

Ocean & Bay intergroup

Minutes of the Meeting on Aug 4, 2026 – To be read & approved Sept 1, 2026

Members present: Information not provided in Ai notes

Recording turned on

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 committee

One minute of silence led by Nancy

7th tradition information shared

QUICK RECAP

The Intergroup held its monthly meeting covering officer reports, financial review, and committee updates. **Two board positions (Chair and Secretary) will expire in December 2026, with nominations accepted starting October. Filling these roles is critical.** Terms are for two years, beginning in January 2027. The position of Vice Chair is currently open and also needs to be filled. The PIPO committee is actively preparing for the Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders, and the R6 Convention is October 16–18 in Stamford, CT. Registration is \$80

SUMMARY/KEY POINTS

- Minutes for July 2026. Motion made to accept by (Susanna) and seconded (Kathy). MOTION PASSED.
- Treasurer's Report. Motion made to accept and seconded, beginning balance of \$9,334.69 with ending balance of \$9,976.84. MOTION PASSED.
- Next Intergroup meeting: September 1, 2026.
- PIPO 2027 budget request: \$1,500 to cover college campaign, tablecloths, banner, rack cards, etc.
- Our tech support consultant is Alix: Confirmed at \$250/month

CHAIR'S REPORT

Nancy announced that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:30 PM, Nancy discussed upcoming officer position elections, noting that the chair and secretary positions will be open at the end of 2026, with nominations accepted in October and voting in November. New positions will start in January 2027. Sandy emphasized the critical importance of having officers for the nonprofit's operation to meet its 501c3 legal status. Valerie asked about the duration of the positions, and Nancy clarified that current officers Diane and herself will complete their terms in December, with nominations accepted through November and voting in November. Terms are for two years. Nancy clarified that the vice chair position is vacant and accepting nominations. There will be a Region 6 forum on September 20, at 4 p.m. on the joys of recovery and everyone is welcome to attend. Information is on the OBI website. There are new business and rack cards for members to distribute at their meetings. Contact Nancy H at chair@oceanandbay.org if you want a supply for a meeting or for yourself.

TREASURER REPORT AND FINANCIAL UPDATES

Kathy presented the Treasurer's Report showing the group started with \$9,344.69 and ended with \$9,976.84, including significant PayPal and Venmo donations and expenses for business cards and tech support. The group approved the report. Nancy mentioned that the Finance Committee meets separately to review finances and determine contributions to OA World Service Office and Region 6.

SANDY C UPDATES

Ocean & Bay Intergroup Convention Planning - Sandy discussed plans for Ocean & Bay Intergroup to sell literature at the upcoming convention, with the next committee meeting scheduled for August 12. The Region 6 assembly was announced for October 3, with Sandy running for the R6 treasurer position and attending in person, while Jay is stepping down as representative. Sandy will attend Assembly in person as a rep. Nancy will attend as a guest by zoom. Jay and Diane will attend as reps on zoom.

SECRETARY DIANE C

Diane presented July 2026 minutes for approval. Voted on and MOTION PASSED

Cape Cod Symposium Preparations - Diane discussed preparations for the Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders happening this weekend Aug 7 & 8. Volunteers needed for our OA table, particularly on Saturday from 10:30 to 5:30. PIPO committee reviewed their 2027 budget request of \$1,500, which includes funds for new tablecloths and promotional materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Region 6 Convention: October 16–18, Stamford, CT; registration \$80
- Region 6 Forum: September 20 at 4 PM on Zoom; topic — Joys of Recovery. Listed on Ocean & Bay website events page
- R6 Assembly: October 3, hybrid (Albany and zoom); Sandy is running for R 6 Treasurer
- Newcomers Workshop: Final session August 12, 6:30 PM on Zoom
- New meeting planned: Monday nights at St. Paul's Episcopal Church meeting house North Kingstown — speaker format; starting date to be determined
- Ocean & Bay newsletter: August edition was emailed; September in progress 11
- Revised Ocean & Bay business cards and rack cards available; contact Nancy for supplies at: chair@oceanandbay.org

COMMITTEE UPDATES

PIPO: Cape Cod Symposium this weekend; Saturday slots (10:30 AM–4 PM) still need volunteers; seed packets and healthcare professional materials prepared

Literature Table at Convention: Ocean and Bay will staff a table at Region 6 Convention; committee meeting August 12; open to non-members for coverage

Website/Email: Google Workspace issues are ongoing; Alix is monitoring

Amazon journal sales: ~\$60 this month

PENDING CONFIRMATION

Finance Committee meeting date TBD (Kathy unavailable until after August 19)

PIPO Blitz scholarship application due Aug 5; answer expected by R6 Assembly Oct 3

Symposium coordination (badge/credentials, table assignment, volunteer orientation) Diane to confirm with Barbara ASAP

OTHER CONCERNS

Sandy C, if elected Region 6 Treasurer she would step down as an OBI representative to R6.
Need replacement

Jay (Region 6 rep) looking to step down; replacement needed

ACTION ITEMS

Diane: Email all symposium volunteers with coordination, credentials info, and cell number;
pull emails from Sign Up Genius

Nancy: Call Jennifer (newcomer volunteer) immediately after meeting

Mike: Follow up with Zoom support re: note-taker account issue

All meeting reps: Announce open Chair, Secretary, and Vice Chair nominations at your meetings

Nancy: Re-contact St. Paul's Episcopal administrators re: possible new Monday meeting

NEXT STEPS

Diane

will reach out to Barbara to get instructions for volunteers at the Cape Cod Symposium and send an orientation email to all volunteers with details and her cell phone number.

Forward the passcode needed for PIPO screen sharing to Mike and Sandy.

Mike M.

Chat with Zoom support about the note taker issue.

Add the PIPO committee meeting time and Zoom information to the website's meeting list.

Nancy

Announce at meetings the open positions for Chair and Secretary and accept nominations via email through November.

Send business cards and rack cards to anyone who leaves their full name and mailing address in the chat.

Call Jennifer (newcomer volunteer) as soon as the meeting ends to provide instructions for the Cape Cod Symposium.

Re-contact the administrators at St. Paul's Episcopal in North Kingstown about starting a new meeting.

Sandy

Share information about the literature table committee meeting for the Region 6 convention in the chat

Meeting closed with reading OA's Responsibility Pledge