

WMI MEETING MINUTES—Approved
MAY 10, 2026

The meeting was opened at 5:00 PM by Beth B. with a minute of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Roll Call by Beth B.

Attendees: Beth B. Chair, Lynn W. VR Vice Chair Friday 5 PM Longmeadow and Saturday 4 PM Springfield, Joette VR Treasurer, Sondra S. VR Recording Secretary Tuesday 5:15 PM Holyoke, Carol CH VR Corresponding Secretary, Carol I. VR Archivist Saturday 2 PM Chicopee and Thursday Zoom 4:30 PM, Ann H. VR 10 AM Monday and 6 PM Wednesday Westfield, Deb T. VR 9:30 AM Friday Longmeadow. Absent: Julie B. Saturday 8:30 AM Amherst, Erika S. Saturday 10 AM Greenfield, Kim T. Monday 5:15 PM Amherst, Gwen G. Thursday 5 PM Longmeadow, Leslie N. Longmeadow

Tradition 5 and Concept 5 read by Ann H. Tradition 5 helps the next compulsive overeater that comes through our doors. The group members welcome them by sharing their experience, strength, and hope. Hopefully when the newcomer hears this, they will hear something familiar, and will come back.

Board Member's Reports

Chair Report: Beth B. reported that she sent out the agenda, cleaned up the Policy and Procedure report from April, and filed out the government form for nonprofit status.

Vice Chair Report: Lynn W. reported that she worked on her Region 6 report. She also helped Beth B. with cleaning up the Policy and Procedure report from April.

Recording Secretary Report: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. Minutes were approved as amended by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Report: A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as written. The report was approved by unanimous vote.

Corresponding Secretary Report: One change to the meeting list.

Phone Liaison Report: Two calls to the goggle voice phone.

Standing Committee Reports

PIPO: There is no report. Ann is looking for Health Fairs and replacing pamphlets in libraries.

Website/Donate Button: No donations this month. Website traffic increased to match 2022 numbers. There were 85 impressions and 17 clicks.

Share-A-Thon: The first meeting of the committee is May 17 at 5 PM via Zoom. The committee will set up the date and talk about what they are going to do.

Retreat: 19 people have signed up so far. Genesis said that 30 people are needed, but they will let us have less people. It just means that the facility will not be closed to the group. There will be other groups there. People still have time to register for the retreat.

Archivist: 1991 is done. Carol I. is working on 1992. Ellen came to help Carol I. move boxes. Beth B. stated that if Carol I. needs more help, please let everyone know. Carol I. stated that she still needs to contact Sue S. with specifics.

WSBC: This year's WSBC had 160 voting members. There were 22 countries represented. Mexico did not attend. There was new literature voted in. A book titled "Healing the Mind, Body, and Soul in OA", and a pamphlet titled "Unity with Diversity." The Bylaws committee was voted out. All people running for the Trustees were voted in. There is still one opening on the Trustees. Sondra S. is on the Twelve Step Within committee which will meet once a month. Sondra S. will be submitting a full report for next month's meeting.

Region 6: Lynn W. has been assigned to the Web and Publications Committee. She submitted a Region 6 Assembly Report.

Carol Ch. has been assigned to the Twelfth Step Within Committee and will be recording secretary for that committee. The purpose of the TSWC is to post information and resources for members of intergroups to use, including replying to requests for speakers. The TSWC will meet once a month.

Old Business

Status of PIPO Blitz Proposal: No one has heard about the status. Lynn W. will follow up and Beth B. will help.

Policies and Procedure: Policy #16 Timeline and Agenda for Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes proposed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Policy 17-22. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy # 23. There was an amendment made to this policy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy # 24-26. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes proposed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Policy # 27 Logo. Carol I. was not aware of the logo. Beth B. stated that she would help Carol I. with that. A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Appendices are next. They are very important. We will start with them at our next meeting.

New Business

Who should be forwarded the address for the Retreat, PIPO, and Share-A-Thon committees: Carol Ch will check on the information and have the changes made. Carol Ch reported about updating the contact page on our Western Mass website. In April 2026, the member names and “forward to” email addresses for the following service jobs were updated: Recording Secretary, Archivist, WSBC Delegate.

Updates are still needed (and Carol Ch as Corresponding Secretary will notify our webmaster) for the following service jobs: Retreat will remain Linda G. and her personal email address will be sent to our webmaster to be sure that is the one “behind” the oawmass.org address; Share-A-Thon will be updated to be Lynn W. and her personal address will be the one “behind” the oawmas.org address; PIPO will still say Chair and Beth B’s personal email address will be “behind” the oawmass.org address.

Group Concerns

We will take the month of August off. Our next meeting is June 14. Please submit items for the agenda by June 5,.

The meeting ended at 6:15 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

Sondra S.

