

**Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2022**

**Voting Attendees:** Anne H., Beth C., Carol Ch., Celeste I., Donna G., Ellen C., Gwen G., John C., Julie B., Patty, Rob R., Sean R.

**Visitor:** Mary I.

Board Reports

1) Chair's Report

- a) We re-submitted a PI Blitz Request for signs on buses, and it was approved at Fall Assembly. We received a \$2000 award.
- b) Elections are next month (Nov). Our Intergroup Board Trusted Servant positions (one-year term; two-year limit) are:
  - i) Chair
  - ii) Vice-chair
  - iii) Treasurer
  - iv) Recording Secretary
  - v) Corresponding Secretary
  - vi) Archivist
  - vii) Website and Publications Coordinator
  - viii) Committee Chairs
    - (1) Marathon
    - (2) Phone
    - (3) PIPO (Public Information / Professional Outreach)
    - (4) Retreat
  - ix) Region 6 Rep (2-year term)
  - x) World Service Business Conference Delegate (2-year term, with 6-year max; 2 years of service beyond the group level)

Abstinence requirement is 6 months of current abstinence except for WSBC Delegates, who have a one-year abstinence requirement. Each person shall be the sole judge of his or her abstinence. (WMI Bylaws).

“Job descriptions” are at [oawmass.org/](http://oawmass.org/)

- 2) Vice Chair Report—Carol Ch. reported that the Help Line is now administered by a different company called NEXA. Gwen has tried to get information about the cryptic messages she receives from them. She has been unsuccessful in even getting a call back. Carol proposed we discuss under New Business.
- 3) Recording Secretary's Report— September minutes were accepted with two corrections.
  - a) Deb T. was omitted from attendee list
- 4) Julie didn't Google the pros and cons of registering as a non-profit organization, she obtained via exchange of emails.
- 5) Treasurer's Report— August and September reports were accepted as written.
- 6) Corresponding Secretary's Report— Carol Ch. reported in Mark's absence that he will let the webmaster know if we want to post the WMIG monthly meeting zoom link on our website.

### Committee Reports

1. Phone Service liaison – Gwen reported she received three calls in the last three months. Gwen will be stepping down from this position. Patty volunteered to be Phone Service Liaison with Carol Ch.'s help.
2. Non-Profit Status – Julie reported that she hoped to fill out the application by the next meeting. John expressed concern that the decision to apply was made without substantial unanimity. Rob suggested we revisit the matter next month. Julie informed the group that we will be too late to join the Google Ad effort.
3. Rob asked if anyone was interested in pursuing a member survey. If no interest is expressed before the next meeting, he will remove this item from the agenda.

### Old and New Business

- 1) Phone Service issue was discussed. Ellen suggested we stop paying the current service and look for another. Carol Ch. suggested we get a Google phone number and have the phone liaison manage it.

A motion was made to “Stop paying the current service company, obtain a Google phone number and have the phone liaison continue to manage the incoming calls.” After some further discussion, a friendly amendment was added “and update the website with our new phone number.” Both the motion and amendment were accepted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm with recitation of the Serenity Prayer.  
Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 2pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth C