

2-9-22 Preliminary Oregon Intergroup (OIG) Minutes

7:00 PM **Opening:** Serenity Prayer, Steps, Traditions. 17 in attendance (see bottom of report for names and positions present)

Chair and Attendee Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Rep Reports:

Attendees introduced themselves and shared how many members are in their meetings, and if they were face-to-face, virtual or hybrid. Pat asked if they were seeing newcomers? Additional discussion of note included:

1. There were fewer bomber problems this month. If your group is still having problems, contact Phyllis (zoom1@oregon-oa.org) or Pat O'C (chair@oregon-oa.org).
2. Several virtual group reps reported increased attendance from people outside our immediate area, including the East coast and even England. Because of this, some meetings have decided to remain virtual even after the pandemic is past tense.
3. We gave a big welcome to Marie W, Monmouth, who is a first timer to our Intergroup meetings.
4. Pat O'C spoke of the Newcomers Meeting: Attendance has varied from 2 to 30 (!), depending on the week. If you know someone interested in learning more about OA, urge them to check out our website at <https://www.oregon-oa.org>. They can also get a current list of our meetings and a free digital copy of our beginners pamphlet by going to <https://oregon-oa.org/where-do-i-start/>. Pat added that if a current member is interested in helping newcomers, they are welcome to join the weekly newcomers session. It starts at 6:00 pm on Saturday. The Zoom address is on our website and oa.org.

Review of Minutes from 1-12-22 Intergroup meeting – It was approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Jean H.: Our annual audit has been set for next month. The updated financial spreadsheet is attached.

In addition, clarification was requested on how to handle contributions from individual meetings to the Oregon Intergroup. It was suggested once we are back face to face, that each meeting gather the 7th tradition contributions by their members and use them as needed to cover their expenses. The remaining funds can be sent in a single check to Oregon Intergroup. OIG will split the money up appropriately. Traditionally, this uses the 60%/30%/10% rule. That is 60% retained by OIG, 30% to World Service and 10% to Region 1. However, Dorothy C. pointed out that, currently, expenses for Region I have been lowered due to the pandemic. World Service expenses, however, continue at a greater level, since they maintain paid staff and manage all the intergroup dealings world-wide. Therefore, Dorothy made the following motion, which was passed overwhelmingly:

“We move that, due to the extraordinary circumstances for the year 2021 only, Oregon Intergroup will send it's excess funds 35% to Region 1 and 65% to World Service.”

Therefore, OIG will send \$1,436.84 to Region 1 and \$2,668.41 to WSO for a total contribution of “excess funds” of OIG of \$4,105.24 for 2021. Thank you members for your support!

It was noted that some meetings have not been collecting 7th Tradition contributions since meetings have been virtual and, therefore, they are not paying rent, etc. Although each meeting makes their own decisions about contributing to Oregon Intergroup, it was clarified that, even now, Oregon-OA has on-going expenses (i.e., Zoom subscriptions, storage, promotional and administrative costs, etc.). Ergo, the recommended member contributions remain at \$2 - \$3 per person (but no one is turned away). Virtual attendees can contribute in two ways. Firstly, they can go to our website (<http://oregon-oa.org>) and hit the DONATE button. However, this money goes directly to Intergroup and is not credited to a specific meeting. If they want their meeting to get credit for contributing the funds, they should contact their meeting secretary about where to send a monthly check.

For those who noticed our website was down briefly last month, the snafu was due to an autopay from our former bank that was missed in the change to our new bank. We are double reviewing all such payments to insure no more errors. However, we always have the option for finding our meetings by going to the meetings listings on <http://OA.org>.

World Service Business Conference (WSBC):

We sent out a Questionnaire to our members about items to be considered for the agenda at the WSBC. Rosanne, our WSBC delegate, informed us that all proposals were 100% approved by members. This consensus has been conveyed to WSO (World Service Office)..

The WSB Conference dates are April 22 - 30. Sadly, it has been decided to make it a virtual event yet again. The good news is that this means it will be considerably easier for delegates to attend since they will not have to travel. The bad news is that, currently, Rosanne is our only delegate. We can have up to three more, ideally representing a broad spectrum of current members. As with any organization, OA profits from new ideas and new eyes. We particularly need members with strong I.T. skills to help us adapt to our new virtual realities. So please, if you qualify, apply to be a delegate. To be considered, you need to have at least one year of abstinence and have performed two years of service above the meeting level. The service does not have to have been consecutive (so can include not only being an Intergroup Rep, but also such activities as zoom hosting or being a speaker at a regional or national OA event or convention, etc. For more clarification, please contact Pat O’C at chair@oregon-oa.org or Rosanne at cochair@oregon-oa.org.

FYI, this is a key conference since one of the proposed agenda items will determine if all future WSBC will be virtual. This allows many other delegates to attend since the trouble and expense of travel is not an issue. However, the experience of being at a live conference provides greater opportunities to learn from other members and groups. If you have a perspective on this decision, now is the time to volunteer as a delegate so you can vote on this issue.

Update on Billboard Campaign: We have 3 billboards running in greater Portland through the end of this month. Niik reported that our website traffic included 3770 visitors of whom 218 were brand new to the site. Cindy, who sends out a digital copy of our “Where Do I Start” guide, reported an uptick in requests for the pamphlet. She sent out 18 copies in January and also saw an increase in requests for our sponsor list. Some meeting reps have reported an increase of newbies in their meetings. To help us determine if the billboard campaign is working, **please** report to Niik (webmaster@oregon-oa.org) or Pat (chair@oregon-oa.org) if your meetings see an increase in new people. Also, ask newbies how they learned about us.

New Business:

We have decided to take the risk of scheduling a live retreat this year. However, we’re scheduling it in September, which gives us time to hopefully be back to semi-normal. In anticipation, we are looking for a volunteer to organize the retreat. If you like sand and surf and WANT OUT of the hot city in September, please contact Pat O.C. (chair@oregon-oa.org.)

The OA pens ordered have come in. We are planning to distribute them at a Spring OA YARD Sale. OA literature, and retreat doodads, odds and ends of things OIG owns and doesn’t use anymore (such as the CD replicating machine) will be available at great sale prices!

Although this is preliminary, we are considering adding a blog to our website. This idea came late in the meeting and we will discuss it further next month.

Closing Prayer

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Board: Pat O’C., Chair, Rosanne K, Co Chair; Jean H., Associate Treasurer Coach; Dorothy C., Treasurer Coach; Carolyn S., Secretary; Christina U., Events Coordinator

Trusted Service Positions: Niik I., Webmaster; Michelle O., Newsletter Editor; Kym L., Speaker Meeting; Jenice G., B’day Fundraiser

Delegate: Rosanne K

Reps: Marie W., Monmouth; Kym L., First Sat. Speakers Mtg. and Sun. Anorexic/Bulimic Mtg.; Christy B., Vancouver Mon. New Beginnings; Elizabeth B., Sat. & Sun Freedom from Compulsive Overeating; Jenice, Speaker Meeting and Sun. Anorexic and Bulimic Mtg.; Lisa D., Beaverton Cozy Comfy; Christina U., Salem Mtg.; Jean H., Temporary Rep. for Sat. am Vancouver Mtg.; Rosanne K., Mon. Night Newburg; Dorothy C., Welcome Home Meeting; Pat O’C, Newcomers Meeting; Mitchell H., Monday Miracles; Niik, Sunday Serenity; Mikki, Monday 6:30.