

## St. Louis Bi-State Intergroup Minutes

### Annual Business Conference

November 8, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

**Open:** The meeting was called to order by IG Chair, Dianne S. at 1:30 p.m.

**Communications:** Meeting was held via ZOOM due to Illinois and Missouri state-wide restrictions on large gatherings due to viral covid-19 pandemic precautions. Members were instructed on meeting ID and Password via email.

**Readings:** Serenity Prayer, The Twelve Steps, Tradition 11 and 12, Concept 11 and 12

**Welcome:** 22 members total were in attendance; all via ZOOM. Six BOT members, two committee chairs, one R4 representative, 13 IG representatives.

**Minutes:** October 11, 2020 IG minutes were distributed via email for review prior to the meeting. Correction of name for Eileen M. noted and minutes updated as suggested. Minutes were accepted with the noted correction made.

**Reports:** Reports from PI Chair and Treasurer were distributed via email for review prior to the meeting. Elizabeth C. offered verbal update as Operations Administrator on the latest meeting information has been distributed to all IG reps and is considered as most current information. Please refer group members to this list regarding meeting information. Written report to follow. One question to PI Chair regarding abbreviation used in the report as "FTD." Melanie T. clarified abbreviation stands for First Twelve Days in regards to the WSO newest publication of Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days. No further questions/comments were posed from representatives regarding reports.

**Seventh Tradition and Roll Call:** Participants were documented and signed in by Operations Administrator. Representatives were encouraged to be responsible to contribute for Seventh Tradition at <https://oaregion4.org/stlouisoa/contribute>. Encouragement to continue the positive trend in donations.

### New Business: 2020 Annual Business Conference

Elizabeth C. confirmed the official voting body to be at 22 members. Members were informed each person would be allowed only one vote regardless of the number of groups they represent or service positions held in conjunction with representation of a group. Members were instructed to vote via Zoom function of participant tab OR if joining via phone, members could vote by texting their vote to IG Chair. Dianne S. shared her phone number to enable texting to her as Chair.

Logistics issue of keeping the vote for service positions confidential from the nominee was resolved by electronically placing the nominee in a "voting wait room" during the actual count. Votes were cleared by the host of the meeting once ballots were tabulated and before the nominee returned to the meeting.

Cyndy L and Christina D shared responsibility of hosting the meeting and providing anonymity of members during the service position voting process.

Cyndy L served as parliamentarian over the business meeting.

J-MO served as timekeeper.

- **Service Position Applications:** Each nominee submitted an application for the positions available. Applications were distributed to all representatives prior to meeting. Each nominee was allowed 2-minutes to speak to the body regarding desire to give service. IG representatives were offered opportunity to ask questions of the nominee before voting.

- Nominations for IG Board Positions (Requires simple majority for election-12 or more votes)
  - Vice Chair-Christina D. Majority obtained. Elected.
  - Treasurer-Marina F. Majority obtained. Elected.
  - Public Information Officer-Melanie T. Majority obtained. Elected.
- Nominations for Service Positions (Requires simple majority for election-12 or more votes)
  - Newsletter Chair-JMO. Majority obtained. Elected.
  - World Service Delegate-Cyndy L. Majority obtained. Elected.
- Bylaw and Policy Updates: Motions to change bylaws and policies were submitted and distributed to all IG members in accordance with the current bylaw/policy change protocol. Members received motions via email on September 17, 2020 for review.
  - Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees reviewed the submitted motions and determined motion(s) 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were of no significant change of practice by IG. (See appendix for description of each motion). The contents of the motions were considered routine language updates or noncontroversial matters. The chair explained all voting members were allowed to request any motion on the consent agenda to be removed and considered separately. (Two-thirds vote required for adoption-15 votes).
    - The voting body was asked to review the motions on consent agenda and to offer any objections. Consent agenda approved with no objections.
  - Motion 2 was presented by Melanie T as maker of the proposal. Chair requested members to speak against the motion. Hearing no con comments, Christina D spoke in favor of the changes as submitted. Chair requested members to speak con to the motion, without response from the body. Chair requested to bring forth any questions and none were brought forward. Chair asked to proceed with voting. Motion 2 passed with greater than two-thirds approval from the voting body.
  - Bylaws and Policy/Procedure manuals will be updated by secretary to reflect the new motions as passed.

#### **Other New Business:**

- November is month of Gratitude. Members were encouraged to remind groups to either hold group conscience to determine if the group chooses to send a group donation to IG or if members will donate individually. Donations must be clearly labeled for Gratitude Month via website at <https://oaregion4.org/stlouisoa/contribute> or mailing to the OA post box.
- New 2021 Bylaws and Policy/Procedure Manual will be emailed to all IG reps in January. Manuals will also be available on the St. Louis Bi-State Intergroup web page.
- Also, expected in January is a workgroup session devoted to training new intergroup representatives or persons interested in this service.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Virtual Meeting Information:** IG reps were requested to inquire with groups about publishing ID and Passwords for Zoom meetings from last IG meeting. Representatives expressed readiness to vote on the proposed change to the meeting list posted on St. Louis OA.
  - IG reps voted 19 for and 3 against the motion to post ID and Passwords. The groups voting against the motion were instructed to contact Elizabeth C. as Operations Administrator to have their groups' information withheld from the list.

- IG reps voted 21 for and 1 against the motion to relay this information on to Region 4 for posting on their website. The group voting against the motion was instructed to contact Elizabeth C. as Operations Administrator to have the group's information withheld from the Region 4 website.
- Chair directed each group to enter comments on the World OA website about their meeting Zoom information if the group desires to publicize this information.
- **Outcome of Contacting Representatives not attending IG meetings:** Dianne S. reported many of the representatives were contacted, although some did not respond to voice messages left to return calls. There were a variety of reasons for the reps not attending although the meeting has been made accessible to all since changing to a completely virtual platform. She confirmed all representatives registered with the St. Louis Bi-State Area receive the same advance notifications in preparation for upcoming meetings. IG will continue to reach out to these meeting representatives and encourage attendance.
- **Chair requested any announcements from groups.** No comments from representatives were reported.
- **Literature Maintained in Storage:** Marilyn F. reported there is an accurate account of all literature in stock, thanks to Carol H for this work. Latest release from OA, Body Image, Relationships, and Sexuality is available from Marilyn. Thanks to Marilyn for the service of delivering literature as she arranges with those requesting to purchase items on hand. Marilyn will track the stock of literature and make bulk orders to WSO to maintain a minimum amount as previously agreed upon by BOT.

#### **Review of Information to Announce to Groups:**

- Change of address reminder, St. Louis Bi-State Area Intergroup, PO Box 28882, St. Louis, MO 63123
- Consider additional donation to IG for Gratitude Month
- November 21, 2020 2:00-3:30 pm Training workshop based on new release from WSO- Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days. Registration on website
- Thanksgiving Day meetings
  - 7 am St. Charles Meeting Contact Susan T at 314-283-0204 for details
  - 9 am Clayton Early Bird Meeting Zoom ID: 538 040 418 Password: 0024778
- December 5, 2020 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Annual Holiday Booster
- December 10, 2020 1:00 pm BOT meeting to discuss 2021 budget. All members welcome. Contact any BOT member for information to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m. with the OA Promise

#### **Next Intergroup Meeting**

**Sunday, January 10, 2021 1:30 p.m.**

**Platform via ZOOM. Communications to follow.**

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#### Appendix

##### Bylaw Motions

- **Article III** (Proposal 1) Address-Update to current address since close of physical office. **(Consent Agenda-Passed by two-thirds of voting body)**
- **Article XII** (Proposal 2) Board of Trustees, Section 2, Term of Office-Strike Letter C. **Passed by two-thirds of voting body.**

##### Policy and Procedure Motions

- **Section A** (Proposal 3) Duties of The Intergroup-Strike bullet point to maintain a stock of Overeaters Anonymous literature. **(Consent Agenda-Passed by two-thirds of voting body)**
- **Section I** (Proposal 4) Intergroup Committees-Strike bullet point Office Volunteer Chair since closing of physical office. **(Consent Agenda-Passed by two-thirds of voting body)**
- **Section L** (Proposal 5) Duties of Secretary-Strike bullet point to write monthly newsletter article since not current practice. **(Consent Agenda-Passed by two-thirds of voting body)**
- **Section O** (Proposal 6) Duties of Operations Administrator-Strike and add bullet points 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13 to reflect current practice. **(Consent Agenda-Passed by two-thirds of voting body)**
- **Section P** (Proposal 7) Duties of the Business Manager-Strike and add bullet point to read Operations Procedure Manual since closing of physical office. **(Consent Agenda-Passed by two-thirds of voting body)**
- **Section U** (Proposal 8) Duties of Newsletter Chair-Strike and add bullet point 1 to read May recruit and bullet point 2 to read Board of Trustees to reflect current practice. **(Consent Agenda-Passed by two-thirds of voting body)**
- **Section Y** (Proposal 9) Duties of Office Volunteer Chair-Strike all. No office volunteer is needed since close of physical office. **(Consent Agenda-Passed by two-thirds of voting body)**