

Ocean & Bay intergroup

Minutes of the Meeting on Sept 1, 2026 – To be read & approved Oct 6, 2026

Recording turned on.

The meeting began with the Serenity Prayer

Members read the 12 steps, Tradition 9, and Concept 9

Members introduced themselves, sharing their roles in the organization including representatives from various meetings and committees

One minute of silence led by Nancy

7th tradition information shared

Attendees: Sandy C (Organizer), Nancy M (External), Eileen S (External), Brenda (External), Susanna (External), Nancy M (External), Linda RI 401-374-9027 (External), Jeanne M Surrender to Win Tu 7p (External), Diane C (External), Mike M. Newsletter • Web (External), Kathy W OBI Treasurer (External), Nancy H RI Chair (External), Kara (External)

RECAP

- The meeting focused on administrative transitions, including the migration to Google Workspace and the nomination of Susanna as Vice Chair
- The group reviewed financial reports, discussed outreach efforts via PIPO, and coordinated upcoming events such as the Region 6 Convention and fall Assembly.
- All interested members: Consider nominating themselves or others for the open board positions (Chair, Secretary) with voting to take place in November. Meeting Donations Discussion Planning
- The group discussed meeting donations, with Eileen noting that larger meetings with consistent attendance and in-person gatherings tend to have higher contributions. Nancy H suggested that zoom meetings consider requesting a minute of silence for the seventh tradition to consider online donations.

MEETING MINUTES AND TREASURY REPORT

Diane reviewed August meeting minutes, and Kathy made a motion to accept them as written, which was seconded and approved. Diane mentioned that the secretary's role would become vacant soon and offered to discuss the responsibilities with interested parties.

Kathy then presented the treasury report, noting that the group started the month with \$9,976.84 and ended with \$10,479.76, with several deposits including Seventh Tradition payments, PayPal, Venmo, and journal sales, while expenses included assembly sign-ups and ongoing tech support to Alex.

TREASURER REPORT AND DONATIONS REVIEW

The meeting focused on reviewing the Treasurer's report, which was accepted without opposition. Nancy H inquired about the high contributions from a particular meeting, leading to a discussion about the success of including a 1-minute 7th tradition break at the start of ZOOM OA meetings, during which QR codes are displayed. Sandy explained that this format, combined with approximately 100 attendees across four meetings weekly, contributes to the strong donation performance.

GOOGLE WORKSPACE TRANSITION UPDATES

Sandy provided updates on transitioning to Google Workspace, explaining that as a nonprofit, we can use Google Workspace for free and will consolidate all documents into a cloud-based system. She noted that email addresses remain the same but require new setup procedures, with some email forwarders still not working due to complications in the transition process. This new system in Google Workspace will help ensure good business practices for Ocean & Bay Intergroup.

DECISIONS MADE

- Leadership Nomination: Susanna was nominated and accepted the nomination for the Vice Chair position, with a planned transition in January 14.
- Administrative Migration: The Intergroup is transitioning all documents and emails to a cloud-based Google Workspace to streamline service rotations and collaboration.
- Minutes and Treasury: The meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were both formally accepted MOTIONS PASSED.

PROGRESS & STATUS

Financials: The treasury started the month at \$9,976.84 and ended at \$10,479.76 9.

Outreach (PIPO): A recent symposium was successful, with 76 exhibits; approximately 60 OA pamphlets/packets were distributed. Area OA members staffed the OA table.

Communications: The September newsletter was distributed, and the October edition is approximately 50% complete

Branding: New "small billboards" (formerly called business cards) are available for meetings and individual members to use for outreach. Contact Nancy H for more information

chair@oceanandbay.org

OPEN QUESTIONS

- Symposium on Addictive Disorders - The group is investigating whether to take on the professional symposium project from the Cape Cod Intergroup. It will be held in Providence going forward. Tabled for now, pending more information re costs, resources, etc. Diane offered to take the lead on applying for this exhibit scholarship if we need to move forward on this. OA World Services has a scholarship fund for exhibit project like this. Need to apply by deadline.
- Platform Alternatives: Eileen is researching Google Meet as a potential free alternative to Zoom for meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

Mike & Alex: Resolve email forwarder issues within the new Google Workspace

Diane: Gather detailed cost and timeline information regarding the Providence symposium and as well as the Rally for Recovery event. Saturday Sept 12, 12-3 pm on University of Rhode Island main QUAD.

Eileen: Research Google Meet parameters (participant limits, time limits)

Mike: Provide Kathy with the password/access details for the treasurer email account

Coach Diane on how to access and use the new Google Workspace email system.

Announce details re: the Zoom option for hearing the Region 6 Convention keynotes etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS (listed on oceanandbay.org plus more!)

Region 6 Forum: Oct 25, 2026, 4 pm est on zoom (see OBI website for details).

Rally 4 Recovery – University of RI, September 12, 12-3 pm on QUAD

Recovery Walks (Hartford): September 26.

Region 6 Assembly: October 3rd (Hybrid)

Next Intergroup Meeting: Tuesday, October 6.

Duration: 00:57:31

The meeting ended with the OA Responsibility Pledge.