OCTOBER MINUTES

OC Intergroup Body Meeting

Wednesday October 13, 2026, 7:00 PM

Opening - Call to Order -Serenity Prayer – Meeting called to order by Mikayla T. at 7:02 PM

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

1. **Readings:**
   - ***a.*** **Twelve Traditions – Richard**
   - ***b.*** **Statement of Purpose - Scott**
   - ***c.*** **Tradition Presentation –Tradition 10 - Rodney**
   - ***d.*** **Volunteer - Tradition 11 for November - Skip**
   - ***e.*** **Concept Presentation – Concept 10 - Dolly**
   - ***f.*** **Volunteer – Concept 11 for November - Joey**
   - ***g.*** **Pamphlet Presentation – Andrea -** ***Hispanic Women in AA***
   - ***h.*** **Volunteer – Pamphlet Presentation for November – Richard –** ***Inside AA***
2. **Mikayla - Board Member Roll Call**

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

   Absent – None
3. **Josh O. Group Relations - Introduction of new reps and other attendees.**

   Carrie B. Mission Viejo Thursday 7:30pm "Stand by the Door-Step and Tradition Workshop"

   Walker M. Huntington Beach Sat 7:30pm "Newcomer Men's Stag"

   Michael M. Newport Beach Sat 5:30pm "S.A.C. up- Speaker Meeting"

   Joeseph G. Newport Beach Friday 12:15pm "Business Men's Stag"

   Brian B. Laguna Beach Canyon Club Sat 7:30pm "Saturday Night Speakers Meeting"

   Joey P. Orange Saturday 7pm "Visiting Speakers"

   Gary C. Tustin Tues 7pm "Tustin Big Book Study"

   David S. Laguna Hills Sunday 7pm "Legacies Group speaker Meeting"

   Brett K. Mission Viejo Monday 7pm "The AA Way of Life"

GSR Liaisons – Dolly-District 12; Scott-District 5**;** Molly District 6

H&I Liaison - Nichole

Visitors and Guests – none

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

   1st – Eric 2nd – Brian

5. **Old Business**

   a. **Brandon was voted in last month as the new Public Information chair**

6. **New Business**

   a. **The Intergroup body meeting for November will be on Nov. 18 (3rd Wednesday)**

   The Norma Hertzog center where we meet is not available to us for our normal meeting week.

   b. **Voting on the proposed bylaw change**

   Current verbiage: Article X. Section 5. Audits. The accounts of the Intergroup Association shall be audited every 5 years, with a review done every year in between. The audit shall be conducted by a Certified Public Accountant.

   Proposed verbiage: Article X. Section 5. Audits and Financial Reviews. The accounts of the Intergroup Association shall be reviewed every year by a Certified Public Accountant. An audit may be conducted instead of a financial review if it is deemed necessary by a majority vote of the board.

   In attendance - 71 voting members (quorum of 40 satisfied)

   Results of vote:

   In favor: 39 Opposed: 12

   Motion passed (76% in favor; 2/3 majority was necessary)

   c. **Nominations for the board**

   The 2027 Intergroup Board members will serve from December, 2026 through November, 2027. The board will have 3 vacancies and we need two additional to serve as alternates.

   The following nominations have been received:

   Dave (self-nominated)

   Luis (self-nominated)

   Ashley (self-nominated)

   Brian (nominated by another member)

   Madi (self-nominated)

   d. **Nominations from the floor will be heard at the November 18th body meeting as well**

   e. **Huge thank you to all the groups that contribute to Central Office**

6. Service Board Reports -

a. **Chair:** Mikayla T. –

b. **Vice Chair:** Mike M. – No additional report

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*

Treasurer: Ryan H. – Ryan thanks all the groups that contribute.

Ryan gave a recap of our financial situation. We need between 25-30k in revenues to keep operations going. Revenues consist of contributions as well as literature sales. Revenues year-to-date are slightly higher this year at this time than last year at this time, however contributions have dropped in the last two months. In August, contributions were approximately 18k; in September, they were about 19k.

Over the last couple of years, the board has not had a budget but one was developed this year by one of the board members. This budget projects a loss of <u>at least</u> 15k if current trends continue. The reasons for this deficit include a drop in literature of about 8K, increased employee-related expenses of about 11K for salaries and benefits, operating cost increases of about $3400 which include a rent increase and some other minor expenses.

So, if our literature sales are down and contributions do not increase, we cannot keep pace with the increased spending. We will need to consider how to cut expenses. Some of the largest expenses we will consider include reducing employee-related costs, ceasing printing of the Lifeline, or maybe closing an office. None of this has been discussed at length by board yet, but we must take some measures so we can keep serving the public.

Increasing revenues through fundraisers will also be considered.

We are not yet below our prudent reserve minimum of 4 months of operating expenses, but if we have a few more months like this, we will be.

d. **Lifeline: Matt** – 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. Pick up copies of the Lifeline at your nearest Central Office.

Contact Matt (*LifelineCommittee@oc-aa.org*) or the Lifeline editor (*oclifelineeditor@gmail.com*) for any submissions.

e. **Public Information: Brandon** – there is a Zoom committee meeting on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm. (see Lifeline for Zoom information). Brandon needs volunteers to help him carry the message about what AA is and how it can help those who are suffering, and to

keep our fellowship informed about events and service opportunities. Please consider joining the committee. You can reach Brandon via email at *publicinformationcommittee@oc-aa.org*

f. **Group Relations: Josh** – Thanks the many new intergroup reps attending this month. We need your voices in the fellowship. Josh needs people to join the Group Relations Committee—we cannot carry the message alone. Josh thanks Joey P. for being a committee member. The 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!

g. **Central Office Liaison – Nichole R. -**Thanks all the groups who contribute—you help us carry the message.

Open House – Central Office is hosting an **Open House on Saturday, November 14 from 11:00am to 3:00pm**. There will be a 50-50 raffle, games and more! Please join us.

We need volunteers at Central Office and after-hours to answer phones. No experience required—they will train you. Just stop by Central Office if you can help.

Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:

Tuesday 3:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesday 3:00pm-5:00pm

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

Friday - 12:00pm-3:00pm; 3:00pm-5:00pm.

h. **Office Manager:** Skip K. – no report

i. **Special Events:** C.J. D. – C.J. has scheduled another bowling event for the fellowship on November 1st at Irvine Lanes from 12:30-2:00pm. The cost is $25 for bowling, pizza, soda and bowling shoes. **Everyone is welcome! Call or text C.J. at 234-380-9304 to secure your reservation.** Get some other groups involved! If you know of a meeting that doesn't have an Intergroup rep, this is a great time to get them involved. Flyer in the Lifeline.

j. **Technology:** We need to spread awareness of Intergroup and Central Office to keep our offices open. We do not want to miss our opportunity to reach the public and help those who suffer. With 1200 meetings in Orange County, we should be able to make this happen.

Ian is using AI to build a target map for areas that have low Intergroup participation to encourage them to join. Contact Ian if you can visit a meeting near you that does not have an Intergroup rep, or if you are interested in joining the Technology Committee.

Check the Lifeline for Zoom info.

3. AA Related Announcements:

Dolly – District 12 – AA Grapevine is raising their prices in January, 2027. Book prices will increase $2 per book; subscriptions are going up about $10. Dolly has many Grapevine titles that members might not be aware of. Stop by either of the Central Offices to pick one up.

4. Motion to close meeting: 1st – Scott 2nd - Stephanie **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, November 18, 2026 7:00 PM

Norma Hertzog Community Center

1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa

New Reps Orientation 6:30 pm