

**Motion Title:**

Motion to create OAFS Public Information & Professional Outreach {PIPO} Committee

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**To Amend:**

There is no official PIPO committee at OA Foot Steps, although there have been other committees filling this role to various capacities. For example the Newcomers committee was sending out "Where do I Start?" pamphlets to newcomers, and had also produced a Newcomers' Packet a few years ago.

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**Current:**

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**Proposed:**

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**Primary Purpose:**

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.

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**Intent:**

The Public Information/Professional Outreach Committee (PIPO) exists to carry the message. PI focuses on reaching out to the still-suffering compulsive eater who may not know OA exists. On the PO side, we want to offer OA as a resource to professionals who may wish to refer patients/clients to OA if they deem it beneficial to them.

We take a project-by-project approach. Members can work on a project near and dear to them and then disappear or can be ongoing members working on a variety of projects.

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**Rationale:**

Sharing the message of recovery: "It works, if we work it!" This committee is a tangible way of working together, as a team, to prioritize the projects we might take on, and to implement these projects, to show how our program works.

We are in a unique position at OA Foot steps to share this message of recovery. Our voice represents a wide range of sufferers, and reflects the hope and joy we have found on this virtual platform, on so many levels.

We represent a wide variety of sectors such as: young people, older people, disabled visible and invisible, people of all colours, nationalities, languages and backgrounds - Truly we are diversity at its best, and are able to speak to all those who still suffer that might hear our message through all these avenues. We can also use this platform to speak to all those in a profession capacity around the world that might share our message with those they are in a position to help.

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**Implementation:**

PIPO offers us a focused direction, targeting those sectors that we would wish to carry the message of OA Recovery through a wide variety of mediums and platforms.

We aim to start a PIPO committee immediately that might meet regularly to initiate and follow through with a variety of focused projects, and to determine the time frame of each of such proposed projects.

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Some of the ideas that have been expressed already include:

- Tiktok {and other forms of social media}
- Printed {Newcomer's packet, profession outreach, etc} and virtual publications {pamphlets & blogs}
- Welcome rooms & intergroup hotline
- Creative projects {that may be used on multiple platforms}
- Intergroup {locally-made} publications that might be available virtually as well as in print.

The PIPO committee will determine the target audience, and which projects will be implemented to start to achieve those aims. Normally no more than 3-4 projects would be initiated at any one time, although some projects, once established may be ongoing.

We may consider adding a PIPO page to the OAFS website to track these projects, and offer members an opportunity to give service on projects they may be interested in.

We would strive to work in conjunction with our fellows at Virtual region, our VR Trustee, and World Service office, to ensure we are following Traditions and Concepts of Service in all that we do.

Using the wide variety of gifts that our membership brings to the table, to share the message with those that might not otherwise know of Overeaters Anonymous and the recovery it can offer.

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**Cost:**

Yearly budget to be determined - depending upon implementation costs of each project - subject to review

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**Time Frame:**

The first PIPO committee meeting would start on

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**Are you willing to commit to six months of service in order to facilitate this motion, if applicable?**

Yes! I am willing!