

Ocean & Bay Intergroup

Minutes of Meeting July 7, 2026 – to be read on August 4, 2026

- Members present: Information not provided in Ai notes
- Recording turned on
- Kathy W (treasurer) served as acting chairperson in place of Nancy H who was not present
- The meeting began with Serenity Prayer
- Reading of the 12 steps, Tradition 7, and Concept 7
- Members introduced themselves, sharing their roles in the organization including representatives from various meetings and committees
- 7th tradition information shared

QUICK RECAP

Kathy announced that two board positions would be open at the end of 2026, with nominations accepted in October and voting in November, though the specific positions were not fully detailed in the transcript. Also, the vice chair position is open. Nominations accepted. Officer reports were given, including the treasurer's reports showing current financial status and approved expenses for raffle donations and seed packets. The group discussed ongoing issues with Webmail being down since June 24, due to a conversion to Google Workspace. Committee reports were shared, including updates on the PIPO (Public Information Professional Outreach) committee's plans for an upcoming symposium in Providence on August 7-8, which will require volunteers and has a registration deadline of August 1. The conversation ended with discussions about ordering stickers for seed packets, with Sandy offering to manage the printing. The next finance committee meeting needs to be rescheduled due to Kathy' W's upcoming travel.

SUMMARY

Webmail Migration and Transitions

The meeting started with discussion about Webmail being down since June 24, due to a conversion to Google Workspace, with participants using Gmail as a temporary workaround. The group confirmed that meeting transcripts would continue to be available and distributed through the normal process, with Diane handling minutes and sending them to Kathy who would then send them to Nancy for distribution.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The group made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 2026 as written. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURERS' REPORTS

The board approved \$100 for a Region 6 raffle donation and \$150 for seed packets and stickers for the Symposium on Addiction in August. They also approved spending \$500 on supplies including a pop-up banner, two tablecloths, literature, stickers, and journals for the convention. Plans for a PIPO budget for

the next fiscal year were discussed. Diane and Kathy agreed to prepare a detailed budget with line items for the next intergroup meeting and/or present it first at the next Finance Committee. There was a motion to approve of the treasurer's report showing a final balance of \$9,344.69. MOTION PASSED.

CONVENTION AND OUTREACH PLANNING UPDATES

Sandy discussed literature sales for the upcoming R6 October convention in Stamford, CT, and invited attendees to a literature/staffing meeting. She also provided information about the Region 6 Convention October 16-18, noting registration deadlines and the need for keynote speakers.

PIPO DATES AND PLANNING

Diane updated the group on the Public Information Professional Outreach (PIPO) committee. She mentioned plans to meet with chair, Barbara, of the Cape Cod Intergroup re: the upcoming Symposium on Addiction, with exhibitors and healthcare professionals from around the world. Kara addressed the sign-up process and need for volunteers. The projected budget for the Symposium on Addiction Aug 7-8, in Providence is \$150. The group discussed volunteer recruitment needs for the symposium. Regarding seed packet stickers, Sandy agreed to print 300 2.5-inch round stickers with purple background at a cost of \$45, and Mike will provide the layout specifications.

Diane mentioned volunteer Mary Jane's outreach initiative to religious institutions. The next PIPO meeting is scheduled for July 20, at 10 am on Zoom. All members are welcome to attend.

The PIPO Committee was asked to submit an annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year to either the Finance Committee or to the next Intergroup meeting.

MEETINGS

The Hope for Cranston meeting has been discontinued.

NEXT STEPS

Diane

- Send meeting notes/minutes to Kathy W and Nancy H for distribution.
- Meet with Barbara this week to pick up the PIPO packets.
- Send the link to the volunteer sign-up sheet for the symposium to the group chat.

Mike

- Send the Red bubble login information to Diane's Gmail address.
- Send the 2.5-inch sticker design with bleed to Sandy.

Sandy

- Record the meeting and make the recording available.
- Send the information for the literature sales meeting (tomorrow) to the chat.
- Order the 2.5-inch sticker labels and print the stickers for the seed packets.

All Members:

- Register for the Region 6 Convention before August 1, for early rate of \$70. \$80 after that date
- Volunteers needed for the OA exhibit table at the symposium (August 7- 8) via the sign-up link.
- All: Nominate candidates for the upcoming vacant Chair and Recording Secretary positions (nominations accepted in October, voting in November).

RE-SCHEDULE

- Finance Committee: (Kathy W, Sandy C, Nancy H, Beth P) Re-schedule the Finance Committee meeting (originally set for July 15) due to Kathy's unavailability.

Meeting adjourned.