

Baltimore Area Intergroup Meeting Minutes April 22, 2007

The Baltimore Area Intergroup met on April 22, 2007 at 3:30 pm. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The third tradition and concept were read.

I. Reports

A. Roll Call:

Present:

Laura	Recording Secretary
Mike B.	JHU Wed./WSBC Rep
Wajeeha	Region 7/WSBC Rep
Mike P	Columbia
Irma C	Hiss 10a Thursday
Ashley V	Sun 5:15 Pratt
Neil	Vice Chair
Morty	8pm Thursday

B. The agenda was adopted.

C. The February minutes were adopted.

D. Financial Report: Treasurer absent- see Laura for hard copy.

E. Answering Service: Thirty-five phone calls were taken in the last two months. Every day of the week is now covered.

F. WSBC: Upcoming, weekend of April 29th. All motions to bring issues to the floor of WSBC passed except for the motion concerning neutralizing gender references to God in the Traditions. However, changing those references in the Steps *will* be discussed.

G. Region 7: Wajeeha, Wendy, and Joe attended the Spring Assembly- hard copies of the reports are available through Laura.

- a. Wendy's Report: Wendy attended in Joan's place. She attended a meeting that centered on convention planning. The convention will take place on Labor Day weekend in Philadelphia. There will be walking tours, and mugs will be sold as a fundraiser. Our region will receive \$5000 to put towards tee-shirts that can be sold as a fundraiser as well. Wendy also attended the Outreach Committee, which reported on an article in O magazine for the month of July wherein an OA member will be featured (in keeping with the Traditions). The Tidewater region in Virginia created a tri-fold brochure that includes the Steps, Traditions, 15 questions and a meeting list, which will be made available to our region for examination. A table top display will be created under the auspices of a subcommittee, and will be available to Region 7 groups for outreach events.
- b. Joe's Report (via Wajeeha): Old issues of Lifeline are available from WSBC through Baltimore's Region 7 trustee, Donna, with advance notice. Donna also emphasized the availability of a new brochure #120 entitled OA Comes in All Sizes. The Assembly considered two motions that will be brought before the WSBC. The motion to spend \$20,000 on a PR campaign was approved, and the motion to neutralized gender references

to God in the Steps and Traditions was defeated. Joe chairs the Ways and Means Committee, which discussed the new availability of Pay Pal on the Region 7 website. Other issues were gas mileage reimbursement of 14 cents per mile, the discussion of scholarship forms and procedures, iron-on decals for tee-shirt fundraiser at the convention, an additional pin order as a convention fundraiser, and the printing of a card with the Region 7 logo to be included with the two fundraising items. Fall assembly dates are October 5th through the 7th, and will coincide with the annual Worldwide Assembly Chair meeting.

- c. Wajeeha's report: *The 12th Step Within Committee*: A new statement of purpose was adopted, which is posted on the Region 7 website. At the next assembly this committee will have a literature table where literature can be purchased and brought back to meetings. There will also be a new link on the Region 7 site for 12 step speakers. The link will appear in the resource library. *The Unity Committee*: In an effort to strengthen our Intergroups and increase membership and meetings it was suggested that each Intergroup conduct an inventory. The Unity Committee is suggesting that OA meetings invite outside groups such as FAA, C-HOW and RFA to OA events, in accordance with the 12th step. *The Website Committee*: Wajeeha has been chair of this committee for three years, and will rotate out of the position in October. There are 11 intergroups in region 7 that do not have websites. Some do not send representatives to Region. These 11 groups were divided among 8 members of the Website Committee, and will contact them to offer assistance. Also, the Region Board is going to create an online information page for new reps in order to increase service. The page will clarify the duties of region representatives, including pre-assembly responsibilities. The page will appear in the Resource Library section of the website. Finally, the Website committee has set up a Paypal account on the Region 7 Website. It will be active in approximately 30 days from this assembly. At this time only Region 7 pins will be available for sale. It was brought to our attention by another intergroup that there are last names mentioned on our website. This is an 11th Tradition violation, and the names will be removed. The Website Committee is also implementing an online speaker program, similar to that on the LAIG website. The committee will investigate the need for permission slips, waivers and other particulars.

- H. Public Information- On April 23rd and 24th OA will have a display at a function run by the MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at Martin's West. Any willing volunteers to booth-sit please contact Neil. Also, a conference phone line will be available in mid-May for Public Information initiatives. Wajeeha is distributing OA information via her doctor, and another health fair on the 16th of May at the Children's Home.

II. Unfinished Business

A. Mike B did research on the possibility of having Paypal on the Baltimore OA website, with more information to follow in May.

Seventh Tradition

III. New Business

- A. Proposed Change to the Bylaws: Neil took up the chair so that Mike could propose a change to the bylaws wherein a board member's tenure will now only be in question if absences are not first cleared by the chair. Originally, the member would be under review for two consecutive absences regardless of any preparation or measures taken. A motion was made to change the bylaws as detailed above. The motion carried.
- B. Motion to Adopt Standing Rules for BAIG: Mike P. Made a motion to institute standing rules that establish guidelines for the proposal of motions, discussion, and debate. The specific standing rules can be obtained through the Recording Secretary. An amendment to the motion was made wherein the first Pro in the order of debate be changed from 5 to 2 minutes. The motion to amend carried. The main motion to adopt standing rules also carried.
- C. Region 7 Delegate Reimbursement: Wendy graciously attended Region 7 as a last minute stand-in for Joan W., and will be fully reimbursed for her expenses.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.