

Sunday OA HOW April Business Meeting - July 28, 2019.

Meeting Coordinator: Sera
Secretary: Laurie O

1. In attendance: Sera (VA); Judy G (WA); Deborah R. (MI); Dana D (FL); Kelly (Minn); Barbara (VA); Jim (MA); Beverly (AZ); Marlena W (CA), Laurie O (FL)
2. Minutes from June meeting approved.
3. Service Positions
 - A. We need more volunteers to assist with moderator backup. Contact Dana D or Molly if interested.
 - B. Barbara will take over as business meeting leader in August.
4. Old Business: The following Meeting format changes proposed by committee (Molly, Jenny, Kelly, Barbara) were approved:

A. In “Reflections for the Newcomer—Delete sentence about helping sponsee find a new sponsor.

B. Following reading of 12 Steps: relocate the attribution “As the Big Book states on Page 60...spiritual perfection,” to the end of the reading to clarify that it isn’t the 12 Steps that are on page 60, but rather the phrase.

C. For Sponsor Line instructions, add the request: “In the interest of time, please share ONLY these items.” Further discussion indicates an interest in exploring other ways to encourage sponsors to limit comments, especially with respect to focusing on current abstinence rather than history. This issue will be revisited in the future.

D. Anonymity tool:

(1) Delete “If...kill them and their

anonymity.”

(2) Keep: “It should be understood, however, that anonymity must not be used to limit our effectiveness within the fellowship.”

(3) In the sentence, “It is not a break of anonymity to give our names and addresses to the secretary of our group...work,” change “addresses” to “e-mail addresses.”

E. Service: Change the sentence, “Putting away chairs, making coffee, talking to newcomers, doing whatever needs to be done in a group or for OA as a whole are ways in which we give back what we have so generously been given” to “Leading a meeting, calling newcomers, volunteering to read or serve as timekeeper, or doing... given” to make the sentence more descriptive of a virtual meeting.

The new format will be posted immediately and a reminder note, “Please use the Aug 2019 format” placed next to each item on Signup Genius. The leader seeker will mention new format to volunteers, and the new format will be mentioned during meeting announcements.

5. Other old and new business was postponed until August meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 with 3rd Step Prayer.