

## St. Louis Bi-State Area Intergroup Meeting

Sunday July 11, 2021 1:30-3:00 pm \*sign in 10 minutes early for instructions on Zoom

**Note New Permanent Zoom Meeting ID ZOOM MEETING ID: 940 5580 8391 PASSWORD: Serenity**

**Note New Telephone password By Telephone: 312-626-6799 password 75183374**

**Opening:** Serenity Prayer, read 12 Steps, read Tradition 7, read Concept 7

**Welcome:** New Intergroup Representatives (you may stay on Zoom at the conclusion and Dianne will do a brief orientation) and visitors

**Minutes:** Review and approve, June 13, 2021 minutes

**Reports:** You've received reports via e-mail from several Chairpersons and Committees

IG Chair                                      IG Vice Chair                                      IG Operations Administrator                      IG Treasurer

IG Public Information Chair              Literature Chair                                      Newsletter

Webmaster                                      World Service Reps                                      Region 4 Reps

Are there any questions? Are there any Chair or Committee reports not previously e-mailed?

**Seventh Tradition Collection and Roll Call:** Our Treasurer has reminded us that since we are not meeting in person, IG Reps and the additional members who attend our IG meetings are asked to mail our IG meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations to the New IG mailing address or donate on the website. Be sure to clearly mark that these are IG Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions. Our group number is **09029**.

Elizabeth will mark you present on the sign in sheet. New Reps please email [info@stlouisoa.org](mailto:info@stlouisoa.org) your contact information – Name, mailing address, phone, email, your group's WSO # (found on the Where and When). Are there any changes in your contact information? Also, any changes to your group's meeting information may be e-mailed to [info@stlouisoa.org](mailto:info@stlouisoa.org)

**Intergroup Reps:** Any news or announcements from your group? How may we help your group?

**New Business:**

- **New Save the Date: August 21, Saturday a Super Saturday is being planned by our St. Charles, Thursday Morning meeting, theme -World Sponsorship Awareness Day.**
- **Your Service Board of Trustees met in June to discuss staying with the Zoom Meeting format for our Intergroup Meetings. We reached a consensus to recommend to the IG voting body that we remain a Zoom Meeting for the remainder of 2021. Please take a few minutes before our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to consider your opinion in this matter. Vote by IG voting body.**
- **It is with gratitude for her service, that our Intergroup accepts Melanie T's resignation as a Region 4 Representative. In accordance with our Bylaws Article X Section 2: A, nominations will be accepted to fill this short-term vacancy until our next annual Bi-State Conference on November 14, 2021. Please recall that Region 4's Fall Assembly is October 1-2 and it would be great to have three Reps attending this important function. Please prayerfully consider this service and get nominations in by the end of August so we may have a special election at our Sept. 12 IG meeting.**

**Old Business:**

- **Open Service Positions in November:** It's not too early to start thinking about how **you can join our Intergroup service team**. We all are responsible to **Carry the Message**, service helps us bring the

Twelfth Step into action. Plus, we have fun and enrich our fellowship experience and expand our **RECOVERY** working together! Nominations are being accepted for IG Chairperson, IG Secretary, IG Operations Administrator, Region 4 Representatives (5 openings), WSBC Delegate (2 openings). Nomination forms for all service positions are available on the Webpage, [www.stlouisoa.org](http://www.stlouisoa.org) Please submit nomination forms to [chair@stlouisoa.org](mailto:chair@stlouisoa.org) by October 30, 2021.

- **Our Bi-State Annual Fall Retreat**, a virtual event. We welcome any suggestions/feedback about to form a committee for this event and/or if we should continue to pursue this event.

#### **Workgroup: More Brainstorming and Discussion**

- In May and June, we brainstormed how to more effectively carry the message. Let's take a minute to review what our Intergroup service body has accomplished:
  - creating awareness of OA with four months of a terrific Billboard on I-44 near Big Bend Blvd., and over a year's presence on social media.
  - Twelfth Step Within (carrying the message to members and groups) has featured a terrific, expanded pages Newsletter; an up-to-date Webpage; several virtual events – Unity Day Super Sunday (MWF Early Bird Group in February), Super Sunday Recovery during Covid (Abstinence First Group in April), Annual Convention (Saturday Webster Groves Group in May) with more to come in August, October and December; a revised, comprehensive Where & When; a cell phone for telephone inquiries staffed by terrific volunteers; plus our numerous groups whose members have pulled together and adapted so valiantly during covid to support one another and welcome newcomers; and last, but by no means least, our IG team who work tirelessly to keep us together as a comprehensive unit.
- Brainstorming: How can we bring carrying the message objectives, goals and actions to meeting/group and personal levels? This is Twelfth Step Within. Suggestions and discussion from last 2 months.
  - Refresh meeting formats, there are ideas at [oa.org](http://oa.org), or how about a Question and Answer meeting or Ask it Basket, members like the opportunity to have their questions answered.
  - Recovery from Relapse meetings are needed, people in relapse need that personal touch. Formats are available at [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).
  - Have another ongoing Been Slipping and Sliding Study Group. Formats are available at [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).
  - Host a Sponsorship Workshop, materials available at [oa.org](http://oa.org) and people are available to lead or speak.
  - There is a Where Do I Start brochure for newcomers and Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers First Twelve Days guide. Ask IG to speak/give a mini-workshop about these at your meeting.
  - Reach out to small groups, ask them to join your groups Zoom or telephone meeting, and/or get volunteers from your group to go to their meeting. Tell them about what's going on at our Intergroup. Are they getting the emailed information? Flyers? If not, why not?
  - Reproduce sections of Twelfth Step Within Workbook in the Newsletter (need permission from WSO to do this)
  - Work on the Outreach Directory (speaker/sponsor list). The Outreach Directory was redistributed to all IG Reps before the June meeting. Feedback from Reps and their groups:
    - Directory is definitely worthwhile and volunteers should continue to update it.
    - But, it becomes outdated fairly quickly.
    - Some members who used the Directory did not get response from the persons listed.

- Needs an improved format, headers on each page, indicate if person accepts/prefers texts.
- List members may not be responding to callers' unknown phone numbers.
- Include "plug" for Outreach Directory in meeting format.
- Do a Newsletter article about the Outreach Directory.
- Have a link on our Webpage to have Directory e-mailed on request.
- Highlight 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within material in the Newsletter.
- What are the actions we can take to turn these discussions/ideas into reality?

**Review:** What needs to be announced in home meetings?

- **The World Service 2021 Convention: Walking in the Sunlight: One Day at a Time is next MONTH -August 26-28. Register at [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org). It is being held at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World. Register by July 30<sup>th</sup> for the best price \$150, after that you'll have to wait in line to register and pay at the door \$170**
- **Save the Date!! The New Me and New Horizon groups are hosting a Super Saturday event, Saturday October 2 from 9:30am -12:00 pm, in conjunction with the Region 4 Assembly to take advantage of the availability of "out of town" speakers. It will be at the Drury Inn by the Airport. A flyer will be coming soon.**
- **Be Sure to continue asking Newcomers how they found out about OA and keep our IG informed. Thanks.**
- Our Newsletter committee needs articles for upcoming Newsletters, please ask your home group members to submit articles. Refer to the Newsletter Chair's Report for subject matter suggestions, submission deadlines, etc.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

***\*\*Next Intergroup Meeting –Sunday September 12, 2021 at 1:30 pm\*\****

***On August 3, the Board of Trustees and any interested members will be reviewing the By-Laws and Policy and Procedures Manuals. Guests are invited to join via Zoom 940 5580 8391 password Serenity at 1:30 pm. Motions need to be prepared and submitted to IG reps and other IG voting members no less than 45 days (Sept 29) prior to the November 14, 2021 Annual St. Louis Bi-State Business Conference***