

North Bay OA Intergroup Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2025

8:30 am - 9:30 am [via zoom](#)

Call to Action/Shout Outs

- ★ **How do we strengthen our fellowship?**
 - What type of exposure do we have? How are we spreading the word?
 - [Please bring these ideas to your groups and ask for more ideas](#)

 - ★ Region 2 **Fellowship Forward Survey**
 - <https://www.oar2.org/fellowship-forward-survey.html>
 - Share your insights and experiences with OA
 - Explores key areas:
 - Retention, abstinence, service, sponsorship, outreach, inclusivity
 - 7-10 minute survey
 - Complete by April 1st

 - ★ **Day in OA**
 - Coming in May 2025!
 - Will be in Petaluma or Novato
 - Look for more information in April
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In Attendance

Deborah S	Intergroup Officer	Chair
Fionn	Intergroup Officer	Vice Chair
Aida G	Intergroup Officer	Treasurer
Diane G.	Intergroup Officer	Secretary
Lynn	Intergroup Officer	Region 2 Rep
Robert M	Intergroup Officer	WSO Rep
Gayl D	Intergroup Officer	Communications Secretary
Sophia F.	Group Rep	Monday night at 7 PM
Eleanor W	Group Rep	Napa Saturday 9:30a.m.
Brenda B	Group Rep	Tues 9am Literature #48664 zoom
Abigail Z	Group Rep	Santa Rosa Sunday 4pm
Ellen N	Group Rep	Friday 6:15 pm zoom meeting
Nancy B	Group Rep	Monday 1:30 pm Corte Madera
Glo W	Group Rep	Friday 9 a.m. zoom
Janet L	Group Rep	Wednesday 7 pm Sebastopol
Kaaren G	Group Rep	Petaluma 7:30 pm Thursday
Nan N	Group Rep	Monday Step Study @6, Tuesday Various Literature @6, Wednesday Big Book @6.
sherrill D	Group Rep	Mon 1215 Cotati
Erica T	Other	

Call to order

- 8:30 am - Deborah S.

Welcome and OA Readings (8:30-8:40)

1. Opening prayer - Deborah S.
2. Twelve traditions - Glo
3. Twelve concepts - Gayl D.

Consent Agenda:

1. Motion to approve by Kaaren; seconded by Nan
2. Approved - Unanimously
3. [February 2025 Minutes](#)
4. [Treasury Report](#)
[February 2025 Income & Expenses](#)
[February 2025 Donations by Meeting](#)

TREASURER'S REPORT: FEBRUARY 2025

Checking Account Balance 02/28/2025: \$8,100.55

Savings Account Balance 02/28/2025: \$5,000.13 [corrected balance, see below]

Prudent Reserve: \$3600.00

Travel Reserve: \$1000.00

Retreat Reserve: \$8500.00

TOTAL RESERVE: \$13,100.00

Balance Over Reserve: \$.68

No action required at this time

FEBRUARY TRANSACTIONS

Expenses:

Website \$60

WSBC Fee \$249

Income:

\$202.53 Member Donations

\$1699.42 Meeting Donations (see attached detail list)

\$0.04 Interest Earned

Reconciled Balance 02/28/2025: \$13100.68

URGENT MATTERS

\$140 Zelle meeting donation received from "Gretchen T" -- please identify what meeting this is from January starting balance for savings account was incorrectly noted as \$5005.05. Corrected to \$5000.05

ONGOING NOTIFICATIONS

Please include meeting ID # with donation whether by zelle, paypal or check

Friday 6p Santa Rosa Meeting number seems incorrect on website; please verify

Note that paper checks will take longer to process. Zelle is the preferred donation method.

Email addresses will be transitioned after first of the year; awaiting IRS authorization

Donation Letters may be requested by emailing treasurer@oamarin.org

Seeking Zoom Coordinator to assist me with management of the Zoom accounts. Minimal time commitment.

Yours in Service,

Aida Good

915-433-6412

treasurer@oamarin.org

Committee Board/Committee Reports (8:40-9:05) 3 minutes each

1. Chair - Deborah S.
 - a. So glad there are so many in attendance and ready to serve
2. Region 2 (R2) Representatives - Lynn H.
 - a. [Fellowship Forward Survey](https://www.oar2.org/fellowship-forward-survey.html)
 - i. <https://www.oar2.org/fellowship-forward-survey.html>
 - ii. New committee wants input about the program, retention of members and other issues
 - iii. 7-10 minute survey
 - iv. Survey closes April 1st
 - v. We ask that folks fill it out and push it out to the groups
 - b. Upcoming assembly - March 28 - 29, 2025
 - i. Folks can attend as a visitor or we need another R2 rep, so if you are interested please reach out to Lynn H.
 - ii. Voting on changing language of policies, procedure and bylaws
 - iii. Information about this can be found at [this assembly link](#) as a downloadable PDF; pages 43-53
 - iv. The bylaws are being cleaned up - this is what is registered with the State - to bring up to 2025 realities, e.g., adding hybrid meetings, electronic devices, etc.
 - v. The policies can be updated with just a vote at any time
 1. Some things in the policies will be moved into bylaws
 - c. After the assembly in March, times of the assemblies will be changing:
 - i. Assemblies will now be in Summer and winter
 - ii. The next will be after the R2 convention
3. World Service Representatives - Robert M.
 - a. WSO Information
 - i. Robert Voted as our representative
 - ii. He received feedback on which agenda items should be on the WSO business conference and based on that, he voted that all items should be on the agenda
4. Correspondence Secretary - Gayl D
 - a. Keeping up with events to be put on the website
 - b. Received a notification about "Google Voice" account
 - i. Is something we want to continue?
 - ii. Aida - This is the number we have on the website. Mary is the one who knows about this and can help keep it going.
 - c. One email asked if teens are welcome and the response was yes
5. Reports from Group Reps
 - a. Can members represent more than one group?
 - i. Not officially, but if we don't have folks stepping up, we may need to do it
 - ii. Anyone can attend and take information to as many meetings as they like, but they can only have one vote in intergroup
 - iii. Intergroup can do some training and outreach to groups so everyone understands the purpose of intergroup and the importance of having a group rep.

- b. Brenda - Tuesday 9:00 am
 - i. This group wants to continue as a zoom meeting

Ongoing Business (9:05-9:15)

1. How are we strengthening and supporting our fellowship?

Outreach to new members and support of current members

- a. See above under group rep reports/questions
 - i. "Intergroup can do some training and outreach to groups so everyone understands the purpose of intergroup and the importance of having a group rep."
 - ii. If outreach is done, there will be a better vision of what is needed and wanted.
- b. Reminder: previously we voted to compile a speakers list. Lynn H. is still working on this.
- c. Group Brainstorm
 - i. What type of exposure do we have? How are we spreading the word?
 1. Website & printed meeting schedule? Janet would be willing to work on this.
 - a. Groups could distribute information on their own
 2. Perhaps this goes on the next agenda under this agenda topic
 3. This needs to be a focus of intergroup - we need to connect with groups and encourage groups to be connected with their own communities
 4. Nan - San Francisco put it on muni. Other groups put it in the "penny saver."
 5. In the past Sonoma has put together packets to distribute to doctors, therapists, etc.
 6. Meetings can have time set aside for newcomers to be greeted and ask questions
 7. Cathleen - Combine with another 12 step groups (east bay) She has also been to a conference where there were meetings for all different 12 step groups
 8. Lynn H - it sounds like we may need a Public Information Committee again. There is a manual that has all kinds of information about how to do this. This can be found on the oa.org bookstore.
 - a. Lynn H moves that Vice Chair (Fionn) be to be the chair of the public information outreach committee - Glo seconded
 - b. Approved with one abstention

2. Update - A Day in OA - Abigail

- a. Deborah S (Santa Rosa) and a few others are working on this
- b. It will be in May - Dates still to be determined
- c. They are looking for a location in Novato and/or Petaluma because these are locations geographically in the middle of the intergroup. Lucchesi in Petaluma is a possibility
 - i. Novato has a Community center with a \$420 deposit with \$20/hour on the day of the event
- d. Can the intergroup pay the deposit, knowing that it will be returned
 - i. Treasurer - we have a large "retreat account" that can be used for this. Paying the deposit will not be a hardship. This money is specifically for deposits. There is \$8,000 in the account

- ii. Money was given specifically for a retreat, so there is some concern about using this money for other events
- iii. If this is a problem, perhaps money could also be taken from another account
- iv. Vice Chair - retreats would be wonderful and events like workshops and day in OA would be more accessible for newer members
- e. Motion by Abigail to pay a \$450 deposit from prudent reserve for a Day in OA event location
- f. Approved - Unanimously

New Business (9:15-9:25)

Tabled from 2-15-25 Meeting

1. 12 step within
 - a. We are unsure who put this on the agenda.
 - b. We will remove this from the agenda
2. Workshop Committee (12)
 - a. This was spoken about earlier Fionn about outreach to groups

New Business for 3-15-25 Meeting

3. [Region 2 Convention](#) - Chair, Celia (was unable to attend)
 - a. July 11 - 13, 2025 in Los Angeles
 - b. Donations needed
 - c. TABLED until Celia can attend our intergroup meeting

Informational Items

1. OS World Service has a Facebook page that can be accessed with updates and information
 - a. Videos and information to attract new people
 - b. Can this be put on the website?
 - i. Gayl can look into this and contact Mary to have this put on our website

Closing (9:25-9:30)

1. Responsibility Pledge
2. Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 am

North Bay OA Intergroup Meets the 3rd Saturday of every month

<https://zoom.us/j/342376608?pwd=YzBNYjF1c2lUN1ErcDdKeTVOdVIPUT09>

Next IG Meeting April 19, 2025