

OSPA Intergroup Minutes – June 2024

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Date: Sunday, June 2, 2024

Time: 12:15 – 1:15 pm Eastern Time

Attendees: Amy L, Molly (Webmaster), Nina, Greg, Mark K, Emily K (Secretary & UK & EU Chip Rep), Kirra (Host & Screen Sharer), Dawn, Mera (Email support), Cathryn (Treasurer), Brenda, Cassidy, Mackenzie, Nico

1. Opening

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

A temporary chair was nominated as the Chair position remains vacant and the Vice Chair was absent.

A timekeeper was appointed.

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
Beginning of month's balance	4,143.60	3,973.39	4,139.79
Total contributions	54.00	177.00	94.00
Total fees and expenses	224.21	10.60	6.25
End of month's balance	3,973.39	4,139.79	4,227.54
Prudent reserve	1000	1000	1000
Remaining surplus	2,973.39	3,139.79	3,227.54

The treasurer also shared a link to their full spreadsheet for those interested, which is shared here: [Treasurer Reports Spreadsheet](#).

- **Webmaster:** The webmaster reported on OSPA’s website statistics from May 4 to June 2 compared to the previous month. The website received 629 unique visitors from 46 countries with a total of 1,219 sessions. The number of unique visitors increased by 28% while the number of site sessions decreased by 4% compared to the previous period.

65% of these sessions originated from mobile devices, 34% from desktops, and 1% from tablets. Traffic sources for unique visitors were: 42% direct, 24% Google, 15% Facebook, 9.5% Wikipedia, and the remaining 10% from other search engines and referral sources.

The webmaster also addressed three recent issues with individual meetings' Zoom accounts. All issues have been resolved and updates are reflected on the website. To ensure timely updates, the webmaster requested that any changes to individual meeting details be submitted 3 days before the meeting to allow time for updating the website. Members can submit requests via email (webmaster@osparecovery.org) or through the website directly.

- **Tax & Legal Committee:** No updates were provided.
- **Email Support:** The email support position updated that OSPA had received 5 new enquiries via email which were responded to.
- **Social Media Account Moderator:** The position remains vacant, so no report was presented.
- **Chip Representatives:** The US Chip Representative was absent, so no report was provided. The UK Chip Representative reported they haven't sent out any chips this month. They requested that meeting attendees continue to be informed by their meeting representatives that chips are available. Interested individuals can contact the UK Chip Representative via Whatsapp or via the OSPA website contact form.

3. Meeting Representative Updates

There were no updates from the individual meeting representatives.

4. Reports from Special Committees

- **Traditions Committee:** The Chair offered an update on a project the Committee is undertaking to incorporate valuable external resources onto the OSPA website. These resources will include literature from skinpickingrecovery.org

5. Special Orders

Following Robert's Rules of Order, the temporary chair added a "Special Orders" category to the agenda to address high-priority items like nominations and elections first. As three Intergroup service positions (Chair, Social Media Account Moderator, and Webmaster Assistant) were vacant and needed to be filled urgently, elections were held.

Descriptions for each position, with terms ending in September, were available at [OSPA Positions & Elections](#). It was clarified that no amount of abstinence was required for nominations.

There were no nominations for Social Media Moderator and Webmaster Assistant. Brenda nominated Amy L for Chair, who accepted. Mackenzie also volunteered.

A vote for Chair was held, the results of which are noted as follows: Amy L (6), Mackenzie (5), 1 abstention. (Total attendees: 12) As 6 was noted as not being a majority, the decision on how to proceed (per Robert's Rules of Order) required further research.

A motion to postpone the Chair election to the next meeting was seconded and carried.

5. Unfinished Business

1. Dawn made the motion that Cassidy, Sarah and Dawn be given 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.

The motion was seconded, but as time ran out, it was postponed for discussion at the next Intergroup meeting.

6. New Business

No new business.

Closing

The meeting closed with the "We" version of the Serenity Prayer at 1:17 pm ET.

Next Intergroup Meeting Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024.