

## Ocean & Bay Intergroup

**DRAFT Minutes of Meeting May 5, 2026** – to be read on June 2, 2026

Members present: Carolyn M, Diane C., Diane M, Eileen S., Jeanne M., Kathy W., Kara M, Linda M., Mary Jane E., Mike M, Nancy H, Nancy M, Robin M., Sandy C., Valerie S

- I. Call to Order - Meeting started at 6:30, opening with the Serenity Prayer
1. Steps were read
2. Tradition & Concept read
3. Roll Call of Members
4. Minute of Silence- led by Nancy H
5. 7th Tradition- 1 minute to give by Venmo etc. More giving options on Oceanandbay.org

### **OVERVIEW**

Updates were shared from the recent OA 2026 World Service Business Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Nancy H and Robin M represented Ocean & Bay IG as delegates

Nancy reported on the Young Adults Committee's work to attract and retain younger members

Robin shared her new role leading the IDEA Committee focused on addressing relapse and membership retention. This is a subcommittee of the 12 Step Within Committee

Treasurer Kathy W presented OBI monthly financial reports

Sandy gave updates on Region 6 activities, and the recent 11<sup>th</sup> Step Retreat with 31 attendees

Committee reports were shared from Public Information and Professional Outreach (PIPO) on outreach efforts: ads in student publications and carrying the message to religious institutions

Discussion about implementing Google Workspace for better file sharing, organization of records.

### **REPORTS**

**Chair** – Nancy H.

- Reported on the OA 2026 WSBC. She and Robin M attended as delegates from Ocean & Bay IG. They mentioned a proposed motion on a special focus group meeting for Jewish members. Robin also reported on her leadership of the NEW IDEA subcommittee. The newly revised OA.org website was unveiled at WSBC - more user-friendly and easier to navigate, finding meetings etc.
- OA business cards and information available for posting, health professionals, take to your meetings. Call/text Nancy H 401-447-6467.
- OBI Leadership Transition – Open positions: Nancy H announced the positions of OBI Chair and Secretary will end in December after serving two terms. She encouraged attendees to consider these positions and also to announce the openings at meetings. Six months of abstinence is required. Position of Vice Chair for OBI is currently open. Nominations accepted at any time for V Chair, Chair and Secretary nominations in October.

**Secretary** – Diane C. The group made a motion to accept minutes from May 2026 meeting, with no opposition. MOTION PASSED.

**Treasurer** – Kathy W. Treasury report presented. The next World Service Business Conference in 2027 will be held virtually next year, significantly reducing costs per person from \$2,500 to \$250. The group made a motion to approve the report. All in favor. MOTION PASSED.

**Sandy** –

- Reported on the recent 11<sup>th</sup> step retreat, which had 31 attendees. Nancy H praised Sandy's performance in leading the retreat and acknowledged the contributions of several team members including Linda, Mike, Michelle, Kara, and Robin. The group agreed to postpone discussing financial details until the next meeting when a clearer breakdown of the budget can be presented.
- WSBC – Sandy attended as a delegate from the OA Footsteps Virtual IG including her work with the Unity with Diversity Committee This committee is exploring alternative locations for future conferences in hopes that world-wide attendees, especially those from Central and South America, will feel more welcome and safer.
- Region 6 convention in Stamford, CT - Registration is \$70 until August (\$80 after Aug 1). October 16-18, 2026. Keynote speakers needed. Information on oceanandbay.org. Jeanne raised concerns about hotel room booking issues, specifically regarding bed configurations. She will investigate and report back.
- Region 6 fund allocation - Region 6 has under-utilized funds available for various projects. Sandy encouraged our intergroup to apply for PIPO money or WSBC support.

***OUTREACH INITIATIVES AND EVENT PLANNING***

- Events/Workshops - Upcoming events and outreach initiatives are available on oceanandbay.org.
- PIPO - Diane reported on the public information and professional outreach (PIPO) efforts, including college campaigns at URI and Connecticut College with 200 hits to our website thru a QR code in the URI ad.
- Health Symposium on Addiction - There are plans for a Health Symposium on Addiction in Providence with the Cape Cod IG on August 7 & 8. Volunteers are needed sign-ups in June. Nancy mentioned giveaways including pens, OA information to health care professionals etc.,
- Mike presented a concept for a moving wiggly keychain with a message about OA being a potentially lifesaving program. It will have a QR code. But he expressed uncertainty due to concerns about the manufacturing process.

***COMMUNICATION INITIATIVES***

- Our Journal files will be emailed to an OA member from Iran and will be adapted/translated for the country of Iran. This came about at the WSBC – Nancy and Michelle will follow up with Nima.
- Mike reported on the newsletter, which was sent on May 1, despite some technical issues with the website hosting company.
- The team also acknowledged the important work done by Michelle in managing/designing print materials and Mike in creating designs and content. They frequently work together on initiatives.

- Nancy shared an observation about NA and CODA flyers she saw in a laundromat in New Mexico. We could distribute OA information, flyers etc. to laundromats and conduct a "laundromat outreach month."

### **Google Workspace Implementation Discussion**

Discussions about implementing Google Workspace for the organization. Sandy explained that as a nonprofit 501c3 org, OBI would benefit by creating a Google Workspace. She highlighted potential benefits including file sharing and administrative access. The group agreed to schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss this further, with Sandy, Mike, Nancy, and potentially Kathy planning to meet after the upcoming in-person retreat.

### ***NEXT STEPS***

- Diane
  - Term as secretary is up in December. Begin to seek nominations for the Recording Secretary position
- Mike
  - Send the contact list to Sandy (and/or Kathleen and Linda) for follow-up email to 11<sup>th</sup> step retreat registered participants.
  - Format and send follow-up email once text is written.
  - Continue to update and maintain the events page with events, posting new information
  - Post information about the Massachusetts summer retreat received from Robin.
  - Continue work on June newsletter.
- Nancy H
  - Report at next IG meeting the outcome of the motion regarding special focus group for Jewish members
  - Send retreat receipts (photos or scans) to Kathy for treasury reconciliation.
  - Write about WSBC experience and motions in upcoming Intergroup newsletter.
  - Send journal files to the Iranian member for translation into Farsi.
  - Deposit cash from retreat literature sales and registration this week.
  - Accept nominations for OBI Chair and Secretary positions starting in October, voting in November.
  - Send business cards and outreach materials to members who request them via text
  - Organize/retain receipts for possible future audit, and consider scanning for future shared G Drive
- Sandy
  - Share contact info in the chat for those interested in Region 6 convention keynote speaker submissions or other service opportunities.
  - Research and provide rationale/workaround for Google AdWords and outside donations compliance for the group.
  - Continue to coordinate with Linda and Nancy H on finalizing retreat financials and reporting.
  - Provide support to Kathy in reviewing treasury discrepancy if needed.

- Collaboration
  - Kathleen (and/or Linda): Craft text for follow-up email to registered retreat participants.
  - Robin and Nancy H: Meet to complete and submit the 3-page WSBC report form and share findings with the Intergroup over the next few months.
  - Nancy H and Linda: Work with Sandy to reconcile and clarify financials from the recent retreat and report at the next meeting.
  - Mike, Sandy, Nancy H, and Kathy (optional): Schedule and meet to discuss the pros and cons of adopting Google Workspace, including exploring non-profit status and AdWords.
  - Mike and Michelle: Continue to work on reprinting journal materials.

The meeting concluded with the reading of the OA Responsibility Pledge.