

## **Overeaters Anonymous Western Mass Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes June 12, 2022**

**Voting Attendees:** Beth C., Carol Ch., Ellen C., Gwen G., Julie B., Karen S., Marlene B., Mike P., Rob R., Sean R., Sr. Susan T.

### Board Reports

1. Chair's Report – We were unable to use the Zoom account we normally use for the meeting, as we were unable to access the email account to which a security email was sent. Rob sent an email to the Intergroup contact list, and we used Rob's Zoom account. We were able to begin the meeting at 2:15pm.
2. Vice Chair Report – We need a Zoom account we can rely on. WMI needs to obtain a Zoom account, or Carol and Rob both have Zoom accounts we could use for this meeting.
3. Recording Secretary's Report – May minutes were accepted as written
4. Treasurer's Report – Approval of May and June reports are on hold until Anne reconciles a discrepancy between the checkbook and the statements.
5. Corresponding Secretary's Report – This service position is vacant. Martha P. is helping out with dissemination of weekly email.
6. Region 6 Rep Report – See Coming Events, item 3, Fall Assembly
7. WSBC Delegate Reports – Marlene explained the process for motion submission, approval, presentation, discussion, and voting. Her detailed written report will be posted on [www.oawass.org](http://www.oawass.org). (Has Marlene's tenure as WSBC Delegate ended?)

### Committee Reports

1. Phone Service liaison – Gwen reported all going well.
2. Retreat Committee – Karen reported that the retreat was a huge success. Twenty-five people attended although two had to leave on Friday due to illness. A full committee of volunteers (six or seven people) was recruited for planning next year's retreat, which will be held June 2,3, and 4, 2023. A \$500 deposit was paid to Genesis to reserve the dates. We did not use two of the scholarships funded by WMIG. We will reserve the unused amount for next year's scholarship fund. Karen told us that in a non-pandemic year up to forty-five participants can be accommodated. A final report will be presented at next month's meeting.
3. Marathon Committee – The Marathon will be held on September 10, 2022, at Bethany Assembly of God Church in Agawam. The church does not charge for use of its facilities. So, the committee will donate \$150 to the church to maintain our tradition of being self-supporting. The charge for attendance will be \$5 per person. The Marathon will be in person only, although a hybrid option may be possible. The committee members are Sr. Susan, Ellen, Gwen, and Karen S. Preliminary thoughts on a program for the day include a panel discussion on tools in the morning and a workshop in the afternoon followed by entertainment before closing. A flyer is being fine-tuned and will be coming out soon.

### Coming Events, and "Help Wanted!"

1. Corresponding Secretary – The main responsibility is to gather information about coming events, and to send a weekly email to those who have joined our mailing list. A newsletter has also been written and issued in the past. Karen S. clarified that a

committee produced the Newsletter. She will be asking for help from a member of a different intergroup who has offered assistance on Newsletter production.

2. Intergroup Renewal Training is scheduled for September 15-16. Rob reported that this free training is interesting, and also that it can feel overwhelming. A binder is mailed to each attendee before the training. Anyone interested can get more information at <https://tinyurl.com/23dbwnhv>

Even if nobody volunteers to attend this 11-hour training (!!!), we could perhaps benefit if someone reviews the document, to see whether there are several things we can implement locally.

3. Fall Assembly, Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>
  - a. registration opens August 13<sup>th</sup>
  - b. July 17<sup>th</sup> deadline for PIPO Blitz Proposals, Application for Board Positions (Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary), Bylaw/Policy Amendments, and New Business Motions
  - c. WMI can have 4 Region Reps attend (currently have 2 – Rob and Karen S.)

#### Old and New Business

1. ACTION ITEM >>>> Please look at the member survey conducted by Cape Cod Intergroup! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CCISurvey>  
Cape Cod Intergroup's results are posted here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8n6d35>  
Or this one, from CT? <https://tinyurl.com/vk4st279>  
Sean reported that both looked good. Rob expressed his opinion that another benefit of a survey may be a way to recruit people for service positions, since completing the survey demonstrates an interest in service.
2. Updating our WMI Group Rep and email contact list – Karen, Carol, and Rob continue to work on this.
3. Intergroup Inventory – Carol Ch. said she would be willing to review the list of inventory questions and prioritize those she feels we may derive the most benefit from addressing. A consensus was reached that we will take Carol's prioritized list and devote ten minutes of every monthly meeting to answering one or two of them.
4. Adwoa sent a request that anyone interested in discussing starting a monthly Intergroup recovery (as opposed to service) meeting please raise their hand, so Adwoa can schedule a meeting to discuss it. Karen S., Carol Ch., Sean, Sr. Susan, and Julie expressed their interest in discussing/planning this.
5. Karen S. reported that she found WMI's Employer Identification Number, and has confirmed that WMI has not filed for Non-Profit status. It will cost \$600 to file for Non-Profit status, and an annual tax filing will be necessary to retain that status.
6. Karen S. let the membership know that Anne H. will be rotating out of the Treasurer's position at the end of the year. If anyone is interested in running to replace her, let Karen or Rob know.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth C

