

DRAFT OSPA World Service Minutes – October

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Date: Sunday, October 5 2025

Time: 12:15 – 1:15 pm Eastern Time

Attendees:

- Kirra (WSO secretary, Tuesday Dancers meeting representative)
- Cathryn (IG Treasurer, Sunday Topic/Speaker meeting representative)
- Jamie (Tax and Legal Committee, WSO Chair, US/CA chip representative)
- Amy L (Literature Committee Chair)
- Molly M (Web Administrator, Thursday Stepping Into The Solution meeting representative)
- Emily K (Chip Representative UK/EU)
- Mark (WSO Host)
- Katie

Absent:

- Greg (Tax & Legal Committee member)
- Emily N (Email support)
- Katie (Social Media Moderator)
- Mackie (Web Admin Assistant, WSO Vice Chair)

1. Opening

- The meeting opened with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer at 12:16 pm ET.
- A timekeeper was appointed and The 12 Traditions of OSPA were read.
- September 2025 meeting minutes were **approved**.

2. Reports

- Treasurer

- [Treasurer Reports](#)

TREASURER REPORTS	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Beginning of month's balance	4,742.02	4,725.94	4,619.44	4,488.10	4,560.44	4,601.36	4,516.08	4,623.01	4,649.11
Total contributions	51.63	117.19	37.45	78.40	51.86	45.45	113.13	50.16	58.10
Total fees and expenses	67.71	223.69	163.42	6.06	10.94	130.73	6.2	24.06	4.44
End of month's balance	4,725.94	4,619.44	4,493.47	4,560.44	4,601.36	4,516.08	4,623.01	4,649.11	4,702.77
Prudent reserve	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Font Fund									25
Remaining surplus	3,725.94	3,619.44	3,493.47	3,560.44	3,601.36	3,516.08	3,623.01	3,649.11	3,702.77
Font Fund	25								

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
2025									
Chip Mailings	0.00	0.00	5.37	0.00	5.87	4.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal & Taxes	61.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PayPal Fees	6.46	6.84	3.52	6.06	5.07	0.00	0.00	4.87	4.44
Website		216.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	122.34	0.00	19.19	0.00
Zoom			159.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.20	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	67.71	223.69	168.79	6.06	10.94	126.70	6.20	24.06	4.44
Donations	51.63	117.19	37.45	78.40	51.84	45.45	113.13	50.16	58.10
Difference	(16.08)	(106.50)	(131.34)	72.34	40.90	(81.25)	106.93	26.10	53.66

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- Made a new line in document for font fund, placed \$25 to start, suggest placing \$25/mo in fund
- Attendee commentary
 - Paypal has programs for nonprofits to decrease fees which we should look into
 - suggestion to consider fundraising
 - can OSPA paypal acct be used to collect separately for meetings to avoid people using personal accounts? discussion deferred
- Web Administrator - Since the last report, the website had 641 unique users and 1,440 site sessions.
 - 79% were new visitors, and 21% were returning.
 - Visitors came from 43 countries.
 - 58% were direct (not from a link, social media, or search engine); 22% came through Google, 15% found OSPA via Wikipedia, and the remaining 5% through other search engines and links on other websites.
 - 65% came from mobile devices, 34% from Desktop, and 1% were on tablets.
 - We had one form submission directly from the website to OSPA support.
 - Most visited pages were Meetings, Homepage, and Literature.
 - There was a new meeting posted - the Saturday OSPA and Neurodivergency Meeting at 11:30 AM EST.
 - The WSO meeting link was also updated to reflect the motion to return to its own Zoom account.
 - The web administrator added language to the meeting page explaining that the schedule is a rotating calendar after feedback that is not obvious and creates confusion when fellows do not see the WSO meeting listing.
 - Attendee commentary: has anyone looked to see whether OSPA has a wikipedia page?
 - Emily K added some information to [the wikipedia page on excoriation disorder](#) under the treatment heading
 - question of alignment with traditions to associate OSPA with the concept of "treatment"
 - OSPA does not have its own wikipedia page
 - need to have a registered account on wikipedia and have already contributed to a certain number of articles
 - consider coordinating with Social Media Account Moderator on this
- Tax & Legal Committee:

- taxes and annual corporation docs in FL were filed on time, nothing to do until next year
- **Email Support:** representative not present
- **Social Media Account Moderator:**
 - all social media accounts paused
 - continuing to research how social media accounts would work with the traditions
 - hasn't found any social media that are WSO run from other 12 step programs, only affiliated or "friends of"
- **Chip Representatives:**
 - No chips sent out this month due to pause re: unlicensed font.
 - We're bringing a motion about existing chips; will outline below
- **Literature Committee:**
 - 2-3 literature items nearly ready to go but no guidelines for how OSPA approves literature
 - intention to make the approval process as inclusive of a broad representation of the fellowship as possible rather than an incidental small number of attendees at one meeting
 - suggestion: lit committee approval, then present officers at WSO
 - google form for meeting reps to vote for approval or not
 - quorum
 - 2026 committee will start meeting monthly, will request to use the OSPA Recovery Zoom account
 - plan to create a literature committee email
 - Daily reader to send editable version to literature committee, secretary will coordinate
 - Current pdf for daily ready has old OSPA logo on it, caution to ask meetings not to use this image
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- **Reports from Special Committees:** None
- **Meeting Representative Updates**
 - Monday Recovery Behaviors meeting: no updates
 - Monday Living Abstinent AA Big Book Study:
 - Tuesday Meditation and Topic: no updates
 - Tuesday Meditation and Writing: no updates
 - Wednesday Topic or AA Lit Study:
 - Thursday Special Focus Body Dysmorphic Obsession:
 - Thursday Stepping Into the Solution: no updates
 - Friday Easy Does It:
 - Saturday Weekend Literature Study:
 - Saturday Good Morning Europe:
 - Sunday Topic or Speaker: no updates
 - Sunday In All Our Affairs:

4. Unfinished Business

- **Motion:** WSO Treasurer to create a spending plan for trademark application filings for the following: wordmark “Obsessive Skin Pickers Anonymous,” wordmark “OSPA,” design mark “OSPA full logo,” and design mark “O icon.”
 - **Intent:** Without a trademark, any person or organization could use the same name, acronym, or logo. This would lead to confusion about unofficial or third-party content. Registering OSPA’s name and logo helps make it clear that the website, literature, recovery chips, and other materials come from OSPA. Most 12-step fellowships have taken this action to support clarity and continuity in their message.
 - Motion seconded, discussion:
 - we have 4 items to trademark and we can do them in order of importance as recommended by intellectual property attorney consults
 - this is another thing that should be done or in motion before literature is approved
 - if this motion is approved, Treasurer and Tax and Legal will get together to create a plan and return with a motion or report for spending and moving forward with trademarking
 - Motion **amended** to: WSO Treasurer, Tax and Legal Committee, and Literature Committee to discuss a spending plan for trademark application filings for the following: wordmark “Obsessive Skin Pickers Anonymous,” wordmark “OSPA,” design mark “OSPA full logo,” and design mark “O icon.” These groups will return with a motion or report for spending and moving forward with trademarking.
 - Amended motion **passes** 7 yea, 1 abstain

5. New Business

- **Motion** to set aside \$25/mo for font fund until Oct 2028 at which point the fund will be revisited and WSO will decide what to do with money.
 - Oct 2028 marks the three year period after which legal action cannot be taken for use of the unlicensed font
 - Cathryn/treasurer will report back if this rate is no longer sustainable
 - motion **passes** 7 yea, 1 abstain
- **Motion:** I (Emily) move that the chip representatives destroy all chips containing the unlicensed font.
 - disclaimer: chip reps will explore alternative solutions for chips in the future, this is not the end of the use of chips at OSPA
 - “destroy” means throw away
 - original graphic designer Julie is willing to redesign chips
 - Motion **passes** 7 yea, 1 abstain

6. Closing

- The meeting closed with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer at 1:05 pm ET.
- **Next WSO Meeting Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025**