

OSPA Intergroup Minutes – July 2024

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Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024

Time: 12:15 – 1:15 pm Eastern Time

Attendees: Kirra R., Kimberly B., Greg L., Molly M., Cathryn Y., Mackenzie, Mera Y., Jamie P.

1. Opening

The meeting opened with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer at 12:16 pm ET.

A timekeeper was appointed: Greg L.

The 12 Traditions of OSPA were read.

Last month’s meeting minutes were amended as suggested and approved as amended.

2. Reports

- **Treasurer:** The treasurer gave an update on OSPA’s finances. The treasurer’s reports are attached below for ease of reference:

TREASURER REPORTS	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Beginning of month's balance	4,143.60	3,973.39	4,139.79	4,227.54
Total contributions	54.00	177.00	94.00	70
Total fees and expenses	224.21	10.60	6.25	97.37
End of month's balance	3,973.39	4,139.79	4,227.54	4,200.17
Prudent reserve	1000	1000	1000	1000
Remaining surplus	2,973.39	3,139.79	3,227.54	3,200.17

- **Webmaster:** Website Statistics for the last 30 days (June 8th to July 7th):
 - In the last 30 days the website had 578 unique visitors from 33 countries, with a total of 1135 sessions. The number of unique visitors is down from the previous period 9% while the number of site sessions was down 7%.
 - 62% of these sessions originated from mobile devices, 34% from desktops, and 4% from tablets.
 - Unique visitors by traffic source - 56% direct, 27% google, 6% wikipedia, 4% bing and the remaining 8% from other search engines and referral sources.

- The most visited page was the Home page, followed by the Meetings page, followed by the 12 Steps of OSPA, then Literature and Newcomers.
- The average site session was 4 minutes and 29 seconds long.
- **Tax & Legal Committee:** Jamie gave an update that there was no real update.
- **Email Support:** There were 3 inquiries and one follow up from a previous inquiry. Mera reported that there have been some issues with the website and Zoom links. Molly reported that it is likely a problem at the level of each meeting and is related to people not preparing in advance for opening the meetings and thus not having access.
- **Social Media Account Moderator:** Position is vacant; no report.
- **Chip Representatives:** The UK Chip Representative was absent; no report. U.S. representative gave out one 60- and 90-day chips.

3. Meeting Representative Updates

- Tuesday CET group: Needs to do a business meeting.
- Tuesday 11p Eastern: all good; no news
- Wednesday 2pm Eastern: Small meeting; perhaps difficult to do service work/business.
- Thursday 7p Eastern: all good; no news
- Sunday 11a Eastern: all good; no news

4. Reports from Special Committees

- **Traditions Committee:**

5. Special Orders

6. Unfinished Business

1. Kirra moved that Cassidy, Sarah and Dawn's motion be tabled. The motion is related to receiving Intergroup approval to (i) compile entries for a daily reader and (ii) announce the need for submissions at all OSPA meetings, which will further OSPA's purpose of carrying the message of recovery to skin pickers and which will be taken to Intergroup for approval upon completion. (Dawn) - per Cassidy, this will be tabled until the August 4 IG meeting.
2. Election for the vacant Chair position and/or discussion of whether a chair has already been elected. Amy won but isn't accepting the position. Nina suggested we declare Mackenzie the chair as she was the runner-up, and it was agreed this was the best choice.
3. Discussion of the implementation of by-laws and the relative application of Robert's Rules and the 12 Concepts. (Jamie). Jamie noted that the concepts are related to AA and that we read a lot of different literature, so perhaps we could determine what the meetings look like by drafting a set of bylaws that combines our ideas with some of RRoO. Cathryn suggested we consider hiring someone.

Greg suggested we find someone in Florida since that's where we are incorporated. We discussed looking into how others have done it in a variety of other groups.

7. New Business

- Motion: I move that the monthly intergroup meeting be changed from a 60-minute meeting to a 75-minute meeting to allow for deeper discussion and the expression of more members' opinion. (Mera) There was some discussion including limiting the times of speaking and doing it on an as-needed basis. Mera rescinded the motion for now.
- Molly brought up questionable items in the "Our Story" portion of the website and suggested that we take a look at the history and compare it to the traditions and perhaps update it to reflect alignment with the reality of the group's media relations. Jamie will look at this and bring info back to the next meeting.

8. Next Intergroup Meeting Date: August 4, 2024

9. Items to be Carried Over to the Next Business Meeting

- Intergroup approval about new literature
- Looking into getting an attorney, template, or AI-generated draft of bylaws

Closing

The meeting closed with the "We" version of the Serenity Prayer at 1:05 pm EST.

Next Intergroup Meeting Date: Sunday, August 4, 2024.