

Central Office Advisory Board Meeting Agenda **August 18th 2024**

5:00pm Hilary Called meeting to order at 5:05pm

Attendance: Mike-Chair, Hilary-Vice Chair, Carrie-Secretary, Will-Treasure, Advisors; Jane, Helen, Heidi, Lanelle
Quorum? Yes (4+)Yes

Approve Secretary's Minutes

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Any Amendments to Minutes? None Motion **Helen** 2nd **Heidi** all were in favor. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Will  July COIG Treasurer.pdf

Motion to Accept **Jane** Second **Hilary** All were in favor. Treasurer report approved.

Chair Report: First off I want to **thank the Board** for allotting me time off to get some much needed time to deal with personal issues. **I am grateful to Hilary** for stepping up and leading the board in my absence. I have gotten much needed things done and spent time with my wonderful grandkids. I am not fully healed but in a much better place in my recovery from my operation and such.

Thank you Christine B. for all the hard work you did last month for the board in figuring out the past insurance confusion and helping us to avoid insurance fraud. To be clear, the groups are not covered under the Central Oregon Intergroup policy and never were. Carrie will be taking care of the rest of this confusion at the national Intergroup conference this weekend. Hopefully other intergroups have not been affected.

Speaking of the Intergroup conference, I am anxious to hear the report from our secretary Carrie when she returns from her service in Las Vegas. The board would like to make sure that we properly pay her expenses for representing us at the conference. As such, I would like to propose and ask the groups to approve the motion made and passed at the Advisory board meeting to cover Carrie's expenses. This is an annual conference that we have always in the past paid full expenses to attend and to represent Central Oregon Intergroup.

Shout out to Nick for the invaluable help with moving everything from the Redmond Alano club to our new storage. It was a daunting task but we got it done in one afternoon.

I look forward to hearing other reports and getting caught up in what's been going on.

Yours in love and service,

Michael A. Seeley

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Office/Literature Report: Carrie made 7 literature runs this month and delivered lots of schedules around town. Hilary will bring all the Schedules for Paul to the COIG meeting on Sunday for groups to stock up.

Unfinished Business:

- **COIG Representation at the Intergroup Conference.** Even though this was approved by the board, Carrie would like to request that it also be approved by the body because of our lack of a 2024 budget. It was discussed that we normally do fund this conference. Will confirm we do have the money. But Carrie would feel better if it were approved by the body in addition to the board's approval. It was decided that this will go onto new business for the next COIG mtg.
- **Bank Account** All money has been transferred and accounted for from venmo.
- **Office/Literature Committee:**
 - As per GSO Guidelines, we have decided to start looking for a new Office space without a possible implied affiliation with a club. Have we started looking? Anyone found any possible options yet? If so, How Much? Location? Availability?

It was decided to hold off looking for a new Office location until the groups vote that this is something they would like to spend the money on.

"Questions should also be raised about proposed locations for the central office and the personnel and equipment needed. It's sometimes tempting to consider moderately priced or free facilities supplied by agencies or organizations working in the field of alcoholism or in other fields. But it's better to forgo this short-term advantage if there's any likelihood that A.A. would lose its independent status in the bargain or appear – in the public mind at least – to be sponsored or controlled by the other organization. "lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose..." It may also appear attractive to consolidate the central office with the facilities and operations of a club. But the risks and pitfalls involved in this are almost too numerous to mention here. One reason

for discouraging this is the possibility that the problems of operating the club and the service office will become intertwined. An even more important point is the need for keeping a clear separation between club operations and A.A. group activities; any strong identification with a club may impair an intergroup's ability to serve the groups." -From GSO Guidelines on Central offices and intergroups

New Business:

- Hotline Phone issues have been resolved and updated. Thank you Frank.
- It was decided to not order any more literature until we have either a voted-in elected literature chair or an office with a hired paid employee.
- It was decided that Carrie will start bringing pamphlets into IGR and GSR meetings for groups to have for free.
- We will ask the IGRs what they think about indefinite meeting time change. From 5 to 4pm

Old lots of times tabled Business: *Tabled*

- **An employee game plan for the future to avoid chaos**
 - After finding out an employee was acting as a representative on COIGs behalf even going as far as visiting groups business meetings, what can we do to prevent this from happening again?
 - Stating clearly in the Job description that employee is a paid worker only and does not do service for the COIG and is not an elected representative.
 - Whose responsibility is it to give groups presentations and answer questions regarding COIG finances?
 - It is the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and members of the advisory board to answer such questions.
 - What is the Solution? (*Discussion*)
 - The Treasure could reiterate in their reports each month that they are willing to make themselves available to come answer any questions

groups have and take phone calls regarding COIG finances.

- A member of the board could give a report as the Office Liaison at the COIG business meeting offering to make themselves available to anyone who has questions regarding the Central Office.
- The board could have regular conversations with future employees reiterating their responsibilities, and also emphasize what are **not** their responsibilities.

6:00pm Lanelle motioned to adjourn. Heidi seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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