

OA Footsteps Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes



January 12th, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at an unspecified time by Renee D., Chair of the OA Footsteps Intergroup.

Attendees: In attendance were five board officials, nineteen meeting representatives, and three committee members.

Serenity Prayer & Serenity Statement: Attendees recited the Serenity Prayer in English, followed by the Serenity Statement in English and the Serenity Prayer in Finnish and French.

Readings:

Val read the Step, Tradition, and Concept of the month.

Claire read Voices of Recovery for April 14th.

Roll Call: All attendees participated in a roll call, introducing themselves and their meeting, committee, or position.

Quorum: LJ, Secretary, confirmed a quorum of 22 voting members (26 voting members?) (5 Board members, 19 representatives, 3 committee meetings).

The chair declared Quorum **was met**

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Board Report: Renee D. provided a brief report on board activities, including:

- Completion of the banker conversion
- Update of the PayPal account
- Formation of a GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) working group to create a privacy policy for the Intergroup. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Milestone Committee Report: Cynthia, Chair of the Milestone Committee, reported To the chair that a total of ten milestone coins were given out in December.

Treasurer's Report: Val, Treasurer, reviewed the December financials and presented the proposed 2025 budget. The budget included:

- Projected expenses based on actual expenses from 2023-2024
- A budget for the 2025 and 2026 World Service Business Conferences
- A \$5,000 surplus, with a proposed donation of \$1,500 to World Service and \$3,500 to the Virtual Region.

A question and answer session was held regarding the treasurer's report.

Motion: Val moved to approve the proposed 2025 budget and to donate the CA \$5,000 surplus to World Service and the Virtual Region, with 5% held back for service boards.

Vote: The motion passed with 23 yeses and zero nos. A second poll was launched to confirm approval of the CA \$5,000 donation to World Service and the Virtual Region, holding back 5% for the service board. **The motion passed with 21 yes votes.**

Committee Structure: Cecilia, Chair of the Meeting Schedule Committee, reviewed the new committee structure, which consolidated 32 committees into seven. Newsletter and Literature committees have not yet been assigned. The seven committees are:

- Bylaws
- Digital
- Finance
- Meeting Support
- Outreach
- Security
- 12 Step Within

A discussion was held regarding the committee structure. -

Meeting Guidelines: Renee D. reviewed Article 1: General Practices of the Meeting Guidelines.

Election

World Service Business Conference Delegate Elections (May 4th-10th, 2025 virtually): requires 1 year abstinence, 2 years service beyond meeting level, attendance at 1 regional virtual assembly in the past 5 years, show prior service by attending at least 2 Intergroup meetings.

- Nine candidates submitted applications and were present for the election and meet qualifications.
- Val, Treasurer, acted as chair for the election process.

All nine candidates were elected to serve as World Service Business Conference delegates for a two-year term by a vote of 24 yeses and zero nos. **Announcements :** Renee, Chair made several announcements

Discussion Item

Creative Reprieve Way Step Study locally produced literature

Teresa P, A member of Creative Reprieve created a step study workbook for workshop use that uses a creative approach to the 12 steps and gave a presentation showing a digital version of the book to the body.

- The workbook focuses on living by the principles of each step and includes a four-step inventory, as well as drawing and reflection space.
- Each step has creative expression ideas, like visual arts, music, dance, theater, and poetry, to help understand and live the principles.
- The workbook was presented to a member of the board of trustees before publication And liked it very much.
- The workbook is available to those who register for the Creative Reprieve step study workshop, which will be held from January 16th to April 24th.

The group discussed that this literature is for a workshop, not an OA meeting, and the Creative Reprieve group is working to have it approved for broader use.

The chair announced that this will be voted on to officially adopt this workbook as locally produced literature in an upcoming intergroup meeting.

Announcements:

- **ESH Announcement:** Needs a chair. Next meeting January 22nd, 2025 at 10am EST.
- **Virtual Region Convention Announcement:** February 28-March 2, 2025 - "There is a solution".
- **Open positions:** Literature committee Chair
- **Meet the Maker** event to be held on February 1st, at 11:00 a.m. Mountain Time.**Agenda Questionnaire** to be held on February 9th, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- **Locally Produced Literature:** Theresa, Chair of the Creative Reprieve Special Events Committee, presented a locally produced step study workbook titled "The Creative Reprieve Way Step Study Workbook." A question and answer session was held.

GDPR Working Group: Renee D. announced that the GDPR working group will hold its first meeting on January 21st at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Next IG meetings: February 16th & March 16th

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at an unspecified time, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes were generated with AI