

## Ocean & Bay Intergroup Meeting

MEETING MINUTES for May 6, 2025 – To be approved on July 1, 2025

Meeting started at 6:30 pm

Present: Adrienne, Susanna, Nancy, Mike, Diane C., Alison, Jay, Kara, Sandy, Libby, Lisa K

Minute of silence

7th Tradition – 1 minute of silence provided for members to give.

Next intergroup meeting is June 3.

Chair: Nancy

- WSBC - Started on Sunday May 4. Sandy C serves as tech support for the World Service Business Conference. Nancy will give a full report next month.
- There is a great amount of useful information available for Public Information and Professional Outreach (PIPO.) Nancy asked all members to consider reaching out to 3 people you haven't seen at a meeting lately. This is a part of the 12th step within outreach service.
- Next Forum – Sunday, June 8, 4 p.m. Est. Kara and Mike attended the recent forum. PIPO was the topic. Kara reported that we have many resources available to us. No Forum in May 2025 due to WSBC this month.
- NEED VOLUNTEERS – For joint presence with CT Intergroup hosting OA table at the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Friday June 6, 2025, at Mystic Hotel, Groton, CT. Contact Nancy to volunteer.
- Re: the question from BBSS Tuesday evening meeting having AA about having speakers qualify to speak. BBSS Meeting Speaker topic: Nancy requested more time to research the previous precedent with this decision. Diane reported that members can apply for volunteer speakers from Region 6 who can speak to the BBSS meeting requirements.

Kara (vice chair)

- The World Service Conference (WSC) is taking place in August in Orlando, FL
- October 24-26, 2025, is the Region 6 Convention in Rochester, NY. Region Six encompasses New England, parts of New York and the Eastern part of Canada. R6 is looking for speakers and donations for raffles at the convention.
- OBI Bylaws- A subcommittee of 4 members has worked for more than a year to review and revise our bylaws from 2017 in order to reflect current practices. The completed revision was sent to Region 6 Trustee Bob and he returned it with questions and suggestions. The committee will review Bob's communication. Then the DRAFT bylaws will be sent to members for review, then to be voted on for acceptance.

Secretary (Diane)

- April 2025 minutes were reviewed. MOTION TO ACCEPT PASSED.

Treasurer: (Sandy provided report in Kathy's absence).

- Starting balance: \$14,610.52. Ending balance: \$14,708.13. We received a bank fee refund for a check for \$35 that was stopped in Feb 2025. Donations and expenses are business as usual.
- Diane motioned to accept Treasurers' report and Adrienne seconded. MOTION TO ACCEPT PASSED.

Region 6 Assembly (Diane, Sandy & Jay are reps)

- Diane reported that it was fun, she met new people, and our PIPO was awarded a Blitz Scholarship of \$1385 to support our current outreach project with 3 colleges and universities in our IG area: Rhode Island College, Univ of Rhode Island, and Connecticut College.
- Jay - noted that although the meeting was virtual, there was a lot to manage and the R6 chair, Kimberly, did a great job with the meeting. He welcomes the next Assembly meeting in person on Sept 20. He enjoyed mentoring a new member.
- Jay is part of the IGOR committee. He asked if anyone is interested in this service to contact him.
- Nancy- Trustee Bob L. did a presentation on Tradition Five and asked a lot of questions about how our meetings reach out to newcomers. Nancy wrote an article on this for the June newsletter.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Workshops/Events Chair (vacant)

Events are posted on [oceanandbay.org](http://oceanandbay.org). It would be helpful to have a chair for events if anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Nancy.

Literature (Jay) - Has some literature that people could purchase.

PIPO - Meeting this month had to be canceled. Next meeting May 19. Discuss details of the upcoming project.

Newsletter/Webmaster (Mike). May went out May 1, and June is underway. We had a technical snag, and our website consultant Alex fixed the problem immediately. Nancy contributed to the Newsletter: "In the margins." If any member would like to contribute to those "what's in your margins of your reader or books or maybe something you shared at a meeting" please submit.

Email Correspondence- No report.

Social Media (Michelle & Lisa). Diane reached out to Alison and Sterling for help with Instagram Mike reports a woman at the meeting at YANA reached out to Mike to offer discussion on the Instagram endeavor. Mike will work with her as well. as Alison who is willing to work on this.

A Security Workshop was held for those who serve as zoom hosts by a member who attends the Tuesday night OA meeting. He is a member of the Sacramento Valley Intergroup of OA. Future workshops will be planned.

Meetings (Robin) No new report.

12 Step Within - Diane is looking for a member to run a workshop - 12 Steps in four 2-hour sessions. We would like to conduct this in the fall.

New Business: Adrienne and others have a place secured to start a Thursday night meeting in Johnston. Quick question: Is there any training on mentoring members who lead a meeting to organize/run it to avoid bad habits? For example: managing cross talk. Diane said making group conscience decisions helps. Nancy offered to be a resource. If anyone would like to reach out to Adrienne to offer suggestions on how to manage issues without affecting members' enthusiasm, that would be appreciated.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42pm

With reciting the OA Responsibility Pledge