

INTERGROUP MINUTES

Saturday 2nd September 2017 (2-5pm)

The Boardroom, Lower Ground Floor, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW10 9NH

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		IG Reps	
Meeting Description	Name	Phone	Email
Greenwich Saturday am	Judy		
Wembley	Dee		
Clapham	Niamh		
Sutton	Charlotte		
Canterbury	John		
Chatham Monday	Alan		

Agenda items	Action Points
Meeting opened: 2.05pm by the Chair, Holly (temporary chair) followed by the serenity prayer and a moment of silence for the still suffering compulsive eater	
Readings Preamble: Rachael 12 Traditions: John; 12 Concepts: Charlotte; Purpose of Intergroup: Caroline; Healthy Intergroup: Mayu	
Introductions	

<p>Apologies Denise unable to be present Juliet sent apologies as she would be late attending.</p>	
<p>7th Tradition: £ 37.00</p>	
<p>Quorum: Quorum met (11). This was increased to 12 after Juliet arrived then after break went back to 11.</p>	
<p>Minute Approval</p>	<p>Action points</p>
<p>Corrections and Amendments: Page 1: Lee to be put on. Change email address: Page 2 Take out Juliet NSB, Stacey add this was in relation to social media position Page 3 Peter did not attend the meeting put in the chairs meeting of national service board . Change WSO to world service business conference wsbc. What was the result of debate Page 4 No amends Page 5: No amends Page 6 Rachael change Page 7 No amends Actions: The meeting moves to accept these minutes as an accurate record of the July 2017 SEE Intergroup meeting. Moved by: Mayu Seconded: Nita Motion adopted. Timekeeper: Rachael volunteered Matters Arising: Page 3: Rachael has not heard from Lee. Page 4: Nita has not emailed out Page 6: Caroline has taken this action forward however nil to feed back at present, in progress. Page 6: Mayu has sent info to IG reps and is awaiting responses.</p>	<p>Rec. Sec: Make agreed edits to July minutes</p>
<p>Officers' Reports</p>	<p><i>All Officer Reports appear in full in the Meeting Pack.</i></p>
<p>Chair: No questions Vice Chair: Not present as vacant post. No questions Executive Secretary: Not present as vacant post. No questions Recording Secretary: No questions Treasurer: Question: Asked about a unknown payment of £100.00 , Mayu recommends this is put down as an anonymous donation. Bank is taking time to process cheques. Can groups consider sending bank transfers as this is easier. Website Officer: No questions: Update: Rachael was advised the theme is now mobile friendly which it was not. Rachael is to continue updating the PDFs on the website from OA .org.</p>	

<p>Newsletter Officer: No questions</p> <p>National Assembly Delegate: No questions. No updates</p> <p>National Service Board Officer: No questions Rachael advised she loved the recordings now able to be heard on line. Juliet asked if anyone had put themselves forward for the board. No takers.</p> <p>World Service Buiness delegate report (Holly): Question: Judy asked about the bylaw amendment review and if it was related to what she had brought up previously and Holly advised "No"</p> <p>Region 9 Rep: No questions.</p> <p>Telephone Officer: No questions. Thanked Rachael for updating telephone list.</p>	
Agenda items -Officer Elections	Action Points
<p>Agenda 14.40: Officer Elections/Expression of Interest (30 minutes)</p> <p>Chair: No volunteer</p> <p>Vice Chair: No volunteer</p> <p>Executive Secretary: Nita put herself forward: seconded by Caroline. Service History given. Questions: Physical, Spiritual and emotional recovery discussed. Working the steps and has abstinence to meet the requirements.</p> <p>Vote: 7 yes, 4 no and 2 abstention</p> <p>Region 9 Delegate: Caroline put herself forward: Seconded by Juliet. Gave her service and recovery experience. Question: emotional, physical and spiritual recovery. Rachael asked if this would be ok alongside her current post and it was agreed yes.</p> <p>Vote: 12 yes, 1, No, no abstentions.</p> <p>Social Media Officer NEW* : Discussion had as no job description:</p> <p>Vote: 9 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention: to look for volunteers to put together a job description. Caroline agreed to volunteer.</p> <p>Newcomer Greeter NEW*: This was not voted on today.</p> <p>National assembly delegate: Holly raised this needed to be voted on today if group conscience agrees. Rachael proposed it was and was seconded by Caroline. 11 yes, and 1 no</p> <p>Juliet put herself forward and was seconded by Rachael. Juliet shared her emotional, physical and spiritual recovery.</p> <p>Vote: 13 yes. No abstentions or No's</p>	<p>Caroline will complete a job description</p> <p>Nita will put an email out to all IG stating the urgency and concerns about service positions. Including the social media officer position.</p>

Volunteers to work on projects:

Convention: Rachael updated: We have not had a committee meeting this will be on the 28th October. So no changes to report, the venue is booked. 6-10 in the committee. Confirmed that IG reps can take this to groups for any volunteers.

Grassroots project: Mayu has fed back no changes to report. Caroline asked about the team behind the project, Mayu reports she has 5 members at present:

Public Information (Other professionals): This was dropped at the last meeting.

Service Workshops: Nita gave feedback that there has been no progress at present.

Card in the Community: Dee updated that she had no feedback from emails sent out so no group behind this current project and Dee is now stepping down from IG. No volunteers to take a lead.

Holly will ask at Region 9 about what happens if we do not have an IG and are planning the assembly for 2018.

All members present to go back to their local groups and really promote the service position.

Intergroup policy regarding paying group rent arrears (15 minutes)

The Saturday morning Chelsea and Westminster group asked the IG Treasurer to pay rent arrears due as the 7th Tradition pot is missing. The IG Treasurer wants to discuss with IG members if OASEIIG can provide financial assistance to pay off group debt.

Action: Mayu will bring more details to the IG meeting to facilitate the discussion of policy.

Mayu shared the group who were in need have found the treasurer and they are now financially ok however looking at a healthy meeting.

Judy shared there is a room available for meetings in Tottenham Court road dedicated to 12 step meeting cost £10-£30 per hour.

Break : (20 MINUTES) Back at 15.55pm.

Holly asked about outgoing officer positions in November;

General discussion about concerns that we have no key officers and no one planning to stand for these in November.

Holly agreed to Chair next meeting in November

Update on issues discussed at last IG (15 mins)

- Having fewer topics on the IG agenda : UPDATE: NIL
- More time for discussion: Could AOB be longer and could we have less topics so we are not rushing through.
- Changing IG structure e.g. less formal, no executive committee.
- Alternative venue for IG meetings.
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Rachael will create the Agenda for the next meeting

Agenda to be sent to all officers before going to IG

Any Other Business (15 minutes)

This is time for reps and officers to raise any issues or concerns which have not been addressed at the meeting so far, or to ask for an issue to be added to a future intergroup agenda

Juliet will take minutes in November.

Judy asked for a view on a proposal Greenwich would like to put forward to change wording to bylaw: from "their own definition" to "current, continuous abstinence". Discussed, general consensus was yes this would be a good plan.

Judy to share the corrected Proposal and send to Nita for the 30 days to be shared with IG reps, by 2.10.17

Nita has been contacted by Pleshey Retreat Committee they have asked for us to endorse their retreat. Rachael **Proposed this , seconded by** Caroline.

Vote: unanimous that we endorse the retreat.

Chair had an email from Caledonian intergroup,
The following was circulated by Caledonian Intergroup to all of their affiliated groups at the end of June 2017

FAO all group reps
 Please could you bring this email to the attention of all of those attending your meetings.

A number of OA members have contacted intergroup to raise concerns about advice and suggestions received from OA sponsors or other OA members. Some of the advice/suggestions may not be in keeping with OA traditions and policies, principles.

The specific points referred to IG include OA members being advised that in order to consider themselves abstinent that they should stop taking prescription medication, stop drinking alcohol and cut out caffeine; as well as being advised only to contact specific members and only to attend specific meetings

If you have any concerns or questions in relation to the above please get in touch.

General consensus at this IG was it had not been heard. Discussion on how we share this and it was agreed IG reps to share at their meetings.

IG reps to share this within their groups.

Next meeting: Saturday 4 th November. Reports to be with Nita by 04.10.17. Agenda Pack to be sent out 10.10.17.	
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Deadline for Officer reports:04.10.17 **Distribution of next agenda pack:** 10.10.17

Glossary: Common abbreviations used in our documents

AOB	Any other business	OASEE	OA South and East England
GSR	General Service Representative (same as IR)	OASEE IG	OA South and East England Intergroup
IG	Intergroup	PI	Public Information
IR	Intergroup Representative (same as GSR)	PO	Professional Outreach
MP	Meeting Pack	R9	Region 9 (Europe, Africa & Middle East)
MS	Meeting Summary	TSW	Twelfth Step Within
NSB	National Service Board	WSO	World Service Office
NA	National Assembly	WSBC	World Service Business Conference
OAGB	OA Great Britain		

Useful website links

www.oasouthandeastengland.org.uk (Our IG website) www.oagb.org.uk (Our national website)
www.oa.org (The WSO website)