

DRAFT OSPA World Service Minutes – October 2026

Zoom URL: <https://zoom.us/j/95212590470> | Meeting ID: 422 277 0079

Date: October 4, 2026

Time: 12:15 – 1:30 pm Eastern Time

Attendees:

- Mark, Katie, Molly, Amy, Brenda P., Erin D., Lydia

Absent:

- (A lot of people)

1. Opening

- The meeting opened with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer at 12:15 ET.
- A timekeeper was appointed and The 12 Traditions of OSPA were read.
- September 2026 meeting minutes were **approved (5-0 vote)**

2. Reports

- **Secretary**
 - **3 passed motions from last month in effect**
 - Add text to the "Opening" section of the WSO script "If you are eating, moving around, or in a busy environment, we kindly ask that you turn off your camera. In addition, in accordance with Tradition Ten, we keep the WSO meeting free of any opinions on outside issues, including visual backgrounds, clothing, or conversation."
 - Replace “III” section in the agenda from “10 minutes protected time for discussion of fundraising” to “Revisit ‘Passed’ motions
 - Extend WSO meeting from 60 minutes to 75 minutes
- **Treasurer**
(Yes, please read this report word for word. Do not read the statistics.)

Monthly			Allocation of Balance	
Income		\$ 380.21	Prudent Reserve	\$ 1,464.81
Expenses		\$ 17.04	Font Fund - \$25/mo	\$ 325.00
Net		\$ 363.17	Convention Fund - 50% net	\$ 1,122.65
Avg Monthly Operating Cost		\$ 122.07	Literature Fund - 25% net	\$ 561.32
Net vs Operating Cost	▲ 198% (\$241.10)		Technology Fund - 25% net	\$ 561.32
			Total	\$ 4,035.10

Notes:

- ❖ Donations can be made on the website via PayPal, Venmo, or credit card.
- ❖ One member donates \$2.00 every time she attends a meeting, as if there was a basket being passed around the room. Take this idea back to your meetings.
- ❖ Per Sept WSO Meeting, set up “Funds” and distributed monies accordingly.
 - Prudent Reserve = Average of last year’s monthly total expenses *12
 - Font Fund = \$25/month of net income
 - Convention Fund = 50% of net income
 - Literature Fund = 25% of net income
 - Technology Fund = 25% of net income
- ❖ Full numbers are available here: [OSPA WSO Treasurer Report 2019-2026](#)

- **Web Administrator**

Website statistics, September 5 to October 2, 2026:

- Since the last report, the website had 573 unique users and 1,292 site sessions.
 - 73% were new visitors, and 27% were returning.
 - Visitors came from [41 countries](#).
 - Just over half of sessions (51%) came from direct visits, such as bookmarks, typed URLs, and email links. Organic search brought in another 38%, mostly from Google (31% of all traffic). Referrals made up 6%, led by Wikipedia and partner organizations such as IOCDF, FindHelp, and Crisis Text Line. Social media added about 4%, mainly from Facebook and Reddit. See the full referral report [here](#).
 - 55% came from mobile devices, 43% from desktop, and 2% from tablets.
 - The most visited pages were Meetings, Homepage, Literature, and Tools.
- We received seven submissions to OSPA support directly through the website.
- The draft Behaviors List and Behaviors List Workbook were taken down after the review period ended.

- **Tax & Legal Committee:**

- Representative not present, no report.

- **Email Support:**

- Representative not present, no report.

- **Social Media Account Moderator:**

- 3 posts on Instagram and Facebook
- Instagram- no new followers, 31 views (3.2% from nonfollowers)
- Facebook- increase 1 follower, 75 views (54.7% from nonfollowers)

- **Chip Representative:**

- Representative not present, no report.

- **Literature Committee**

(Please read this report word for word.)

- Trademark Info update:
 - The examining attorney had an issue with downloads on the website so the web admin added PDFs to the website and the lawyer filed the response on Sept 11. Might take a few months to hear back.
- Release Form update:
 - Sent three emails to copyright/IP lawyers for quotes to review a release form for OSPA member submissions - audio, written, etc.
- When reviewing the literature, either on your own or in meetings, please read the introductory letter. It summarizes the intention of the literature and any important notes.
- Literature ready to be WSO approved:
 - [The Behavior Lists pamphlet](#)
 - [The Behavior Lists workbook](#)
- Literature ready to be WSO accepted for 30-day review:
 - [OSPAs Welcome and Preamble](#) (one document)
- [Literature Planner](#) is available for viewing.

- **Reports from Special Committees:**

- By-Laws committee - goal is to bring completed document to November WSO for passing in December.

- **Meeting Representative Updates:**

- The Sunday meeting has a birthday meeting now for members to attend.

3. Review “PASSED” Motions- (at least 1)

- Outcomes

- Reviewed - Lapsed (time passed to do it)
- Reviewed - Rescinded (revoke the motion)
- Reviewed - Amended (change the motion)
- Reviewed- Enact (action plan) - This isn't an option per Robert's Rules, but can be part of the amendment or minutes based on the decision that is made.

9/1/19	Motion	19-25	Contact other fellowships to discuss what type of chips they use and where they get them and the process they use for distributing chips.	POSTPONED UNTIL TRADEMARK IS COMPLETE.
10/3/21	Motion	21-59	Change from a physical chip system to a digital chip system.	AMENDED - SEE MOTION BELOW

Motion 19-25 Postponed: Revisit once trademark is complete. No change to Index of Motions.

Motion 21-59 Amended: To continue using OSPA's current stock of general 12-step welcome chips (non-OSPA-specific) and digital-only anniversary recognition until the OSPA logo trademark issue is resolved, at which time WSO will revisit whether to use digital or physical anniversary and welcome chips.

Updated Index of Motions original Motion.

Action Item: Notify Chip Representative of change.

- Note: Index of Motions has been updated. Not included as a new motion, just amended current one on list.

4. Unfinished Business

- **Motion:** Twice yearly, in March and September, 15 minutes are set aside in the WSO meeting to plan or discuss any fundraiser events or ideas for OSPA.

Ex:

March WSO meeting = April - August events

September WSO meeting = October - February events

Additional thought, if it passes, is to add a statement to the "Other Business" section as a standing item in the agenda so we all remember!

Passed 6-0

Action item: added to WSO agenda/minutes in "Other Business" section

- **Action item from 3/1/26 WSO Meeting** - *"Lit committee will come back with blurb next month about fundraising, can work with that for individual DMs or during an event."*

- **Blurb from the Literature Committee:**

Hi! I'm reaching out as you're in the Friends of OSPA WhatsApp group.

OSPA WSO is fundraising for new literature, website updates, and hosting an in-person convention!

Our goal is for 50% of the group (100 people) to sign up for a monthly donation of \$2 or more. Are you able to help?

Donate on the OSPA website: osparecovery.org/donate.

If you have any questions, please ask! Thank you for your consideration. 🧡

[Name]

[OSPA WSO Service Position]

Vote: Passed 5-0

Action item: Amy volunteers as treasurer to send this out.

- **Discussion Item:** Does OSPA want to charge for literature, chips, etc., or continue keeping everything free?
 - ITAA (est. 2017) has all literature and speaker shares available for free (no chips), yet the fellowship has received enough donations to host several in-person conferences.
 - SAA provides all literature to be read online only (no copy/paste), and charges for downloadable audio, literature, and chips.
 - AA provides only the 12&12 to be read online for free, but restricts the downloadable PDF (no copy/paste).
 - S.L.A.A. provides Core Documents for free, and the rest of literature is not available to read or download, it is for purchase and shipping only.

Feedback from Discussion

- OA nothing is available for free, feel sad
- OSPA should keep everything for free until there are physical versions of it
 - Keep downloadable PDFs for free online and free for download

Vote: N/A

No motion at this time as the literature will remain for free on the website and as a downloadable PDF. For future physical literature, charging will be considered.

Action item: Amy volunteers as treasurer to send this out.

5. New Business

- Literature ready to be WSO approved:
 - [The Behavior Lists pamphlet](#)
 - [The Behavior Lists workbook](#)

Vote: Passed 5-0

Action item: Literature Committee will get these to web admin. Web admin will put them on the OSPA.

- Literature ready to be WSO accepted for a 30-day fellowship review:
 - [OSPAA Welcome and Preamble](#) (one document)

Passed 5-0

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6. Unfinished Business to be carried over

- **Discussion: Clarifying the process for new meetings to be listed on the website**
 - The WSO process is listed on the "Starting a New Meeting" page.
 - OSPA support email responded to a member and noted that it was important to attend the WSO meeting.
 - Web admin said she would post the meeting on the website.

- Web admin is offered to reach out and explain and clarify what to do going forward.

Action Item: Email support will, in the future, direct members to the “Starting a New Meeting” page. Web admin will reach out to the person starting the new meeting to explain the process, that the meeting will be posted this time due to mixed messaging, but that going forward a meeting representative must attend one WSO meeting before a new meeting is posted.

- **Discussion: Lack of participation in Service at meetings**

- What are barriers around service now
- Should OSPA have a workshop around service
- Should OSPA WSO put a sentence in each OSPA meeting about service
- Meetings come and go. OSPA could have a paragraph that is WSO approved to go into every meeting format.
- Workshop would be helpful to understand what service is and knowing what to do.

Action Item: None at this time.

7. Other Business/Notes for WSO

- **(Keep as a reminder):** Twice yearly, in March and September, 15 minutes are set aside in the WSO meeting to plan or discuss any fundraiser events or ideas for OSPA.
March WSO meeting = plan April - August events
September WSO meeting = plan October - February events
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8. Closing

- The meeting closed with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer at 1:18pm ET.
 - **Next WSO Meeting Date: Sunday, November 1, 2026**
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