

**Westchester United OA Intergroup August 2007 Meeting  
Minutes**

**Attending:** John B (Acting Co-Chair), Jan G. (Recording Secretary), Carol B (Public Information), Carolyn C (Newsletter Editor), Roberta M (Speaker Bank), Larissa M (Hotline) Roberta Z (Wed Mamaroneck); Rabia M (Sat WP), Richard S (Katonah Wed), Jean B (Thurs Larchmont), Vivian N (Thursday, Yorktown)

**Read:** Serenity Prayer, Preamble; 12 Steps & 12 Traditions; Twelve Concepts of OA

**Discussion:** Anything we need to change or amend on the minutes?

**Motion** to Approve minutes:

**Vote:** 4 in favor – three abstain – minutes approved

**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer was not present. Report will be coming.

**Following discussion on changing by-laws.**

Suggestions were submitted by Intergroup members to Anne B and included in the agenda. Those present discussed and either approved to go forward with suggestion or voted and agreed that the suggestion should not go forward.

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**Suggestion 1: Change requirements for holding office?**

- Not for being an Intergroup rep. Someone could propose lessening the abstinence requirements. It is not always abstinence, could also be time.
- **Proposal: To create a by-law requirement table to send to the groups to get the pulse of what they think would be appropriate. Create a list of positions that are available. There is no information on the elections in October.**
- Maybe there is a way of doing this to help people get clean or stay clean
- I did read through the by-laws and thought they were very reasonable.

**Suggestion 2: Eliminate Speaker Bank Committee & the Hotline position?**

- Investigate the possibility of eliminating. Does it have to be a voting seat?
- Eliminate the Hotline Position as a chair position and include it as part of public information. We can do some promotion about the speaker bank in the newsletter. Perhaps include the names of speakers in the newsletter. Is there going to be life and energy to sustain effort in keeping the speaker bank going?
- **Proposal: Creating a committee to develop strategy for Speaker Bank**
  - **Volunteer Members: Larissa, Jean B, Roberta M, Roberta.**

**Appointment of Region 6 Representatives:**

- **Suggestion:** Doesn't have to be a voted in position.

**Motion:** Post on the web-site a list of meetings presently without Intergroup reps and where the openings are. Outreach can go to these meetings and pitch for reps.

**Vote: Unanimously in favor**

**Motion:** Position of Hotline Chair be moved to Public Information.

**Vote: Unanimously in favor**

**Motion:** Modify the format to incorporate statement of permitting the serenity prayer at any time during the meeting.

**Motion was not seconded**

**Motion:** Include something in the by-laws that allows the chair to appoint someone acting as long as there is group conscience.

**Vote: Unanimously in favor**

**Motion: To include the following in our bylaws.**

Between meetings in case a position needs to be filled temporarily, the chair may appoint someone into the acting position (even if person does not meet qualification) providing there is a simple majority of the current board members approves.

**Vote: Unanimously in favor**

**Newsletter:**

- Include in the newsletter the positions that are open.
- Distribute to meetings.
- Next issue is in October.
- Newsletter is posted on the web-site and can be printed off the web site.

**IR Mentoring / Outreach**

- Still need committee member and a chair.
- Rick and Larissa volunteered to be Outreach
- Discuss what they are going to do and bring it back to Intergroup next month.
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**Motion:** Create an outreach committee and identify members of that committee.

**Vote: Unanimous in favor**

**Request:** For cover for Recording Secretary made by Jan for September meeting. No volunteers.

**Prayer – end of meeting**

