

Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes October 10, 2021

Attendees: Anne H., Beth C., Carol Ch., Donna G., Gwen G., Louise, Marlene B., Mary I., Rob R., and Sean R.

Board Reports

1. Chair's Report

WMass OA Intergroup will hold nominations for 2022 officers at the November 14, 2021 meeting. The positions to fill and the requirements for each are as follows:

- Chair - Must be working the Twelve steps, Traditions, and Concepts of OA, have 6 months of abstinence (each individual defines abstinence for self).
- Vice Chair – same
- Treasurer – same
- Recording Secretary– same
- Corresponding Secretary– same
- Archivist– same
- Website Committee Chair – same
- Publications and Communications Coordinator - same
- Region 6 Representatives (we are allowed four, currently have 2) – same
- World Service Business Conference Representatives (we can have as many as we can fund to attend, currently have one.) Must be working the Twelve steps, Traditions, and Concepts of OA, have 1 year of abstinence (each individual defines abstinence for self) and have served for two years above the group level.
- Other opportunities for service in WMI are PI/PO Committee Chair and /or member as well as Sponsor Liaison.

Sean asked if the service position roles and responsibilities are posted on our website. Rob will ask Victoria, our webmaster, to pursue loading these documents onto our website.

2. Vice Chair Report—

Carol Ch commended all members serving on the board this year. She reminded us that trusted servant email addresses should be reactivated, especially for meeting list changes

3. Recording Secretary's Report—

The September minutes were accepted as written.

4. Treasurer's Report—

The September report was accepted as written.

5. Corresponding Secretary's Report— None

6. Region 6 Rep Report—The fall assembly report has not yet been written but will be available soon.
7. WSBC Delegate Reports— Marlene serves on the PI/PO subcommittee which is working on outreach to professionals.

Committee Reports

1. Phone Service liaison –
Gwen announced that by 1/1/2022 she will be able to evaluate which billing plan we want to have with Crocker Communications. She predicted that we will probably do best to keep the existing plan.
2. Workshop Working Group –
Sean reported that his recommendation on a Zoom Account for WMI has been completed. He will continue to attend Zoom and Hybrid meetings to collect other information.

Old and New Business –

1. *Billboards*– Rob announced that Region 6 approved our request PI Blitz Application for funding on purchase of billboards. The pricing for charitable organizations is \$4,000. Marlene suggested we ask Beth B. and Karen S. if they have paperwork already done to apply for nonprofit status which if filed and approved would make us eligible to take advantage of lower cost pricing. After discussion of timing, a motion was made to purchase the \$4k plan to display a vinyl billboard in December 2021 and January and February 2022. The motion passed with nine in favor and one abstention.
2. *Survey on Billboard Message*–After discussion of message for billboards, it was agreed that Rob would discuss and produce three ideas for words and graphics with Mark Ch. who has graciously offered his expertise. Sean will put these into a survey to be emailed to all group reps.
3. *Sponsor List*– Gwen volunteered to help with developing a list of all OAs willing and available to sponsor. Anne H. will help as well. Marlene suggested we ask for volunteers to sponsor at the end of workshops on sponsoring. The annual marathon is another opportunity to link newcomers with sponsors. Rob suggested we put language in our group meeting formats to ask people willing to sponsor to give their contact info. Sean emphasized the value of participating in the First Twelve Days for newcomers and those contemplating sponsoring. Louise suggested a call for sponsors be made at the weekly Tuesday Newcomers Meeting on Zoom at 6:30pm ET.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth C