AUGUST MINUTES

OC Intergroup Body Meeting

Wednesday August 12, 2026, 7:00 PM

Opening - Call to Order -Serenity Prayer – Meeting called to order by Mike M. at 7:01 PM

Welcome to the Body meeting of the Orange County Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous

1. **Readings:**
   - ***a.*** **Twelve Traditions – Gabriel**
   - ***b.*** **Statement of Purpose - Scott**
   - ***c.*** **Tradition Presentation –Tradition 8 - Luis**
   - ***d.*** **Volunteer - Tradition 9 for September - Luis**
   - ***e.*** **Concept Presentation – Concept 8 - Jim**
   - ***f.*** **Volunteer – Concept 9 for September - Ariel**
   - ***g.*** **Pamphlet Presentation – Richard –** ***Young People in AA***
   - ***h.*** **Volunteer – Pamphlet Presentation for September - Josh-** ***Is AA for You?***
2. **Mike - Board Member Roll Call**

   Present –Vice Chair - Mike M., Secretary – Terri L., Treasurer - Ryan H., Lifeline - Matt D., Group Relations- Josh; Technology-Ian S., Special Events-C.J. D., Public Information - Brittany H., Central Office Liaison – Nichole R.; Central Office Manager - Skip K**.**

   Absent – Chair-Mikayla

3. **Josh O. Group Relations - Introduction of new reps and other attendees.**

   Brandon – The AA Way of Life in Mission Viejo, Mondays at 7:00pm; Jennifer – Zoom "Grit & Grace on Tuesdays at 5:00pm; Joseph - San Clemente Men's Big Book Study, Friday 7:00pm; Jeff -Living Sober Speaker Meeting on Saturday 8:00pm Laguna Beach St. Mary's Episcopal Church; Dave – Men's Keep it Simple Book Study, Monday 7:30pm in Huntington Beach; Darrin – Charter Men's Stag in Rancho Santa Margarita, Mondays 7:00pm; Kayla / Mana – Wild Bunch Women's in Costa Mesa on Tuesday at 7:00pm; Ariel – Sunday Night Speaker Meeting of Orange in Orange at 7:00pm; Gabriel – Laguna Woods, Sundays at 7:00pm

   - ***a.*** **GSR Liaisons –** Dolly-District 12; Scott-District 5
   - ***b.*** **H&I Liaison-**

c. **Visitors and Guests –** none

4. **Approval of July 2026 Meeting Minutes**

   1st – Effie 2nd – Joe

5. **Old Business - None**

6. **New Business**

   a. **The body meeting for September will be held on September 2nd (1st Wednesday of the month rather than the 2nd Wednesday).**

   b. **We need to vote in a new Public Information Chair. A minimum of five years of sobriety is required.**

   No nominations from the floor were heard for the position. Mike asks reps to consider whether they or perhaps someone they know would be willing to fill the position.

5. Service Board Reports -

a. **Chair:** Mikayla T. – Absent

b. **Vice Chair:** Mike M. – The bylaws need an amendment. Our current bylaws mandate that a financial *review* be performed every year except every 5th year when a financial *audit* must be performed. In reviewing our records, we found that there has not been a financial audit performed since 2014 although a financial review has been performed every year.

Mike consulted previous board members and could find no documentation to explain why the audits were stopped. It is presumed that the expense was too high (financial reviews are approximately $11k per year while an audit is over $25k) and it may be that previous boards did not know the bylaws or felt that a financial review was sufficient.

At any rate, our present financial position is such that an audit would be an extraordinary expense. The board discussed this and concluded that for now, a yearly financial review should be sufficient unless or until such time as an audit is deemed necessary.

Mike will therefore draft a revision to Article 10, Section 5 of our bylaws to reflect our current practice of requiring yearly financial reviews, leaving verbiage that allows for a financial audit if future boards deem it necessary. He will bring the this to the next body meeting where it must be seconded by at least two people and if it passes, the reps will bring it to their meetings for a vote.

c. **Secretary:** Terri L. Minutes for the most recent Intergroup Body Meeting are usually posted within one week after the meeting on the OC-AA.org website under *Member Services-Central Office-Intergroup Docs*

d. **Treasurer:** Ryan H. – Ryan highlights a few items on the financials. Donations are up in July about $3600 over July 2025. We have paid approximately half of our financial review.

Question: *How do Zoom meeting donations compare with in-person meetings?*

Answer – There are approximately 1500 in-person meetings in OC every month. Of these, approximately 18% have contributed this year. For Zoom meetings, only about 5-6% contribute. **All meetings that contribute are published in the Lifeline.**

Question: In Jan-Jun 2025 there was a balancing adjustment on the P&L of ~$588

Answer – Skip will check the books and answer that.

e. **Lifeline:** Matt D.- Encourages all to pick up Lifelines in either of the Central Offices. Volunteers are needed to join Intergroup committees to help spread the message. Check the Zoom information in the Lifeline to join any of the following committees-Public Information, Special Events, Lifeline, Technology, or Group Relations and see where you can help.

Oct 1st there will be a special Zoom event on how to write an article for the Lifeline. It will be held immediately after the Lifeline committee meeting – meeting info is in the Lifeline.

As always, the Lifeline is looking for people to submit an article, sobriety stories, poems, art, photos, etc. Contact Matt (*LifelineCommittee@oc-aa.org*) or the Lifeline editor (*oclifelineeditor@gmail.com*) for any submissions.

f. **Public Information: Brittany –** Brittany and her team just wrapped up the information booth at the fair. A survey will be sent to the fair volunteers for feedback.

Brittany asks for volunteers to join the PI committee. She holds a monthly meeting – please join if you can help. Zoom info is in the Lifeline,

g. **Group Relations: Josh** – Group Relations committee meets the 3rd Wed of every month at 7:00pm on Zoom. Check the Lifeline for Zoom information. If you have ideas or can help encourage meetings to have an Intergroup rep, please consider joining the committee.

h. **Central Office Liaison – Nichole R. -**Central Office could use your help! Volunteers are needed to answer phones at Central Office and after-hours. Stop by Central Office at 1526 Brookhollow Drive #75 in Santa Ana if you can help.

Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:

Monday 12pm-3:00pm

Tuesday 9:00am-12:00pm, 12:00pm-3:00pm

Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm, 12:00pm-3:00pm;

Friday - 9:00am-12:00pm, 12:00pm-3:00pm (2 spots); 3:00pm-5:00pm.

i. **Office Manager:** Skip K. – Skip is asking for volunteers – it is difficult to handle the 12-step calls while also managing the office. There are often times when no one is in the office but him.

j. **Special Events:** C.J. D. – C.J. will be coordinating another bowling event for the fellowship in November. He will prepare a flyer to bring to the next meeting and it will be published in the Lifeline as well.

k. **Technology:** No report. If you are interested in joining the Technology committee, please join Ian on his Zoom committee meeting held the first Monday of every month at 6:00pm. Check the Lifeline for Zoom info.

3. AA Related Announcements:

Karen - Woman to Woman San Diego is coming up next month. The flyer is in the Lifeline.

Jennifer - The GSR summer event is August 22 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Lake Park. There will be music, games, dancing, food, speakers and more. Come join the fun.

4. Motion to close meeting: 1st – Frank 2nd – Scott **Motion passed**

5. Closing - Responsibility Statement - *I Am Responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that, I am responsible*.

NEXT INTERGROUP BODY MEETING -

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 7:00 PM

Norma Hertzog Community Center

1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa

New Reps Orientation 6:30 pm