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**Minutes of the Orange County/Greater Long Beach  
Intergroup Service Board Meeting of  
September 21, 2022**

The Intergroup Service Board meeting of September 21, 2022 was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by the Chair, Sarah G. Serenity Prayer was recited.

Read Tradition – Kay W.

Read Bylaws Excerpt – Sarah G.

Spiritual Reading – Alejandra M., Courage to Change

**PRESENT:**

Officers: Chair –Sarah G., Ex-Officio – Carol G., Chair-Elect – Ajit S., Secretary, Chip G., Treasurer, Sam M.

Committees: Alateen – Theresa M., Institutions – Alejandra M., Nominations/Historian – Julia G., Orange Blossom - Nancy R., Public Information – Mary M. (absent) and Linda T., Fund Raising Liaison & Phone Coverage - Lauren H., and World Service – Kay W.

Non-Voting Liaisons: Ben P. - Farsi Language Liaison

Spanish Liaison – Open Position

Quorum: A majority of the Service Board (10 of 15 voting members) was present to satisfy the quorum requirement. Eight required for majority vote.

Secretary – Chip G. – The minutes of July 20, 2022 were reviewed.

**Action:** Motion made by Lauren H. and seconded by Alejandra M., to approve the minutes as presented.

**Decision:** Ayes = 8, Nays = 1, and Abstentions = 1. **Motion carried.**

There were no motions from the July 20, 2022 Service Board meeting.

Treasurer – Sam M. - see report appended to these minutes. Monthly reports are linked under calendar of events on the website. Total assets as of August 31, 2022 from checking/savings/other equals \$144,251.74. As of August 31, 2022, the total Service Office income was \$6,728.10. Total Service Office expenses were \$6,674.84 comprised of payroll, literature, rent and other office expenses. Net income for August was \$ 53.26.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition - Please continue to make contributions through ocalanon.org. There is a button to click for contributions. Please include meeting information where indicated.

#### REPORTS:

Julie S., Chair of the Oversight and Continuity Committee, reported that review of the bylaws, group manual, and office procedure manual is underway.

Service Board Chairperson – Sarah G. presented the following topics for discussion:

- Discuss Meeting in Person – Pros & Cons, Gauge Readiness
  - Members questioned if the meeting would be in the same place, if both the Service Board and Intergroup meeting would resume in person, and if this would be an actual money saving decision. It was suggested that in person meetings might increase contributions.  
**Action:** Add to October ISR agenda for discussion
- Discuss Board Email access – Have you accessed your email? Do you need assistance?
  - It was determined that the majority of new members had not accessed their office emails. Ben P., Webmaster, attended the meeting and provided an overview of accessing/changing Service Board emails. He stated there is a presentation he can share.  
**Action:** Secretary will email the presentation to Board members.
- Discuss Update to Bylaws and Group Manual – Office Oversight and Continuity Committee
  - Review is underway. If you identify an issue or something you think needs revision, forward to one of the committee members for consideration.
- Adding the group names to the listings on the website (group names are what attract the newcomer). Group names are typically on all AIS/LDC and of course the WSO website. All registered AFG groups have a group name.
  - ISRs can take a group conscious for a name. Make it the same on WSO and AFG websites. Multiple groups can have the same name. No funny ones. (See pgs. 28, 85-86 of the Service Manual).

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**Action:** A motion was made by Nancy R. and seconded by Lauren H. to change the group name on the AFG website to the name listed on the WSO website.

**Decision: Motion carried.** Ayes = 10, Nays = zero, Abstentions = zero.

- Adding a place on the contribution page for the District #, and also, perhaps soon after, to the WSO Group ID# and transitioning away from the 4 digit 'unique' OC/GLB AIS #. The WSO #'s are all on the OC/GLB AIS group directory now.
  - The District number is important to identify contributions. The group number is important for accountability. The Treasurer was requested to break them out on the financial report. ALSO will move numbers from Orange County numbers to WSO numbers.

**Action:** Table for further information.

- Adding a place on the contribution page for personal contributions, not from a group or district, just from an 'Al-Anon member.' They have to be a member, so that may be a box to get checked.
  - Consider a "free floating box" where you can type anything.

**Action:** Table for further information.

Al-Anon Related Announcements – None.

Acting Chair-Elect – Ajit S. – No report.

Ex-Officio – Carol G. thanked all participants who attended the Orange County/Greater Long Beach Al-Anon Information Office Anniversary event on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm celebrating more than 45 years of volunteer service to friends and families of alcoholics.

Alateen - Theresa M. reminded everyone, in order to work with Alateens, you must be AMIAS certified. Members are working hard to get Alateen meetings re-established.

Spanish Liaison - Position vacant.

Farsi Liaison - Ben P. reported that he personally sends out reminders and information to members about Farsi meetings. There are speaker meetings on the first and third Sundays with Farsi speakers. Contact him directly for additional information. He also sends information to Iran and Canada.

Institutions –Alejandra M. reported that she has received contact information for available speakers in Tustin from Gary G.

Nominations/Historian – Julia G. is the new Chair – No report.

Orange Blossom – Nancy R. reported the Orange Blossom is on-line. We need more announcements and can also include articles. She requested help with the publication. All the person needs is access to Google. The deadline for information is the 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

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Public Information –Mary M. and Linda T. – No report

Fundraising Liaison and Telephone Coverage – Lauren H. reported that there are over 104 in person meetings in Orange County. The Alathon is looking for additional volunteers on December 3, 2022. They also need help with setup on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Virginia S. is the Chair this year and the title is “Comfort & Joy”. Get the message out.

World Service – Kay W. reported that she attended the World Service

Area Committee meeting von August 20<sup>th</sup>. She reported on the Orange County Fair event. There are over 100 hybrid meetings still operating. 25 speaker names have been updated and will be sent to Lauren H., Fundraising Liaison and Telephone Coverage Chair.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business carried over for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Birthdays for August 2022:

Lauren H. = 10

Next scheduled Intergroup Service Board Meeting is November 16, 2022.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting of the Intergroup Service Board at 9:12 p.m. was made by Ajit S., seconded by Sam M. and passed by majority vote (10).

Serenity Prayer was recited.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chip G., Secretary  
(As edited by Service Board members)