

Ocean & Bay Intergroup

Minutes of Meeting June 2, 2026 – to be read on July 7, 2026

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

- I. Call to Order - Meeting started at 6:30, opening with the Serenity Prayer
1. Steps were read
2. Tradition & Concept of the month 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

The Ocean Bay Intergroup meeting focused on updates from the World Service Business Conference, including changes to OA literature and the adoption of the Serenity Statement. The group discussed plans for the upcoming Region 6 Convention in October and the need for a team of volunteers to staff the literature sales table. Diane reported on the Public Information and Professional Outreach (PIPO) committee's progress for an upcoming symposium on addiction in Providence Aug 7 & 8 in collaboration with the Cape Cod IG. OBI will staff a table and volunteers are needed. Signup email will be sent soon. The meeting covered financial updates from treasurer, Kathy. A finance committee is scheduled for June 3, 2026. Mike provided an update on the newsletter and website issues. Upcoming open leadership positions, chair, and secretary; nominations in October, voting in November. Chair stressed the importance of meeting representatives providing intergroup meeting updates at every meeting, not just one time per month.

SUMMARY

World Service Business Conference updates were shared including the use of the AA *Plain Language Big Book* to be used as OA conference and board approved literature in meetings. Also, the Serenity Statement* was approved to be added as a suggested option for meetings' closing prayers. Nancy reported on the upcoming Region 6 Convention in October and requested volunteers to staff the literature sales table. The conversation ended with information about available OBI business cards and rack cards for distribution at meetings or community locations. Text Nancy H for more information 401-447-6467.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

The meeting covered several updates and administrative matters. Nancy discussed an upcoming retreat in Ivoryton CT. Registration information at oceanandbay.org, noting registration might be closed but attendees could still try to attend. Diane reported using AI-generated meeting minutes, which were approved after Kara's motion and Sandy's second. Kathy presented the treasurer's report, showing an increase in funds from \$8,617.95 to \$9,068.54.10, and announced that Alex's tech fee would increase to \$250 per month starting June. The group also discussed the upcoming addition of Google Workspace to improve the administration of OBI's documents etc. plus potential nonprofit discounts being explored by their consultant.

GRANT AND SYMPOSIUM PLANNING UPDATES

Sandy agreed to research Google AdWords and will report back next month. Diane provided an update on the upcoming symposium in Providence on August 7-8, where volunteers are needed for an OA table along with Cape Cod IG. Professional presentation packets will be distributed along with seed packets as promotional items. Diane also discussed the status of college outreach campaigns, noting that Connecticut College has been paid through December, but URI may still need payment for a second campaign.

PIPO

The team discussed plans for the upcoming addictions symposium, with Mike sharing a mock-up of seed packet designs. Diane proposed sourcing 200 seed packets from Ocean State Job Lot. Re: volunteering Diane explained the online registration system that tracks who has signed up for various sessions. Nancy H asked Kara or Diane to coordinate signups with Mike to send a signup email to our members. Nancy H reported on visits she and Mary Jane made to churches in Wickford to distribute OA information to include in bulletins, on community boards, etc. and mentioned plans to continue these outreach efforts. Contact Mary Jane for more information on how you can reach out in your community 401-499-9883.

SERVICE UPDATES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nancy H reported that Michelle will email OBI Journal files to an OA Iranian woman Nancy met at the WSBC. The files will be converted into the Farsi language of Iran and used in that country for OA members. Mike updated on the newsletter, noting that June's edition was sent out and May/July issues are in progress. He also reported on hacking issues to our email system that have been resolved with the aid of our web consultant. The group discussed various service commitments, including Robin's new role on the WSBC's 12 Step Within Committee. She will serve as chair of the new Idea Committee focusing on relapse prevention and member retention. Sandy is on the WSBC Unity with Diversity committee discussing the potential relocation of the World Service Business Conference out of Albuquerque. Nancy is serving as secretary of the WSBC Young Adults Subcommittee on branding and perception for young adults.

NEXT STEPS

Diane - Double-check and finalize payment for the URI college campaign.

Purchase 150-200 seed packets for the August symposium.

Reach out to URI to confirm the status of the second round of the college campaign.

Kathy - Lead the July 7, IG meeting if available; otherwise, Kara or Diane will lead.

Mike - Send out CC email with the link for volunteer sign-up for the August symposium.

Nancy H - Create and share a brief job description for the Chair and Secretary positions for the next elections.

Distribute the AI-generated meeting minutes within a couple of days after the meeting.

Sandy - Investigate the use of the Google AdWords Grant for Region 6 and report back next month.

Collaboration - Diane and/or Kara: Preface the Constant Contact mailing about the symposium with a brief introduction. Send it to Mike.

Meeting was closed with the reciting of the

Serenity Statement - *I seek the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.*