

Meeting is called to order at 6:47pm, and we begin with the serenity prayer. Reps go around the room and introduce themselves. The chair reads the 10th tradition.

There were:

- 8 new IG members
- 26 attendees at peak
- 13 voting members
- 5 board members

A quorum is established.

Again, Barbara determines to begin with old and new business, and conclude with reports, so as to get the business done before people have to leave.

## PENDING BUSINESS

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### #1: Election of WSBC delegates

Barbara reviews the requirements for qualification for world service delegates

- 2 years of membership in OA
- WSO Business conference should have 1 year of current abstinence
- 2 years of service above the group level (committee, intergroup, etc)
- Must have attended 2 prior regional assemblies

Barbara asks for volunteers. Andrea, Marcia, and Scott raise their hands to volunteer.

#### **Andrea addresses the group to pitch to become one of our world service delegates.**

She describes past service with WSO, including having filled in for someone last year, and describes her work with WSO in the prior year. She'd very much like the opportunity to go back. She gets plenty of vacation time from work, has 2+ years of abstinence, is secure in her recovery.

#### **Marcia addresses the group:**

She has been serving at the IG level since 2009, which is when she came into program. She's done almost every service position at IG. She's been to 4-5 region assemblies. She's been nominated and elected to go to WSO in the past, but circumstances got in the way. She's been abstinent for awhile, and just redefined her abstinence, and will have the necessary requirements by the time the date rolls around. She describes why she's drawn to service, and how it supports her recovery.

#### **Scott addresses the group:**

He describes service as being an integral part of his program for 21 years. He's been a vice chair in IG, corresponding secretary, and has done other jobs as well. He believes serving as our WSO rep would enhance both his own recovery, and would be a service to the WSO meeting.

Andrea moves to make the third person (the person who isn't ultimately elected) the automatic alternate, if one of the two elected folks can't make it in May. Motion passes without opposition. Another member moves to waive the written ballot. Motion passes. Candidates leave the room, and we vote by a show of hands.

- Lauren asks a question to get clear on the role of the delegates. Barbara explains that it's a 4-day business meeting, and our rep will influence ultimate global-OA related happenings including literature content, and more.
- Ellen asks who among the eligible have been before. Barbara explains Scott and Andrea have both been. Marcia hasn't yet attended the WSO meeting.
- Jeff asks if we can budget for a third funded attendee. Erin (finance chair) explains the budget has already been decided.

**The vote:**

Andrea: 12 votes

Marcia: 20 votes

Scott: 6 votes

Andrea and Marcia will be our primary delegates. Scott will be our alternate.

The candidates are invited back in, and the winners are announced.

## #2: Research on Alternative IG Meeting Location

Topic tabled till next week. The committee didn't make any progress. Erin explains what the committee's purpose is: to find a possible alternative meeting site that's cost effective, to possibly/hopefully encourage other attendees to join IG. Erin reviews that we have 104 meetings, but so few reps. IG attendance has been dwindling, and we hope a new location will boost attendance.

Lorna asks if she can join the committee. She has some ideas. The committee welcomes her.

This space here is \$144/nite for 3 hours .

A member asks if we should perhaps discuss allowing members to officially represent multiple meetings. The group explains this isn't within our purview.

## #3: Volunteers for Google Voice service

Rita prefers to do it as part of her report.

## #4: Region 6 Reports

No reports have been prepared. Barbara asks those who attended the assembly (there were 8 reps) to prepare a short verbal or written report about what went on at Region 6 Assembly last week, for discussion at next month's IG meeting.

Andrea explains what happens at Region 6 Assemblies.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### #1: Meeting Minutes

Barbara explains that, according to our Policies and Procedures, minutes from the prior IG meeting are printed and shared with the group for approval at the beginning of each session. Barbara has asked Jeff to prepare a motion to change the Policies and Procedures, in order for us to continue to post the minutes on the oanyc.org website instead of having to print out the minutes and taking the time away from the IG meeting. He agrees to prepare it for next month. She also explains to the group that committee reports, as well as minutes, can be found on the OA NYC IG website.

Jeff reviews some of the history regarding meeting minutes.

A member asks if we can email the meeting minutes to all members when they come out.

- The group discusses whether or not to do that.
- Lauren suggests including a link to the minutes in the monthly metro memo email.
- Rita explains that the incoming board members voted during a transition meeting with the previous board to stop reading minutes aloud in meetings because, so much time had been spent reading the minutes and correcting small issues that it became cumbersome in IG meetings.

Jeff restates that we're supposed to do it in the Policies and Procedures.

Barbara explains how a group goes about changing the Policies and Procedures.

Barbara reviews what it says in the Policies and Procedures document about how the recording sec'y is supposed to conduct matters around the prior meeting's minutes. It becomes clear that we need a proper motion to change the Policies and Procedures, because currently we're not aligned with rules and regulations.

Ellen asks if circulation is limited to those who attended. The answer is no. Rita already sends a recap email, and Lauren will support Rita in continuing to do so.

### #2: Chris G's Passing

Lauren L. shares the sad news of Chris G's passing, and shares wake and funeral arrangements info with the group.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- 1. Vice Chair's Report / Marcia:** There were 6 new IG reps present at the September meeting.
- 2. Treasury/Finance Report / Erin:** Erin reviews her report (which can be found attached to the October 2015 the committee reports doc), and explains she got a big batch of checks from prior months, which is why our total is higher than usual.

**3. Corresponding Sec'y / Rita:** Reads her report.

- Julie confirms that the Monday 12:30pm St. Thomas meeting does still exist.
- Rachel explains that a Fri Hudson Guild meeting was dropped from the meeting list, and she recently re-added a contact. Rita made a note of it, so we can be sure to get that meeting back on the list.
- Another member confirms the existence of a once a month meeting: survivors of incest. 11:30am on the last Saturday of each month.

Rita explains to the group the role of the meeting contacts in the WSO meeting list on the oa.org website, and Barbara explains that this whole initiative is to make sure newcomers don't show up to meetings that don't exist.

Rita asks for Google Voice volunteers.

- Lauren and Ellen volunteer. Andrea asks Rita to explain how it works, and what it does. In short, the Google Voice answering machine acts like our "home office" for the metro IG area. Volunteers return calls to help folks find meetings, and answer general questions about OA.

Rita also describes the basket she's putting together for Region 6 convention, and announces the Staten Island Tools workshop on Nov 1. Andrea announces that there's a new SI meeting that could use speakers and some support.

**4. Archives Committee / Adam:** nothing to report. Marcia announces the details of the upcoming archives committee meeting on the UWS.

**5. By-Laws Committee / Jeff:** nothing to report

**6. Outreach Committee / Marcia:** nothing to report

**7. Publications Committee / Ansley:** no new meeting list this month. Barbara reads Ansley's report, and the call for submissions that was emailed to reps the day after the meeting.

**8. Retreat Committee / Elizabeth:** The committee has selected the theme, "The Gift of Recovery: Give it Away," for the upcoming retreat.

This allows us to encourage "gifting" the retreat in the spirit of supporting the 2016 OA strategic plan of "responsible to carry the message." We are also exploring the option for registrants to make a donation online for OA fellows to increase scholarship opportunities. We will use this theme to more closely align the topics for speakers.

The committee is finalizing the details needed to start registration. We anticipate getting all details to Devyn for registration in the next two weeks.

**9. Special Events Committee / Ellen standing in for Sandra:** Ellen reads Sandra's report. Erin asks that Sandra and Tom send her the checks from this month's events via PayPal, if possible.

Sept workshops at HG were success.

- We made rent on Reg 6 Trustee workshop, "Living In The Solution". Sandra has the money.

- We made rent on Step 8 & 9 workshop. Ellen/ Tom collected Rent.
- Oct / Nov workshops, Step 10 and 11, have been combined into one workshop on Nov 8th, same location and time.
- Thanksgiving location is booked. Need to fill service positions and speakers for this event. Also need to send deposit money to Jan Hus.

**10. 12th Step Within Committee / Ellen:** Ellen shares her "one concrete" idea, which is to do some action on 12/12/15, which is existing 12th step within day.

Ellen asks those of us who represent a Saturday meeting to suggest to our meetings that we modify the topic of the week on 12/12. On 12/12, we'd love to ask our meetings to have a share, qualification, or communication of some sort on the topic of "12th Step Within".

12th step within is about how we support one another within the community. As opposed to putting the focus on outreach to newcomers. 12th step within has typically focused on fellows in relapse. Ellen's committee seeks to broaden that definition.

Ellen proposes 10/21 at 7:30pm for the first 12th Step Within Committee meeting. They'll meet at Gigi Cafe bet 71 & 72, on Broadway, on the west side.

**11. Web Committee / Devyn:** Barbara reads Devyn's report, and expresses that Devyn would love people to get in involved in the web committee.

OANYC.org had 2744 visits by 1710 unique visitors for the month of September and a total of 5634 pages were viewed during this period. The percentage of new visitors was 45% with the remaining 55% being return visitors. On average, each visitor was on the site for 1 minute and 43 seconds. Overall visitor numbers were consistent with same month in the previous year.

The next web committee meeting is planned for 6:30pm, Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the David Rubenstein Atrium at Lincoln Center (Broadway bwtm 62<sup>nd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup>).

## WRAPPING UP

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Meeting closes at 8:27 with the serenity prayer.