

NJIOA Minutes August 14, 2025

Chair: Jeff A

Vice-Chair: Susan S

Treasurer: Ilene W

Jeff opened the meeting with thanks to Gail, Ilene and Loraine for the meeting documents emailed to the members.

Serenity Prayer: All

12 Steps: Polly

Concept of the Month: ToniAnn

OA Responsibility Pledge: Jeff

12 Traditions: Mary Ann

Unity with Diversity Policy: Mary Jeanne

Introduction: Roll Call:

Barbara R, Mon10am, Lifeline meeting

Gail, Corresponding Secretary, Thurs Relapse meeting

Grace, Wed pm, Saddle Brook HOW meeting

Ilene W, Treasurer

Jeff A, Chair, Sun am, West Orange meeting

Jennie, Zoom chair

Judy L, Events chair

June, Sunday pm, There is a Solution meeting

Loraine, Recording Secretary, Region 7 rep

Marcy, Tuesday pm Wayne meeting

Mark H, Saturday Cedar Knolls beginners meeting

Mary Ann, Oasis co-editor

Mary Jeanne, Sat, New Providence meeting

Maryjean, Fri 7pm, Sat 8:30pm, zoom meetings

Pinney, Tuesday 7pm, Montclair meeting

Polly, Sponsorship Coordinator

Steven S, Website chair, Wed 8pm, Men's meeting

Susan S, Vice-Chair, Literature scholarship coordinator

ToniAnn, Parliamentarian

Minutes of July 10, 2025 were corrected to show the Oasis will be issued three times a year, not as a quarterly publication.

Motion: ToniAnn

Seconded: Mark

Minutes as corrected were approved

Committee Reports

Treasury:

- Check Deposits: Jeff stated he will pick up the checks and mail from the intergroup mailbox. He expressed thanks to ToniAnn for picking up the checks, taking pictures of each one and making the deposits for five years.
- July Treasury Report: Ilene reported there were a lot of donations in July, individual and from meetings. Income for the month was \$1,855.71; expenses were \$782.28; balance was \$32,735.94. A question was raised regarding the funds pending entry. It represents an old intergroup bank account of \$6,120.78 that was idle and was transferred to the State of New Jersey as uncollected funds. A claim has been filed, a claim number assigned and obtaining the money is in process.

- **Proposed 2026 Operating Budget:** Jeff mentioned that the sub-committee preparing the budget included the intergroup chair, vice-chair, treasurer and parliamentarian. The sub-committee received input from committee chairs on their needs for the coming year. Two accountants, OA members in our region, were asked to review the proposed budget. If the 2026 operating budget of \$26,679 is approved, that figure will be 100% of our prudent reserve. \$4,979 from the 2025 year-end balance of about \$31,000 was put into 2026 proposed budget income as Excess Funds above Prudent Reserve. Ilene, the Treasurer, noted that the one change in the revised budget proposal was the addition of "printing costs" on the Oasis expense line.

Motion to approve the 2026 Budget: Susan Seconded: Gail
Vote by show of hands 16 Yes, 0 No; 1 Yes, verbal; 2 abstentions
Motion passed

Oasis: Mary Ann, co-editor, stated the current issue is on the website and the Fall/Winter issue will be available around September 21. The theme is There Is A Solution; articles should be between 200-300 words and can be entered and submitted on the website. The articles are due September 1st. She mentioned that the Oasis will be smaller, down to four pages so copies can be mailed to the 17 in-person meetings. Alison is working on a full meeting list that will be sent with the Oasis issues. Mary Ann mentioned members have been able to receive an email copy of the Oasis but there will now be two places on the website where a member can choose to request either an email or a hard copy.

Public Information: Terry, chair of PI, asked Jeff to report that NJ Transit has reached out to NJ intergroups to explore the feasibility of an OA advertising campaign on NJ Transit.

Phone Line: Mark mentioned a difficulty commented on by three callers wanting to go to a meeting who after navigating the website, finding a meeting and then seeing they had to call for a password. That is a protection for the meeting but a click of a button in a meeting could handle a disturbance.

Sponsorship: Polly reported 2 new sponsees were looking for sponsors in July, 2 more this month a sponsor is looking for a sponsee. Jeff asked that members announce at their meetings that we are looking for both sponsors and sponsees.

Website: Susan stated the website is going well. Patrick makes corrections within a week if not sooner. If there is any website problem or questions, call Susan. Steven said we have migrated to the new host for our domain name and website. It's a performance boost and the cost is a little bit better; this host is a little more stable and performance should be significantly better from now on.

Zoom: Jennie informed the members to contact her if there is an event or a meeting that needs a zoom room. Contact: zoom@njioa.org

Scholarship: Susan received a request and mailed one Big Book. She asked members to mention at meetings the scholarship for free Big Book or OA Step Book to a member who needs one. She responds to the requests within one to two days.

World Service: Maryjean reported on the 2025 World Service Convention beginning August 21 in Orlando, Florida. Pre-registration is no longer available; register on arrival. The theme is Walking in the Sunlight. There is new literature available on the oa.org website: podcasts on

Unity with Diversity, Spiritual Principles, Step Twelve and Carry the Message. Also a future publication needs short stories about staying abstinent, due by September 15.

Region 7: The planning committee for the 2025 virtual Region 7 Convention scheduled for November 1 will be meeting again this weekend. The theme of the conference is Balanced in Recovery; Standing on Three Legs. A flyer will be presented for approval and will be going out to all meeting contacts at the beginning of October. Keynote speakers will be chosen based on submitted recordings and member feedback; topics and speakers for individual workshops are being worked on.

Events: Judy reported on the Program is Portable Workshop saying it was attended by 50 people. There were 3 speakers who addressed what its like to travel and stay abstinent, which applies not just to traveling but to times when delayed close to or past a mealtime. The speakers were recorded and it will be posted on the website.

Note: there is a problem with the Chronic Illness workshop podcast. The recording is of speaker #1 and a repeat of #3, speaker #2 is missing. A resolution of the problem is being worked on.

August 16, 2-4 pm; OA Sponsorship Day, 2 speakers from each of the 3 NJ intergroups

September: Traditions Workshop, 6 speakers each sharing on 2 Traditions

October 5, 1-3:30 pm: Dr Bob and Bill W: What Can We Learn from their Stories?, 2 speakers

October 18, 6:30-8:30 pm: Firelight Meeting at the Audubon reserve in Franklin Lakes. Grace is coordinating this event and shared that there will be a speaker, campfire where writings can be burned, access is lit and parking lot has been upgraded.

November 15: I.D.E.A. Day, a great lead-in to the holidays

There were no comments or questions from members who were unable to be present at this meeting.

The meeting ended with the OA Promise

Motion to close: Judy Seconded: Mary Ann

The next meeting: September 11, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Loraine B, Recording Secretary