

REVISED MINUTES

**OA Foot Steps
Regular Business Meeting
July 17, 2022. 3:00 PM EST
Held Via Zoom Platform**

Call to Order

- Chair Presiding.
- All Board Members present- **Quorum met.**
- Serenity Prayer
- 12 Steps
- 12 Traditions
- 12 Concepts

REVISION

Regarding the Center Mic position, a motion was made to amend the standing rules which would apply only to this particular meeting and requested that any service volunteer should not be permitted voting rights. Motion was discussed, and no action was taken.

Establishing Ground Rules

- No eating or chewing gum on camera. Beverages permitted.
- There will be a center mic used to assist fielding questions for the chair and she will not be voting today.
- Chair reviewed zoom features that might be needed during the meeting

Chair Notes

- Welcomed New Meeting Reps
- Reviewed Agenda
- Approval of Minutes- The minutes were **approved** with no objections.

Treasurer Report will

The treasurer reported there was \$2750.90 (CAD) in contributions, for a total balance of \$35,214.25 (CAD). She also stated that OAFS is qualified to send up to 11 fellows to WSBC next year. However, if we send 10 fellows at \$2500 (USD)/\$3200 (CAD) it will cost approximately \$32,000 (CAD). So, there are not enough funds in the current prudent reserve to forward funds to Virtual Region or to World Service. The treasurer's report was **approved** with no objections

Committee Reports

1. Workshop Committee

The Committee Chair reported there are approximately eight members in their committee. They are going to hold a workshop on Sunday October 2, 2022 3:00-4:30 PM titled Stepping in Gratitude, and a flyer will be created to be distributed to everyone. Save the date.

2. Sponsorship Committee

The cochair gave a summary of their written report. Previously, people looking for sponsors would visit the website and fill out a form to request a Sponsor. However, that feature is no longer available until they find a more secure way to store contact information. The cochair stated they are encouraging every group to add sentences in their meeting formats/scripts saying if they are looking for a sponsor to look for someone who has what they want in each meeting and ask them directly if they are available to sponsor. In the meantime they are working on a better process of matching up sponsees and sponsors. A committee member also reported that they are taking the lead on a sponsorship workshop taking place on September 25 and is being cosponsored by the Virtual Region.

3. Intergroup Rep (IR) Basics Committee

The IR Basics Chair stated there is an updated version of the presentation, and if anyone would like a copy of it, please send an email to irbasics@oafootsteps.com to request the presentation. The next presentations will be August 11 8:00 PM Eastern and October 22 8:00 AM Eastern. The chair stated she is open to giving one on one presentations and if that is needed, to please reach out to her directly.

4. Public information (PI) PIPO Subcommittee

The PI Subcommittee Secretary/Acting Chair gave the report. The Public Information committee, PI, is a subcommittee under OAFS newly formed PIPO committee. The purpose of the PI committee is to create new and innovative projects that will reach the public to get the word out about OA to the still suffering compulsive eater. They are currently working on a project highlighting the serenity prayer that will be spoken in multiple languages and set to music to be used as a form of meditation and later released on social media or as a podcast. There are multiple other projects in the works as well, and the secretary also stated there will possibly be a need for a submissions committee once project ideas start coming in. There is a flyer with committee information for distribution, and the secretary encourages anyone interested to join in their weekly meeting held Mondays 12:30 PM Eastern. The meeting details are on the OA Foot Steps calendar.

5. Professional Outreach (PO) PIPO Subcommittee

The PO subcommittee Secretary gave the report. Professional Outreach, PO is also a subcommittee under the newly formed OAFS PIPO committee. Their goal is to communicate with medical professionals and people in the health and wellness field to help them know what OA does and they could refer their patients/clients to OA because it is a program that works. They are working on a few different projects. Currently they are working on adapting the OA guidelines for professional outreach committees, so it reflects a more virtual concept. Their committee is also working on a brochure as well to send to medical and wellness professionals. They need new committee members to help with these projects and if anyone is interested, they meet weekly on Tuesdays at 12 PM Eastern. The meeting details are on the OA Foot Steps calendar.

6. Bylaws Committee

The committee Chair reported they are working on going through the bylaws and the policies and procedures. They are working on a new document to present to the intergroup for approval as well as standing rules and onboarding for board members. They are almost through the Bylaws and then will work on the Policies and Procedures and Standing Rules. They will host an information session so everyone will have an opportunity to read through it and have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. The goal is by the time it makes it to the floor at the VIG, there won't be a need for too much discussion. The bylaws committee meets Wednesday's 9:00 to 10:30 AM Eastern. All are welcome to attend.

7. Creative-Reprieve

The Chair of the creative reprieve committee reported that are planning a Festival Of Creativity coming up. It is an OA Creative Reprieve Conference that is being held September 9 and 10th. Their committee meets every Friday around 12:20pm Eastern time. The festival is going to be very special and everyone is more than welcome to check out the committee to help.

Establish Voting Numbers

Administered Poll – Voting Members **40**
Quorum met.

New Business

1. Motion to create The Languages and Diversity Committee.

A motion to create a Languages And Diversity Committee was presented to the VIG. The goal is to bring diversity to OA Foot Steps by offering meetings in different languages in the hope to increase inclusivity and diversity while including people from various races and ethnicities.

The motion was seconded. Pros, cons and discussion took place.

Vote

The motion was voted on via Zoom poll – Motion **passes**.

2. Motion to purchase the Pro version of Canva for \$149.99/year.

A motion was brought to the VIG to purchase Canva Pro for \$120 USD/\$150 CAD a year. Canva is a web-based graphics and design tool that is used for creating flyers and other applications for social media and website design to help promote OA Foot Steps events.

A **motion** was made to amend the Canva motion by adding the following:

The use of Canva will be limited to The OAFS Board and The OAFVIG Committees.

Motion seconded.

A **motion** was made to postpone the current motion on the floor due to time constraints.

The motion was seconded

Vote

The motion was voted on via zoom poll. The motion **passes** and will be postponed until the next VIG meeting.

3. A motion was made to postpone the remaining 2 motions due to time constraints

1. Motion to investigate incorporating OA Foot Steps VIG under Canadian federal law as a Non-Profit &

2. Motion to purchase Constant Contact Core

Motion seconded

Vote

The motion was voted on via zoom poll. The motion **passes** to postpone the remaining motions until next VIG meeting.

Motion to close the meeting was proposed, motion seconded and voted on, motion **passes**.

Announcements

Next VIG meeting. The new business will start with debating the Canva amendment.

Adjournment

Serenity Prayer- recited