

Greater Ann Arbor Overeaters Anonymous Intergroup Minutes

July 18, 2020

Present: Lynn, Peg, Cecilia, Sheryl, Nonnie, Kim, DebbyB, Diane, Steve, Mary, Vicki, Jessi, Diana

Agenda: Secretary Report, Treasurer's Report, Literature Report, 5) Online Communications Report, 6) Old Business, 6B) By-Laws proposals-June,6-C) By-Laws issue-dual roles-discussion, POC Report, Online Communications Report, By-Laws report

Secretary Report – Peg – (accepted)

Treasurer's Report – Lynn (accepted)

We are not spending our funds because this is a very different time in Corvid-19. We need a Budget Committee. Volunteers: Sheryl, Steve, Kim, Lynn, Pauline (?). Committee is formed.

Literature Chair Report – Diane (accepted) we are still on our own ordering materials. New on Oa.org- "First 12 days of OA" Temporary Sponsors, and "Body Image"

Online Communications Report – (Pauline not present)

Old Business

Bylaws Committee – Diane

(5A) (see attach)

4- Update attendance, nomination & voting (Art IV, section 4). (accepted)

5 - Update term of office to read 'Co-Chair' instead of 'Vice-Chair' (Art III, section 5-A) Clarify dual roles of Board Member & IR (Art III, section 5-D) (accepted)

6- Change verbiage regarding removing a Board Member for due cause & clarify what due cause could be (Art IV, section 7) (accepted)

(6C) Dual roles. Discussion followed by common understanding.

Position 1 (previous) When an Intergroup Rep is elected to an Office, they cease to be an IR

Position 2 (new bylaws) Once elected, a Board Member or Committee Chair may not also vote as an Intergroup Rep.

Our Trustee advises that Position 2 reflects Region & WSO intent.

(5B) Diane

- Bylaws/Policy & Procedure Chart
- Process to keep Bylaws current
- Send out Whole Bylaws (constant contact)

Anyone can attend the Q & A opportunity on By Laws on Saturday, August 8th, 11:15 AM so that we can vote at the August 15th Intergroup Meeting.

Thanks for the Service on this By Laws Committee – Lynn, Cecilia, & Diana!

Policy & Procedures Manual is the 'How To's' of our Intergroup. Linking the By Laws & the Policy & Procedures Manual will add clarity.

Need to consider if Email meeting for emergency decision should be in Policy Manual.

Intergroup Service Lists – Sheryl

Sheryl, Nonnie, Kim on this committee

Google forms to complete information on type of service you are willing to do.

- 1) need a page on website, 2) blast to constant contact, 3) will be able to download list, 4) Sheryl will be able to make easy changes, 5) Service List committee will attend all the AAAIG meetings to promote the list.

- What options for distribution of List? Sheryl will look at it. This should be a standing committee to meet our needs.

- check with Detroit. Do they have problems.

-create a 'walk through' of how to sign up for membership.

Fall Workshop – no updates

New Business

Region 5 Summer Conference Report – Diane

Event was held on Zoom July 11. CJ has moved on to WSO, Our Region will need a new Chair and Treasurer. The Finance & Intergroup Committee Region 5 Assembly will be in October

MEETING CLOSED – Cecilia

Greater Area Ann Arbor Intergroup - Bylaws Amendment Proposals May 16, 2020

Intergroup Representatives will present these Proposed Bylaws Amendments to the group they represent, obtaining a group conscience vote “for” or “against” each proposal. At the June 20, 2020 Intergroup Meeting the Intergroup Representative will vote their group’s conscience vote.

Current and Approved GAAAI February 20, 2005 Bylaws:

#1 - Article III – Members – Section 4: Absences of Intergroup Representatives

Reads: The IG secretary shall notify Representative Groups of their IR’s absence

Proposal: Delete Section 4 of Article III

Rationale: It is the responsibility of the Represented Group to hold accountable the IR’s attendance at IG meetings as outlined in **Article III – Section 3:**

Section 3 – Intergroup Representatives

- A.) Intergroup Representatives shall be selected by the group conscience they represent. Each (IR) shall be selected by any method deemed appropriate by their group. These (IR)s shall serve for a period designated by their group, always subject to recall by the group they represent. Each group shall be free to designate an alternate group representative when the necessity arises.
- B.) Intergroup Representatives should be selected for willingness to serve, commitment to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA, length of time in Program and length of service.
- C.) The primary responsibility of the IR, or alternate, is to represent their group at all meetings of the Intergroup, to act as a liaison between this Intergroup and their group, to see that all communications pertaining to Intergroup are made available and, where requested, read aloud to the group.

#2 - Article III – Members – Section 5: Membership voice and no vote may be:

Reads: A.) Any Employee

B.) Any member of the Fellowship who is not a duly elected representative or alternate

Proposal: Delete Section 5, A & B of Article III

Rationale: A.) IG does not have paid employees. IG pays for the technical services managing the IG website; however, that individual does not attend IG meetings, nor has a voice in matters concerning IG business.

B.) Members who are visitors to an IG meeting is addressed in **Article III Section 1 B. 1.):** B.) Individual Meetings’ IG Representatives: 1(IR) per Meeting or Meeting Alternate.

(1.) Non-voting visitors are welcome at Intergroup meetings and have a voice in discussions.