

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA INTERGROUP OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

### MINUTES

May 19, 2012

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**Attendance:** Emily RS., Chair; Wendy A., Vice Chair; Chris N., Secretary; Pam T., Treasurer; Neva S., Jr. Delegate; Susan C., Telephone Chair, IR; Cheryl L., Newsletter co-chair, IR; Jocelynn W., TSW; , Meeting List; , Special Events; Janis R., IR Trainer; Jill S., IR; Jonathan K., IR; Barbara B., IR; Lauren M., IR; Barb S., IR; Barbara M., IR; Marie R., IR; Debbie E., IR; Wanda C., IR; Nancy R., IR; Joe N., IR; Roni B., ex officio; Emily, member at large.

**Call to Order:** At 10:46AM Emily asked those in attendance to silence their cell phones and led the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made while reading the Twelve Traditions and the Concepts of the Month. The sign in sheet was passed. Neva read the Standing Rules.

**Secretary:** The minutes from the April 21, 2012 meeting were accepted as presented electronically.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financial report was presented. Income from the previous month was noted as \$1024.12. Expenses were \$149.71. Current checkbook total is \$16,912.50. \$150 is in scholarship fund. Mail announced and passed around for reading. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition envelope passed. Pam announced movement of \$12 to PO Box budget line.

### Committee Reports:

**Delegates/Region Reps.:** The first week of May was an amazing time for the delegates. We were honored to attend the annual OA World Service Business Conference (WSBC) in Albuquerque NM. Wow!! This was an awesome event with 198 OA members voting to establish the group conscience of OA as a whole on matters affecting our fellowship.

Here are some highlights from voting :

#### 1. Literature-

- Before You Take That First Compulsive Bite- COMPLETELY rewritten pamphlet including the 15 questions using questions in the form of 'do I' instead of 'do you'.
- Sponsoring through the 12 steps- revised pamphlet to reference and emphasize AA literature in taking the steps.
- Voices of Recovery E-Workbook- New interactive online/electronic workbook with questions relating to the voices of recovery writings.
- To the Newcomer- revised with the 'I' voice. 'Do you' is replaced with 'do I' for example. Totally EXCELLENT!

WSO staff indicated that these revisions will become effective with the next printing of each affected piece of literature. The decision of whether to distribute or discard existing stock is made by the staff and done on a case by case basis.

#### 2. Policy Manual Motions Approved-

- AA Conference Approved Literature Motion was passed with the effect that the Big Book of 'Alcoholics Anonymous', the 'AA Twelve and Twelve' and the booklet 'Living Sober' are grandfathered in- that is to say any future editions of these are automatically OA approved. Other AA literature must be approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Motions changing the word 'Chairman' to 'Chair'
- Term limits for World Service Delegates (like Neva and Beth) to no more than six years prior to rotating out for one year. (Note: SEAZ Policies/Bylaw guidelines are stricter – limiting a Region Rep/Delegate to four years of service before rotating out for a year.)
- Trustee Elections and the Creation of a Virtual Service body Trustee.
- Region 3 of which SEAZ is a part has a new trustee Vicki Wilcox. Other trustees for region 6 and region 9 were elected for three year terms and two general service trustees were confirmed. Two General Service Trustees were also approved. These OA members serve on the 'Board of Directors' of World Service. The 'OA WS Board' consists of one trustee for each region and 6 General Service Trustees.

3. A Virtual Services Trustee position on the Board of Directors was created to represent online and phone meetings and service bodies.

4. OA's Strategic or 'Action Plan' for 2012 which was developed from the OA Strategic Plan 2008-2013, soon to be referred to as "OA's Action Plan".

5. Visions for the Fellowship- The theme of this year's conference:

- o Strong Meetings

- o Financial Health

- o Committed Service Bodies

- o Public and Professional Awareness

We will be reporting on the committee meetings, Board and Committee Chair reports, and workshops at the June IG.

PERSONAL INSIGHTS – We will end our report at Intergroup today with a couple of minutes each on our personal reflections/experiences of WSBC this year.

**Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO):** The PIPO Committee is having a meeting Sat May 26 at 2 p.m. at Crave Coffee Shop on Broadway. Anyone interested in PIPO is encouraged to attend.

- Ongoing!! Joe N. is setting up a database of professionals for outreach by PIPO. We are asking that member submit professionals names, email addresses and physical addresses to be added to our database. If you have forms today, please give them to Joe N. We are asking that IRs please make sure that these forms are being circulated with all WE CARE SHEETS in meetings so folks know they are there.
- NEW!! Prison book collection: PIPO is asking that all meetings donate a copy of the big book and the 12 and 12 (soft back ONLY) to be given to Read Between the Bars Prisoner Book Outreach. Also please encourage individual members to donate. All books can be brought to intergroup to be passed on to PIPO.
- New!! Jr. High School and High School Library outreach: We are asking each meeting to donate a copy of For Today to be placed in school libraries. Please also encourage individual members to donate to this book project. All books can be brought to intergroup to be passed on to PIPO.

**Lifeline and Resource Library:** no report

**Meeting List:** Meeting lists will be e-mailed.

**Newsletter:** New issue is ready. Next deadline is June 10th.

**Telephone:** Total calls 41 (Pam); Calls Reported: 5; Calls Returned: 1

**Special Events:** no chair. Susan announced that Mary McGregor would be the Fall Retreat Chair. Saturday meeting will open an account. Retreat Committee met this am and there will again be a clothing exchange. Next meeting is 5/28/12 at 5pm at Craves.

**Twelfth Step Within:** We are currently discussing plans for future workshops and will be discussing details for the big book weekend. At this time, there is no other new business from the committee.

**Website:** Routine maintenance was performed, action items updated, meeting list updated, current newsletter posted, and announcements updated. The May-June newsletter was posted, and new meeting list will be posted when received.

Since I am out of town again and could not attend Intergroup, Jonathan agreed to take the action items. We'll get them formatted and posted at the first of next week.

### **Convention Planning:**

- During our last meeting on April 21, 2012 we updated the contact list, reviewed our planning timeline, and shared Committee reports.
- Pat D was introduced as our Convention Treasurer and efforts will be made to open an account prior to the May meeting. The Intergroup Board did pass a motion on April 21, to approve the convention account with Pat, Janis, and Roni as the signers. That information will go into the Intergroup minutes as the bank needs that document.
- Committee Chairs who were present gave committee reports. The Program Committee shared the session names and they were well-liked. Cheryl shared information about PayPal and online registration and she will continue to research this option so we can make decisions soon about registration options and costs. We still need an Entertainment Chair. Janis suggested a game night for the Saturday evening entertainment and a slideshow of So. AZ highlights and oddities with narration and music accompanying it for the Friday night opening.
- Chris shared a more complete labyrinth design with wording of the Principles and a saguaro at the center as a logo idea. Several other ideas were shared and after some discussion, the labyrinth design was adopted as the logo we want to use. We decided that the Principles wording will be omitted for the reduced size images but will remain for large images like on T-shirts, signs, and posters, etc. Rae and Chris will work on a final rendering of the design to share at the May meeting.
- Our next meeting is today after intergroup. Please join us at 1pm!

### **Questions:**

**\*\*PIPO** next meeting scheduled for 5/29 at 2pm at Crave.

**\*\*Neva** explained consent agenda, the grouping of non challenged motions getting grouped together and voted on at WSBC.

**\*\*Delegate clarification:** AA Books that are approved by 2010 can be used at meetings. Books are defined as books and booklets, like 'Came to Believe'. NO AA pamphlets can be used. This information is not on our website but is on WSO website and groups can read online. Neva will write newsletter article about AA literature. Pamphlet revisions previously mentioned will be revised as supply depleats or literature committee deems appropriate on case by case basis

**\*\*6/10** is next newsletter deadline.

**\*\*A** couple IR's asked if the more lengthy reports could be put on website. Board will discuss.

**IR Trainer:** Janis went over the IG Address List to determine delivery of information from Intergroup to meetings, updated IR information and counted 14 IRs present. Janis informed IR's there is an information link for meetings and program inspiration on website, hard copy available.

**Unfinished Business:** Roni passed out the Intergroup Inventory revised for 2011. She explained the rationale and requested IR's to have their groups review, comment and return at June Intergroup meeting.

**New Business:** Marie Rivera read her application for meeting list chair. She was approved by IR's present. She will be given the template to the meeting list. Her e mail is mgrivera@comcast.net.

Vision and Goals # 1 Strong meetings: to increase membership thru attraction and retention. Janis highlighted

8) encourage sponsees to work beyond the service level and

9) encourage sponsors to study traditions and service concepts with sponsees.

Read from the Group Handbook, question #1 'How about institutions?' (page 30)

**Announcements:** June 16, 2012 Next SEAZ Intergroup meeting at 10:45am (Board meets at 10am)

2013 C&A Planning meeting is at 1pm after today's Intergroup.

**Recap of Action Items** done by Jonathan and Barbara M.

Adjourned at 12:30 PM with The Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Nunn, Secretary