

Greater Pittsburgh OA Intergroup Zoom Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2025, Minutes taken by Sheree C.

Serenity Prayer

Reading of the Seventh Concept of OA Service

ANNIVERSARIES SINCE LAST GPI MEETING: Dee 14 years, Liv 2 years

ROLL CALL: (15 people present, 14 voting members)

3 Executive board: **Ro M.** (Chair), **Dee C.** (Treasurer), **Sheree C.** (Secretary)

4 Standing Chair(s)/Regional Reps/WSBC Delegates: **Debbie B.** (12 Step Within), **Liv S.** (Speakers), **Beth A.** (VOR Editor), **Tricia S.** (WSBC Delegate)

7 Reps: **Lynn W.** (Mon 7:30p Lower Burrell), **Linda C.** (Tue 7p Butler), **Janine C.** (Tue 7p Plum), **Jessica F.** (Thu 6p Bellevue), **Cinda B.** (Thu. 6p Meadville), **Shannon P.** (Sat 9a Zoom), **Christine S.** (Sat 10:30a Cranberry)

Jessica F. (Webmaster)(voting as Bellevue Rep)

1 Visitor: **Linda A.** (Guest)

MINUTES: Motion made/accepted to approve June minutes as submitted.

REPORTS (Executive Board): All officers' reports reviewed.

Chair (Ro M.): Report reviewed. Working on P&P and Bylaws rewrite in the Policy Committee. Looking for input on possible GPI reorganization. Requested R7 funds to help pay for transit advertising if possible, considering our cash flow situation. Storage locker security has been changed to make it more accessible.

Treasurer (Dee C.) Financial Facts report reviewed. Our YTD contributions are well below our projected contributions. We do have a generous unreserved fund, but are about \$60 per month below our budget expectations. Part of the difference could be related to the change in WSO's new contribution rate request. We are still looking at possibilities of investing the Scholarship Fund in a CD.

Secretary (Sheree C.): Report Reviewed. Bank duties have been postponed.

REPORTS (Standing Committee Chairs): All chairs' reports reviewed.

12th Step Chair (Debbie B.): Report Reviewed. Sponsorship workshop flyer is online. The committee is meeting in July for final preparations for the Sponsorship workshop.

Speaker's Bureau Chair (Liv S.): Report reviewed. Liv is continuing to look for a replacement for her position in October.

VOR Editor (Beth A): Report Reviewed. Q4 theme will be Responsibility Pledge. You can always submit in advance and don't need to wait until the deadline.

REPORTS (Other Trusted Servants): All trusted servants' reports reviewed.

Region 7 (Kristi K.): Report Reviewed.

WSBC (Tricia S.): Report reviewed.

Webmaster (Jessica F.): Report reviewed. Committee meetings are being heard about after the fact, and Jessica would like to know in advance so it is on the calendar. This also helps to show that we are an active, thriving intergroup.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Policy & Procedure Amendments:** The proposed amendments were distributed for review last month and voted on in the July GPI meeting. WSO has asked each intergroup to make sure that our Bylaws and PnP manual agree with their template. As a result, many items are being moved from one document to another.
 - Amendment 1: Update GPI Rep job description: Approved

- Amendment 2: Qualifications for positions moved to PnP: Approved
- Amendment 3: Roles & responsibilities for Executive Board per WSO template: Approved
- Amendment 4: Qualifications moved to PnP: Approved
- Amendment 5: Vice Chair Description moved and clarified: Approved
- Amendment 6: Updating the Secretary job description: Approved
- Amendment 7: Rules & Responsibilities of WSO & Regional Reps: Approved
- Amendment 8: Moving Region Rep qualifications to PnP: Approved
- Amendment 9: Rules & Responsibilities of WSO Delegate: Approved
- Amendment 10: Move WSO Delegates & Alternates to PnP: Approved
- **Bylaw Amendments:** Distributed in July for vote in August
 - #1 listing all the concepts, traditions and steps in the Bylaws
 - #2 Qualifications for groups to belong to GPI membership
 - #3 The role for each position is clarified
 - #4 The role for Executive Board members is clarified
 - #5 Where to find in PnP Manual
 - #6 Method of Elections, nominees should attend and will verify qualifications as outlined in PnP
 - #7 Executive Board Terms of Office
 - #8 Moving to a different location
 - #9 Notification through Email
 - #10 Move text to a different location
 - #11 Spell out duties for Regional Reps and WSO Delegates
 - #12 Term for Regional Reps and WSO Delegate (Different from other positions)
 - #13 Specifying role of Standing Committees
 - #14 Prudent Reserve is a minimum of 3 months expenses
 - #15 Notifications period of Bylaw Amendments
 - #16 Language should we dissolve Intergroup
 - #17 Trustee is assigned to Region 7
- **Organization Discussion:** What positions can be eliminated/scaled back/combined
 - At Region level, the 12th Step Within and Intergroup Renewal committees were combined into one.
 - Possibly make the Executive Board streamlined so they only meet a couple of times a year instead of monthly.
 - 12th Step Within dedicated to strengthening meetings in addition to meeting individual needs and members in relapse. Get meetings to host events. Retreat would be handled with an ad hoc committee.
 - Eliminate Speaker's Chair position.
 - VOR Editor could be changed to a social media coordinator responsible for an article every week or every two weeks. This would make for less reading at a time. Submissions would still be solicited.
 - We are not currently doing Outreach, and that could be omitted.
 - That would leave only 12 Step Within and a Media person: an Executive Board with three members and two chair positions.
 - Who would cover the Policy committee chair if we eliminate the vice Chair position remains in question..
 - These change proposals are due to a lack of volunteers to fill the existing positions.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - August 17: Sponsorship Workshop (Zoom)
 - August 30: Sat. 10:30a Castle Shannon will be holding a Slogans Workshop (Face to Face)
 - October 2: Thu 10a Aspinwall Anniversary (Zoom)
 - October 13: Mon 6:30p Sharpsburg 1st Anniversary (Face to Face)

- **Service Opportunities**

- Step up to a GPI service position (elections October 12, applications by September 15)
- Encourage your sponsees to participate in GPI (e.g., join a committee, be an IR for a meeting)
- Have your meeting sponsor a Recovery from Relapse event/12th Step Within committee (Contact Debbie B.)
- Participate in the team that will put on the Region 7 Convention in November (Contact Kristi K. or Linda A.)
- Join our Speakers List (Contact Liv S.)
- Region 7 is looking for a treasurer. Reach out to Krisi K. for more information.

- **Other Issues & Concerns:**

- 7th Tradition request for GPI meetings. Please consider making such a contribution.
- Treasurer suggested that Intergroup meeting donations go entirely to GPI.
- Region 7 Journal for one lucky attendee. This month's winner was Liv S.

A FOLLOW-UP EMAIL WILL BE SENT WITH ITEMS TO TAKE BACK TO MEETINGS

Meeting adjourned with OA Responsibility Pledge.

Next Meeting: August 3, 2025, 2-3:30pm, same Zoom info.