
Arizona Serenity in the Desert Intergroup
Approved Minutes
April 19, 2014

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. The standing rules and preamble were read. Board members in attendance were Marie, vice chair; Greg, communications secretary; Kayla, treasurer; and Jen, recording secretary. Two packets were given to new representatives.

The agenda was approved as written.

Vice Chair : written report submitted

Treasurer: We are above our prudent reserve and tabled an additional donation to region and world service until after the final bill for Dallas has been paid. Some meetings have never made donations to Intergroup. If yours is among them, please consider if the group is able to donate. The proposed budget was submitted and will be voted on next month. No committees submitted requests for budget money.

Recording Secretary: The minutes from March were approved with no changes.

Communication Secretary: The Intergroup agenda is being included on ecares. About 500 ecares were sent out and about 25% are opened. Ecares can be forwarded so other OA members can sign up for it. The bylaws and policy manual are posted on the website.

Attendance: 22 total, no visitors

Seventh Tradition \$56

Winter retreats-A motion was made to have one multi-day weekend retreat a year. Motion carried. Dianna will chair and put together a weekend event committee to explore the possibility of a one day workshop in the valley in the winter. If anyone is interested in having a workshop in January, please contact Dianna.

Newsletter-We have ecares weekly with timely announcements. Since the newsletter is monthly, the announcements are not always timely. People gave input that Christina can use to guide her in producing the newsletter.

Office Committee-A written report was provided. One member donated items and handyman service. We would have been above the \$1000 cap without these donations. The vacuum needs to be replaced. We are waiting on clocks. Signs are moved in the office, but all signs will be re-hung. Clean up spills ASAP, even during a meeting, to avoid staining the carpet.

A motion was made to give a gift certificate to the spouse of one of the members because he gave a significant amount of service to our membership. Motion adopted.

Bylaws amendments-OA bylaws are not specific in terms of delegates missing Intergroup meetings. One of the qualifications is not to miss more than 3 meetings, but there is no prescribed next step. There is also no allowance in the bylaws for excused absences. A discussion about a possible extension of a board member's position in the event that an open position is not filled was brought forward. The bylaws committee submitted a motion.

Amend: Article IV Section 8, replace "C" In the event there is no qualified candidate for a position, the chair may appoint a member to serve in the position month to month until the position is filled. The outgoing board member may be the appointee. The position will be placed on the Intergroup agenda until filled. Rename Current "C" to "D".

The amendment will be voted on in June.

An election for an interim chair was held and Marie was elected chair. Since her position as vice chair was vacated, Bobbi was elected vice chair for the remaining 14 months of that term. Upcoming election positions are chair, treasurer, recording secretary, and two delegate representatives.

A motion was made that Intergroup have a nomination committee. Motion carried. Donna will chair the committee with Teri, Bobbi, Greg, and Tori as members.

Flyers were distributed to encourage meetings to have a designated downloader for people who do not have computer access.

A request has been made for all committee and board reports to be submitted to Marie electronically one week in advance of Intergroup to be distributed by ecares. A few paper copies will be brought to Intergroup.

Committee Reports

Bylaws: Chair present, verbal report. A motion was presented for voting in June.

Motion: Amend ASDI bylaws Article IV, Section 8A

Current Wording: Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote at that meeting in which the vacancy occurred, or at the next meeting or special meeting of the Intergroup. Such persons chosen to fill said vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the un-expired term.

Suggested Wording: With the exception of the position of Chair, vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote at that meeting in which the vacancy occurred, or at the next meeting or special meeting of the Intergroup. Such persons chosen to fill said vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Add section 8, B: In the event of the resignation of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume the position of the Chair immediately and will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

C, D, E, F, G to be re-lettered appropriately.

Rationale: Article IV, Section 6, D states that the Vice Chair shall serve in the absence of the Chair and shall meet the requirements to serve as World Service Delegate and Region III Representative in the absence of the Chair. Thus, the Vice Chair should be most works closely with the Chair and should be most prepared to assume the responsibilities of chair. Also, this would be in accordance with Article IX, B of our Region III bylaws.

Intergroup members also discussed changing the bylaws to have motions voted at the next Intergroup rather than in 30 days since this sometimes causes us to wait 2 months to vote on motions.

Office: written report, chair present-There are black scuffs on the bathroom floor already. There is a budget for the vacuum, about \$200. Contact Pat if you are willing to buy it and get reimbursed.

Outreach/Lifeline: service position open-no chair, no report

PI/PO- co-chairs present: The Tempe Senior Health Fair at the Pyle Center was a great success. Lots of people came to the table to talk about recovery. The Art of Recovery Expo is in September. The committee will be looking for volunteers. It may be the same day as Intergroup.

12th Step Within: written report, chair not present- A flyer for the next event is available.

2014 Convention and Assembly: chair present, verbal report-Brochures are available for the convention. Chair positions are still available for PI and Ways and Means. Contact Kayla to

get involved.

Newsletter: Christina would like to have the deadline for submission for articles included in ecares and in the office announcements.

Service Reports

Literature: not present, no report

Website: See Communication Secretary report

Meeting List Coordinator: There are several changes. If there is no meeting contact, the OA office phone number could be listed. There was a discussion about meetings who are voting to join another Intergroup and leave ASDI. This is a violation of our traditions. Marie will contact our trustee in regard to how to handle this. It is causing a disruption that there are times that nobody opens the door for noon meetings at the office. People have called the OA line as they were standing outside the door. Notes will be left in the format binder letting the meetings know that they will be taken off the meeting list if no contact person is designated.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen H.