

2 HOUR -- OA/HOW VIRTUAL SERVICE BOARD (VSB)

MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2018 MEETING (Next Meeting – Sunday, 5/13 – 4:45 Eastern Time)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: BY CHAIR, Audrey

- Serenity Prayer
- 12 Steps - Molly
- 12 Traditions - Jana
- Welcome - Audrey
- Read Concepts 3, 4 and 5
- Timer: (Julie R)
 - 60 seconds per person: one share per person per agenda item
- Robert's Rules of Order -- to the best of our ability
- Quick Guide link on the VSB page on the website
 - Ask to be recognized (this is _____, may I be recognized?)
 - Chair recognizes _____

ROLL CALL -- MEETING REPRESENTATIVES: BY SECRETARY

Sunday 3 PM: Deborah R., Barbara N.

Sunday 6 PM: Jana, Julie R.

Monday:

Tuesday:

Tuesday evening: Revital, Howard

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

ROLL CALL -- VSB TRUSTED SERVANTS, COMMITTEES / MEMBERS: BY SECRETARY

We Care List Committee Members: No Chair present

Website Committee Members: Molly, Interim Chair

VSB Chair – Audrey

Vice Chair - vacant

Treasurer – Molly

Secretary – Helen M.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: BY SECRETARY

ACTION: A Motion was made to correct the minutes to add a “y” to Audrey’s name. Minutes were approved with that correction.

TRUSTED SERVANTS’ REPORTS

TREASURER’S REPORT: BY MOLLY

- Treasurer’s Report was mailed to the VSB prior to the meeting. A request was made that the “squarespace” website be spelled out as www.oahow.squarespace for clarity. Molly agreed to make that correction. The Report was approved with that amendment.

WE CARE LIST REPORT- There was no report.

OTHER REPORTS - Chair requested that the VSB review other reports that had been posted to the website and any questions related to them be raised at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. VOTING CLARIFICATION

It was reported that changes had made in terms of who could vote without discussion.

History: Submitted by Alyson H. (11/11/17): Reviewed the 12 Concepts of Service: “at most intergroup meetings, voting is limited to group reps, committee chairs, and board members.”

- Officers can vote (except for Chair)
- Committee Chairs / Coordinators can vote
- VSB Chair acts as tie-breaker if needed
- Any member can make a motion
- Any member can request to add an item to the agenda

DISCUSSION – One member questioned whether or not there were enough meetings present to vote. Another commented that for some meetings it is hard to find two representatives, and that therefore there should only be one vote per meeting. Another member commented that Officers should be allowed to vote; otherwise, we disincentivize serving as an officer.

ACTION: Following discussion, a motion made to permit voting consistent with “original intention” as indicated above. Motion passed.

2. **WEBSITE COMMITTEE AMENDS** (Chaired by Secretary) / Submitted by Audrey (was interim Website Committee Chair) & Molly (website committee member and Treasurer) (submitted 12/4/17)

HISTORY OF WHAT HAPPENED: OVERVIEW

- \$500 budget for the new website creation was approved by VSB in July 2017
- Actual budget spent on the new website was \$1085 (over 90 day period)
 - \$585 additional budget decision made by Website Committee to purchase images and design structure (mapping) by hosting company, BridgePact
 - No donations of time or services were donated by any outside companies
 - Website Committee volunteer hours donated: 120+ hours

AMENDS TO BE CONSIDERED BY GROUP CONSCIENCE:

- No future purchases will be made by the website committee without group conscience
- To accept our amends with no further action needed
- Molly is willing to resign as Interim Website Chair and / or Treasurer
- Audrey and Molly willing to reimburse \$585 to the VSB treasury
- Any other amends the group would like us to fulfill

The Chair added to the report that the initial \$500 was approved with the caveat that more funds might be needed later.

DISCUSSION: One member asked for clarification of the Bylaws, and whether or not they prohibited spending without VBS approval. (It was reported that they did not.) Another member commented that it was implicit with the prior approval that no additional funds should be spent without approval, but that it was anticipated the website would cost more than \$500. She suggested we thank the Website Committee with no repayment needed. Another member suggested that the VSB accept the amends with no repayment needed. She cited Concept 12(e), stating that “No service action shall ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy” and added that it is a great website.

ACTION: Following discussion, a Motion was made to accept the amends, with no further action needed and without requesting reimbursement or that Molly resign as interim Website Chair. The Motion passed, with no opposed and one abstention..

3. **WEBSITE COMMITTEE CHAIR –** Molly, currently Interim Chair

- Molly J., Interim Chair, is willing to continue to serve as Website Chair until end of current term (September 2018.) (submitted August 2017)
- Other candidates welcome

ACTION: A Motion was made to approve Molly as Website Chair. Motion passed.

4. **RESOURCES COMMITTEE** / a subcommittee of the Website Committee / Submitted by Jana C (submitted 12/14/17)

- **MOTION:** The items on the current website under “Other Resources,” specifically “helpful external links,” be restricted to those directly connected to 2 hour OA HOW. While the other resources listed are helpful, we are 2 hour OAHOW and cannot affiliate or endorse them.

- **MOTION:** New items to be added to the website be brought to the VSB for a group conscience vote.

DISCUSSION – One member recommended that the documents included be limited to OA HOW. Another member mentioned that this was a different Motion, and asked for clarification about the Motion. There was further discussion and clarification of the Motion.

ACTION: Motion was amended, by the original mover, to read: “That all links that are not ‘two hour OA HOW resources’ be removed from the website and that a Resource Committee of volunteers review the links and bring recommendations to the next VSB meeting” (as to what links should be on the website.) The Motion passed. Barbara N., Howard, Molly, and Jana (as her time allows) agreed to serve on the Resource Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Note: Because of the limited time, the items listed under “New Business” were handled in a different order, as follows:

6. WE CARE LIST

- **Given the limited time left on the meeting, the Chair moved to this item. She reported on the following:**

Current status:

- Chair reviewed references in the by-laws about the We Care List purpose and function, and that Bylaws say that all committees report to the VSB
- Access to the We Care List has been requested by the VSB

- We Care List Coordinator has requested to function independently from the VSB. She has requested that no reporting to the VSB be required and that communication to the VSB be through the Website Committee Chair, as indicated in the ByLaws.

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DISCUSSION – These issues, and the future of the “We Care List Committee,” were discussed. One member commented that there are two primary reasons for the VSB: the Website and the We Care List. She said the We Care List is an important part of the VSB. Another commented that the We Care List functions as a membership list, and that the Committee’s role is to help the VSB communicate with the membership on a monthly basis. Others commented that it was important for the VSB to have access to the list for security purposes.

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ACTION: Following discussion, a Motion was made that the VSB be given access to the We Care List to communicate with the membership on a monthly basis. The Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

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DISCUSSION – There was discussion about having a two-hour meeting while we work through the growing list of agenda items. There was also discussion about having the regular meetings on a different day, with one member reporting that Sunday is challenging for many and there are already 2 meetings on Sunday. Another member commented that Thursday and Saturday nights are the only evenings without a scheduled meeting. Several expressed the desire to keep the VSB meeting on Sunday. (No Motion was made to change the day of the week.)

ACTION: A Motion was made to add an extra meeting to work through the unaddressed agenda items. Motion passed, with the **next meeting to be held on Sunday, May 13 at 4:45 PM Eastern time.**

The Meeting closed with the 3rd step prayer, and adjourned at 6 PM Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,

**Helen M.
Secretary**