

## Sunday OA HOW December Business Meeting - December 31, 2017

**Meeting Coordinator:** Jenny C.

**Secretary:** Judy G.

1. **Attendance:** Jenny C. MD; Molly NC; Dana D. FL; Alyson NY; Judy G. WA, Nikki NY; Deborah R. MI; Marlena, CA; Sera, VA; Jim, MA; Beverly, AZ; Karen G., NC, Deborah K., VA, Betty, MD; CJ, FL; Pat S., OR

### 2. Minutes from November meeting approved

### 3. New Business

**a) Service Positions.** Several new positions are being filled:

Business Meeting Chair: Molly

Point of Contact: Dana

Newcomer Greeter: Sera (backup: Beverly)

(This topic is addressed again at the end of the meeting.)

**b) Recording the Meeting.** Beverly R. brought forth the question of whether this meeting should be recorded. She said she has been uncomfortable telling her story because of the recording and she worries that the recording violates anonymity. She has had people say they left the meeting because of the recording.

#### Discussion:

*Jenny:* Another meeting with low attendance uses our meeting within their meeting. They are concerned about our discontinuing the recording.

*Nikki:* Thank you Beverly for being willing to bring this topic up. There may be generational differences as to who is comfortable with recordings. I use the recording a lot, particularly if I miss a meeting or I'm traveling, and people around the world use it. Perhaps we could turn off the recording for a particular speaker who does not wish to be recorded.

*Molly:* Yes, it would be possible to turn off the recording for a portion of the meeting.

*Alyson:* I support the recording. People go back and listen to get names and numbers of sponsors and speakers. I have received emails from people who heard we were considering discontinuing the recording, and they wanted to let us

know they use the recordings, particularly when traveling, and hope we will continue them. I use the recording as a boost in the arm and am grateful it's available. As for anonymity, people come into the meeting when it's live and hear me, so I don't know the difference if it's recorded.

*Barbara:* I hope we continue. I have been in low-attendance meetings where we don't have enough sponsors, and we used video and audio recordings to supplement. It's a big help to use.

*Judy G:* I received a hookup call from someone whose sponsor had heard me on the meeting and told the sponsee to listen and then contact me because of what I shared. So it does seem to be valuable. I'm wondering if we could announce less frequently that the meeting is recorded. We say it so frequently it starts to sound as if we are warning people off or it's something very dire.

*Pat S:* I'm in Oregon, and OA is not very good where we are. We've struggled a lot to find recovery. Some of us started a meeting, but we are a small number. We've made our meeting a hybrid — we read the non-sponsor readings, and then we use the recording for the sponsor readings and speakers. We've done this for two years and it's really helped us continue. I don't see how the recording interferes with anonymity more than a live meeting.

*Beverly R:* I'm going to withdraw my motion because most people clearly want to continue the recording.

(from all: thank you Beverly for bringing up the topic and letting us discuss it)

#### **4. Unfinished Business:**

a) We still have some service positions unfilled. Molly agreed to be Moderator for one more month (while also taking on a new position). Everyone agreed to talk to people on hookups about being a Leader or Speaker, which should suffice because we have people signed up already for a few weeks. People were comfortable with this temporary solution, and we will revisit service positions next month.

b) We will also revisit a few issues about recording the meeting:

1. Possibility of turning off the recording if a speaker does not wish to be recorded.
2. Possibility of making fewer announcements during meeting about the recording.

#### **5. Adjourned**