

OSPA Intergroup Minutes – April

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Date: Sunday, April 6 2025

Time: 12:15 – 1:15 pm Eastern Time

Attendees: Kirra (IG secretary, Tuesday Dancers meeting representative), Cathryn (IG host, IG Treasurer), Greg (Chair traditions committee), Mackie (IG chair), Mera (Email Support, Monday Night Group Rep), Jamie (Tax and Legal Committee, IG Vice Chair, US/CA chip representative)

Absent: Molly M (Web Administrator, Sunday Group rep, Thursday group rep)

1. Opening

- The meeting opened with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer at 12:15 pm ET.
- A timekeeper was appointed and The 12 Traditions of OSPA were read.
- March 2025 meeting minutes were **approved**.

2. Reports

- **Treasurer:**

Beginning of month's balance	4,742.02	4,725.94	4,619.44
Total contributions	51.63	117.19	37.45
Total fees and expenses	67.71	223.69	163.42
End of month's balance	4,725.94	4,619.44	4,493.47
Prudent reserve	1000	1000	1000
Remaining surplus	3,725.94	3,619.44	3,493.47

	January	February	March
2025			
Chip Mailings	0.00	0.00	5.37
Legal & Taxes	61.25	0.00	0.00
PayPal Fees	6.46	6.84	3.52
Website		216.85	0.00
Zoom			159.90
Total Expenses	67.71	223.69	168.79
Donations	51.63	117.19	37.45
Difference	(16.08)	(106.50)	(131.34)

- **Web Administrator:** Website stats for Feb 3 to March 1:
 - In the last 30 days the website had 821 unique visitors with a total of 1985 sessions from 44 countries.
 - The 5 most represented countries were the USA (68%), the UK (9%), Canada (6%), Australia (2%) and Germany (2%).
 - 82% were new visitors and 18% were returning.
 - 68% came from mobile devices, 30% from Desktop, and 1% were on tablets.

- We had 4 form submissions from the website to OSPA support.
 - Most visited pages were meetings, homepage, and literature.
 - The Saturday meeting had updates to their meeting time zone (from Bangkok to EST) as well as meeting time, script, and slides.
 - The Web Administrator worked within the new meetings app to update times for meetings that changed due to time zones shifting in the end of March.
- **Tax & Legal Committee:**
 - Bylaws still in progress
 - Jamie will file the taxes before the next Intergroup meeting. They are due May 15.
 - The committee will propose something at May's IG regarding copyright/trademark of future literature (see Traditions Committee report for mention of this)
- **Email Support:**
 - 4 requests for more information on OSPA, all of which have received a response
- **Social Media Account Moderator:**
 - All accounts are closed, position is open
- **Chip Representatives:**
 - One welcome chip to be sent out in the US/CA
 - One chip sent out in UK/EU
 - Suggestion to have pictures of chips on website. Jamie volunteers to take pictures of chips and send them to Molly for this purpose.
- **Traditions Committee:**
 - The "Guidelines for OSPA Literature" is on version 03. ETA for Intergroup June/July 2025.
 - The "OSPA Behavior Lists Pamphlet" is on version 05. ETA for Intergroup is Aug/Sept 2025.
 - A schedule was created, one revision per month. This will allow everyone to be of service at a reasonable pace. This also means that it will take longer. Thank you for your patience.
 - How does OSPA want to design this literature? For example:
 - Online document to download (free or purchase)
<https://na.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/EN3102-IP-2-English.pdf>
 - Online pamphlet to download (free or purchase)
<https://chronicpainanonymous.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/All-About-Service-brochure-BW-2022.pdf> <https://chronicpainanonymous.org/store/>
 - Text on a website page (as it is now)
 - Combination / Other / None

■ **Discussion:**

- Once we have literature, we don't need a trademark. Right off the bat we can label it as trademark pending. OSPA already has a copyright. There is a fellow who is getting an estimate of how much it would cost to implement either/both. An estimate from an attorney exists somewhere, Jamie will find it.
- Online is good for wide accessibility
- Many people find it valuable to have physical copies of books/pamphlets.
- Hardcopy vs online should be decided by IG instead of just traditions committee.
- Clarification that if money is involved, the traditions committee will come back to IG before spending money.
- Does OSPA want to protect its literature online? (In addition to legal/copyright.)
For example:
 - AA offers their literature in a locked PDF. Can download to read and print, but the text cannot be copied or pasted.
 - SAA uses a website specific screen reader. Literature can be read on the website, but not downloaded or printed.
 - SLAA uses a "Usage Disclaimer" text on their website. They do not let people read the literature online, only purchase it through their online store.
 - Combination / Other / None
- **Motion:** to move forward on literature in various formats based on the decision of the traditions committee **passed** 5 yea 0 nay

- **Reports from Special Committees:** None

3. Meeting Representative Updates

- Monday Living Abstinent AA Big Book Study: have approved a change to the script related to expanding day counts to recovery milestones
- Tuesday Meditation and Topic: representative not present
- Tuesday Meditation and Writing: no updates
- Wednesday Topic or AA Lit Study: representative not present
- Thursday Special Focus Body Dysmorphic Obsession: representative not present
- Thursday Stepping Into the Solution: representative not present
- Friday Easy Does It: representative not present
- Saturday Weekend Literature Study: representative not present
- Sunday Topic or Speaker: representative not present
- Sunday In All Our Affairs: representative not present

4. Unfinished Business

- **Motion** to change name of Intergroup to World Service Board
 - **March Discussion**
 - Suggestion to remove the word “board”
 - Our current IG (intergroup) is functioning as both a WSB (world service board) and an IG. We would change the name, not the purpose of the group.
 - Motion **withdrawn** in March for further discussion in April
 - **April Discussion**
 - Clarity/Accuracy
 - The name change would make more sense to fellows who are in other fellowships and have that frame of reference.
 - IG and WSB both accurately describe this group
 - Fellows generally don’t understand what intergroup means for OSPA. The name doesn’t describe what we do and this may inhibit participation
 - Suggestion to divide into multiple groups
 - Would dividing the group to further define roles help with attendance? IG for virtual meetings vs WSB covering the fellowship as a whole.
 - We don’t have very much service e.g. there are only 6 people present at today’s meeting. This would be an undue burden on those who do service.
 - Splitting into IG and WSB wouldn’t make sense because they are the same groups.
 - Name impact
 - world service organization vs board vs committee
 - The WSB name lends more authority
 - Board and committee sound like closed groups or groups which bear great responsibility. Organization sounds more neutral and may be less intimidating
 - Motion **amended** to change the name of Intergroup to World Service Organization (WSO).
 - Motion **passed** 5 yea, 0 nay

5. New Business

- Discuss implementing the WSO name change re: the website, scripts, etc in the May WSO meeting.

6. Closing

- The meeting closed with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer at 12:59 pm ET.
- **Next WSO Meeting Date: Sunday, May 4 2025**