

## **Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes March 13, 2022**

**Voting Attendees:** Adwoa L.W., Anne H., Beth C., Carol Ch., Celeste L., Ellen C., Gwen G., Karen S., Laura G., Marlene B., Mike P., Rob R., and Sean R.

### Board Reports

1. Chair's Report—Our billboard has been taken down because all spaces have been filled by customers paying the non-discounted rate. The billboard was up for 3 months at a cost of \$3,750. The Fall 2021 Region 6 PI/PO Blitz Application Award paid \$2,100 toward this expense.
2. Vice Chair Report—chairing monthly meetings for Rob until his shoulder heals.
3. Recording Secretary's Report—The February minutes were accepted as written.
4. Treasurer's Report—The February report was accepted as written.
5. Corresponding Secretary's Report—Everything going well. Karen is now a Region 6 rep, assigned to the Finance Committee.
6. Region 6 Rep Report—Marlene announced that she will be stepping down from her position as Region 6 representative after the Spring Assembly. Marlene also directed us to the schedule for IG Forums, found by following this link.  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sHqLUSOb-pSjDM2tXzOXJk-7t1pBEytuOPR55\\_uOg78/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sHqLUSOb-pSjDM2tXzOXJk-7t1pBEytuOPR55_uOg78/edit?usp=sharing)
7. WSBC Delegate Reports— Marlene announced that she will be stepping down from her position as World Service Delegate after the WSBC in April. She encouraged others to step up to fill this role. Contact Marlene to discuss if you are interested (413-335-6046, [mybarnett09@yahoo.com](mailto:mybarnett09@yahoo.com))

### Committee Reports

1. Phone Service liaison – Gwen is getting calls and referring or answering questions. We're doing fine on our current financial plan.
2. Workshop Working Group – Rob reported the Mapping Your Recovery Workshop was well attended. It may be worth holding it again this year. Jeb from Provincetown created the workshop.
3. Zoom Account Working Group – Sean recommended that each group holding hybrid meetings should have their own account. He is available for assistance and advice. He also stated that it no longer makes sense to continue as a working group.
4. Retreat Committee – Six spots left for single room retreat attendees. The money WMIG approved to make up the deficit between advertised and actual per person cost won't be necessary since all those who've registered are willing to pay the updated cost. WMIG voted to increase funding from three to five scholarships at \$145 each, for a total scholarship commitment of \$725.00.
5. Marathon Committee—The 2022 OA Marathon will take place on September 10th from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm. The venue will be the Bethany Assembly of God Church in Agawam. The church will accept a donation. WMIG will donate \$150 to the church which was the amount paid to St. David the last time the Marathon was held there.

### Coming Events, and “Help Wanted!”

1. Sean volunteered to request and review the video presentation on Google Ads and bring what he learns back to WMI. Anyone else who wants to view this presentation, request video here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8p7u2k>.

### Old and New Business

1. Select our goals from 2022 from those proposed at our 12/12/2022 meeting.
  - a. Address changes to Bylaws, Policies and Procedures
    - i. Karen S. presented her draft changes to the Corresponding Secretary role. After discussion, Karen will make some suggested edits and bring a new draft to WMIG.
    - ii. Sean volunteered to amend Section 4 of the Bylaws, Election of Board Members, to include allowing voting on Zoom. He posted the proposed changes and made a motion. During discussion, it became clear that the scope of proposed changes should expand. Sean will bring a draft of re-worked changes to the next meeting. Section 4 of the Bylaws appear on page 5 of the document. To read the Bylaws follow this link: <https://www.oawmass.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WMI-Bylaws.pdf>
  - b. Do we want to offer a member survey similar to Cape Cod Intergroup’s? Postponed for discussion at the April WMIG meeting.
2. Rob reported that the Blitz application for funding of Intergroups’ PI/PO efforts is due by 4/2. Five applications have already been submitted requesting a total of \$10,000. The committee has only \$5,000 to distribute. Rob asked whether WMIG should submit a request at this time, especially considering the awards we received last year. Marlene informed us that the Region 6 PI/PO committee recommends which applications to approve, and the Region 6 Board decides which will receive an award.
3. Zoom Account Sharing – We had a discussion of sharing zoom accounts between groups, as Adwoa’s group in Greenfield is open to doing, and/or with WMIG managing an account, setting up different meeting passwords, and sharing the host code. However, Sean suggested we first find out how many groups are interested in holding zoom only or hybrid meetings that want to share an account. Adwoa stated that her group considered their zoom account fee an appropriate Tradition Seven expenditure and would ask any sharing groups to share the cost as well. No conclusions were reached. We should move this item to old business for further discussion at our April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 2pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth C