to those authorized by a majority vote of the Orange County Service Board and/or a majority vote of the Representatives at a monthly Intergroup meeting which include:

- *The OCI website*
- *The OCI E-Mail Outreach Group*
- *The OCI Representatives E-mail Listing*
- *The OCI Board E-mail group*
- *E-mail forwarding for Board positions*
- *E-mail forwarding for OCI Events*
- *Notices of events, functions, and intergroup concerns as directed by the OCI Board or Intergroup Representatives*
- *Other electronic communication as required*

Motion adopted, as corrected

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE AGENDA QUESTIONAIRRE:

There were 29 who participate in reviewing the motions in the Agenda Questionnaire. The summary of each motion was reviewed, discussed and votes were as shown after each summary.

Proposed New Business Motions (to amend the Conference Policy Manual):

Item A: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to rescind WSBC Policy 1979d (policy to pay founder Rozanne's expenses to attend WSO conventions). **29 votes for, no opposition**

Item B: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to amend WSBC policy 1991a to emphasize that Conference Delegates are expected to work on a Conference committee, to help ensure committee work continues between Conferences. **27 votes for, 2 opposed.**

Item C: Submitted by the Baton Rouge IG, Region 8

Motion to adopt a policy to add nine (9) new recovery chips for 1 to 6 days and 1 to 3 weeks of abstinence. **2 votes for, 27 opposed**

Item D: Submitted by the St. Louis Bi-State IG, Region 4

Motion ruled out of order by BOT (relates to the use of non-gender-specific language, which conflicts with the Bylaws)

Item E: Submitted by St. Louis Bi-State IG, Region 4

Motion ruled out of order by BOT (relates to the use of non-gender-specific language, which conflicts with the Bylaws)

Item F: Submitted by OA South & East England IG, Region 9

Motion ruled out of order by BOT (Motion to require the 3rd Region Chair Committee meeting be held in North America (to save money). As the requirement to hold the meeting is in the Bylaws, a bylaw amendment would be required.).

Item G: Submitted by Los Angeles Intergroup, Region 2

Motion to amend WSBC Policy 1984a to change the wording of the preamble to replace "compulsive overeating" with "compulsive eating" and adding the words "restricting and purging". Also to replace "compulsive eating" to read "compulsive behavior around food" **23 votes for, 6 opposed**

Item H: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to amend WSBC Policy 1991a to increase the size of committees from 30 to 40 and remove "man" from "cochairman" where referenced. **29 votes for, no opposition**

Item I: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to amend WSBC Policy 2010c to eliminate printed versions of the final conference report, in an effort to save money (approximately \$7,500.00) **29 votes for, no opposition**

Item J: Submitted by San Diego County IG, Region 2

Move to add a police that the World Service display the name "Overeaters Anonymous" rather than "OA" on all displays, banners, badges and other signage at its events. **2 votes for, 27 opposed**

Item K: Submitted by Oregon OA IG, Region 1

Motion ruled out of order by BOT as it conflicts with the OA Bylaws. (motion regarding reading the Steps & Traditions in gender-neutral language).

Item L: Submitted by Greater Kansas City Area IG, Region 4

Motion ruled out of order by BOT (intent to amend the wording in the Suggested Meeting Format relating to Sponsors.) As the document is "Board Approved" it cannot be amended at Conference. The suggested change will be submitted to the Board-Approved Literature Committee for their review.

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws Subpart B:

Item #1: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to amend Bylaw Article VI, 3) c) by striking the word "request" and replacing it with the word "notice" to bring the wording into harmony with Tradition Four. (Relates to service boards wishing to "deregister") **29 votes for, no opposition**

Item #2: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to amend Art VIII, 4) c) by striking the word "request" and replacing it with the word "notice" (see Item 1 for reasons) **29 votes for, no opposition**

Item #3: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to amend Article X 3) c) 4) to reduce the number of days for selection of Delegate and alternates before the conference (from 100 to 70 days). (Technology reduces the time needed) **29 votes for, no opposition.**

Item #4: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to amend Article X, 3), b) to remove the "founder of OA" from the list of non-delegates who may address the Conference. (Rozanne passed away) **29 votes for, no opposition.**

Item #5: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to amend Article X 3),c), 2) to establish the January Service Body Information Report as the document used to determine the number of Delegates who may represent an intergroup or other service body (1 delegate is permitted for each 15 meetings or fraction thereof) **28 votes for, 1 abstention**

Item #6: Submitted by the Board of Trustees

Motion to amend Article VII, 1,b)m 1) 3) and 4), to remove references to an Intergroup that has closed. **29 votes for, no opposition.**

Item #7: Submitted by Oregon OA IG, Region 1

Motion to amend Article XIV, 1) e) to reduce the percentage (from 55% to 30%) of registered groups that must respond in order for a motion to amend the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions can be considered at Conference. **No votes for, 29 opposed. Consensus was that small group is trying to permit a "minority" opinion to prevail.**

BOARD REPORTS CONTINUED:

VICE CHAIR:

- No report

SECRETARY:

- Absent

TREASURER:

- The written financial report for January 2015 was distributed and reviewed briefly.
- Joyce requested a motion to ratify the payments made in January and authorization to pay the budgeted bills and contributions for February. Motion was made, seconded and adopted.

OFFICE MANAGER:

- No report

ACTIVITIES CHAIR:

- Position vacant

MEETING LIAISON:

- No report
- Meeting problem: Office received report that no one opened the Tuesday, Spanish focus meeting. It will be determined if it is a valid meeting.

PUBLICATIONS:

- No report/position vacant until tonight.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIR:

- Absent

YOUNG PERSONS CHAIR:

- Lindsey announced a Young Persons meeting will be started. Several ideas were developed at the February 4th committee meeting. Volunteers are needed to carry out the committee work (panelists, etc.).

12th STEP WITHIN:

- Cindy announced a new Relapse & Recovery meeting from 1:30 to 2:30, will start on Saturday 2/21 at New Directions for Women in Costa Mesa (All are welcome). A flyer will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Frank P. announced a new Men's Stag meeting will be starting on March 4th at Kaiser Permanente, 1900 E. 4th St., Santa Ana, from 5 to 6pm. He will be the contact (949) 852-3454. Flyer will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned with the 3rd Step prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce F., Acting Recording Secretary