

**A2OA INTERGROUP MEETING
APRIL 2022 Minutes**

TO BE UPDATED AT THE MEETING	
Cecilia S.	Co-Chair
Debbie B.	Group Rep
Dianna P.	Literature Chair
Eileen	R5 Chair
Ellen	Group Rep – Friday 1:30pm
Kim K.	Group Rep
Lee T.	Group Rep – Toledo Thursday Night
Lynn F.	Treasurer
Martie A.	Visitor
Nancy C.	Group Rep
Pauline G.	Online Communications Chair
Peg H.	Acting Secretary
Shay P.	Group Rep
Steve S.	Co-Chair
Vicky P.	Group Rep

1 - OPENING – Serenity Prayer, Read the 12 Concepts, Introduction

- Re-name yourself on Zoom to include your position
- **FOCUS: Plan to fill board vacancies (Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Chair)**

MISSION STATEMENT – If Newcomer

Greater Ann Arbor Area Intergroup is a service body of group representatives which

- Supports meetings
- Promotes recovery through information, knowledge and resources
- Serves as a hub connecting groups, region, World Service and the public

INTRODUCTION - If Newcomer

We welcome any new Intergroup representatives or visitors to our meeting. Everyone has a voice but only IG reps, officers and committee chairs may vote. New ideas may be raised under new business; often these new ideas are developed in an “Idea for Improvement” or IFI document in which a committee or ad hoc subcommittee meets to develop the idea, alternatives and pros/cons. We strive for consensus led by group conscience.

Lynn will serve as “Zoom producer” and keep her due eye on chat and raised (electronic please!) hands. Please use the RAISE HAND option along the bottom ribbon.

2 - SECRETARY'S REPORT - REPORT

- Minutes of meeting (Provided by Cecilia, motion by Steve, seconded by Pauline, approved)

3 - TREASURER'S / FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Treasurer's Report Highlights: Facebook campaign
- Approve March 2022 Treasurer's Report (submitted by Lynn, motion by Pauline, seconded by Peg, approved)

4 - LITERATURE REPORT – UPDATE?

Running short on Newcomer pamphlets. Low on new Plan of Eating pamphlets.

5 – ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Website, Constant Contact) UPDATE?

Facebook Campaign
Reach 94K
1100 click on website

6 – PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Workshop) - REPORT

- Attendees at beginning 76; at end 66
- Very positive feedback

NEWSLETTER CONTENT FOR NEXT ISSUE IN JULY

- Hold until IG plans are known
- Workshop Results

7 – SERVICE LIST COMMITTEE – UPDATE

- Need volunteer to head committee (review guidelines)
- Lee interested to lead

8 – BYLAWS AND POLICY & PROCEDURE COMMITTEE REPORT - NO CHANGE

- ✓ Build IG Calendar
 - Co-chair
 - ✓ Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Literature (next up)
 - Compare all Committee Guidelines to Bylaws
 - ✓ Service List Committee Guidelines
 - Bylaws and Policy & Procedure Guidelines
 - Service List Committee Guidelines need reviewed
- NOTE: List of recommended bylaw changes is being compiled as we go

9 - CO-CHAIR / OFFICER'S REPORT Secretary Vacancy (may delegate minute creation)

- See New Business

10 – OLD BUSINESS

- Add to Policy and Procedure Manual **NO CHANGE**

- Review onboarding of new meeting – Literature subsidy; help with OA.org info loaded. Register meeting with WSO (which also updates Region). Include how to add hybrid meeting to OA.ORG

IFIs ready to discuss NO CHANGE

IFIs in process NO CHANGE

IG Representatives from Virtual Meetings. **Can members outside of A2OA area be IG reps?** People interested to participate in IFI discussion? Cecilia, Peg, Eileen (Region Chair).

11 - NEW BUSINESS

APRIL

- Three open officer positions in June: Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
- A feedback/brainstorming meeting was held on how to improve IG. A deep dive into these ideas is provided [here](#) (link to Ideas to Improve IG). **Reviewed at IG meeting.**
- **Much of “simplification” involves eliminating that which fulfills our mission.**
- **Are the goals, calendar, prepared monthly agenda really “extra duties” or are they helping IG be more efficient?**
- **Other informal feedback is that people are busy.**
- **We think this is not just an A2OA problem. Other IG’s, fellowships and volunteer organizations are also having problems getting leaders.**
- **The board is not willing to “limp along”. The fact that Secretary position has been unfulfilled for a year gives us little hope that a few more months will make a difference.**

MAY – If no one indicates interest in standing for a board position, current board will compose a dissolution plan to be presented in June.

JUNE

- Formally ask for nominations
- If not all of the board officer positions are filled, we are in violation of our bylaws
- Proceed with dissolution – review and discuss out-going officer’s plan

12 - IG REP SUMMARY

- Reviewed feedback from focus group; none of the suggestions solve our immediate problem in filling board positions.
- The following officer positions remain open. Elections are in June and if they are not filled at that time, IG will be in violation of our bylaws. Keep in mind that officers may delegate work to other volunteers.
Secretary – rotated off last year but previous secretary has been serving until new secretary on board. Term is two years.
Treasurer – up for re-election this year. Term is two years
Co-Chair – one of two chairs is up for re-election this year. Term is two years

Job description can be found on website at bottom of page under IG documents.
Also, you may email current officers using position name: chair@A2OA.org,
Secretary@A2OA.org, Treasurer@A2OA.org

As no one has volunteered officers will begin a plan for dissolution for presentation in June.

14 - ON OUR RADAR NO CHANGE

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Renewal Follow up: Perform 2nd survey.

Renewal Follow up: Newcomers to get updated IG graphic, bylaws and policy and procedure manuals. Make the written material available as part of our literature.

Renewal Follow up: To support sponsors in the area, we discussed having a meeting once per month for sponsors to allow support and sharing.

Proposed shared list of officers, committee chairs and meeting reps **in process!**

Register Meetings: Establish process to ensure all meetings are properly registered with WSO. Ypsilanti meeting is registered. Develop meeting checklist?

Sponsor Zoom Meeting (monthly? Quarterly? Need guidance of members, WSO, guidance for new sponsors...) No urgency to this issue. IFI / Initial meeting? Any energy for this right now?

CLOSE with Serenity Prayer