

NJIOA Minutes September 11, 2025

Chair: Jeff A

Vice-Chair: Susan S

Treasurer: Ilene W

Serenity Prayer: All

12 Steps: Mark

Concept of the Month: Gail

OA Responsibility Pledge: Jeff

12 Traditions: Barbara

Unity with Diversity Policy: Mary Jeanne

Introduction/Roll Call:

Barbara R, Mon, 10am Lifeline meeting

Fran, Events committee

Gail, Corresponding Secretary, Thurs Relapse meeting

Holly, Zoom committee

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

Rena, Sponsorship Coordinator, Sat am, in-person Montclair meeting

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

Susan S, Vice-Chair, Literature scholarship coordinator

Terry P, Public Information Outreach Chair

Minutes for August 14

Motion to Approve: Gail Seconded: Mary Ann Approved: unanimous

Standing Committee Reports

Treasury: Ilene stated transactions were pretty straight forward for the month of August; there were no extraneous expenses and income was on target thanks to the meeting donations.

Oasis: Mary Ann reported the new Oasis, There Is a Solution, will be coming out in the middle of this month. There will be four pages and a separate sheet containing a list of in-person and on-line meetings. Copies of the Oasis are sent either individually to members email addresses or as free paper copies mailed to the contacts for the 16 in-person meetings. There will be a place on the NJIOA website for individual members to request either free paper copies through the regular mail or PDF copies through email by emailing their name and mailing/email address to: oasis@njioa.org.

Public Information: Terry P reported that the next NJ Psychological Association conference will be held on Saturday, October 17 in Livingston. Volunteers are needed to man the OA information table for a four-hour period. Please contact Terry at publicinfo@njioa.org if you are available and willing to help spread the word. The service would involve answering questions from people visiting the table; there will be World Service literature written for professionals available as handouts.

Jeff and Fran will check the literature that is in the storage unit and if there is material appropriate for the PI committee service, Terry P will be notified.

Sponsor Coordinator: Jeff introduced Rena who has assumed the role of coordinator for the intergroup. He expressed thanks for Polly's wonderful service as the previous coordinator. Information from the recent Sponsorship workshop will be forwarded to Rena as it will include helpful information regarding sponsors and people looking for sponsors.

Website: Susan reported the website is doing great; new information is on the navigation bar; no corrections have been received and the speed of access has improved. Please contact Susan if there is incorrect meeting information at website@njioa.org. Mistakes or new information should be up within a week of notification.

Zoom: Jennie stated that when a chair or officer needs to schedule a zoom meeting to contact her at: zoom@njioa.org.

Literature/Scholarship: Susan reported she mailed out 2 books to members. She asked the members to remind their groups that the books are free, the Big Book and the OA 12&12, for anyone wanting one.

Events: Judy mentioned the upcoming monthly events: September 28, Keeping the Peace, a Traditions workshop with 6 speakers, each covering 2 Traditions and their importance; October 5, Dr Bob and Bill W, 2 speakers on what you can learn from our founders' stories; an in-person Firelight meeting October 18, at Lorrimer Sanctuary, Franklin Lakes; November 21, I.D.E.A Day an international day of experiencing abstinence workshop sponsored by the 3 NJ intergroups; December 12, 12th Step Within, possibly sponsored by the Friday night HOW meeting.

Judy read the flyer that was distributed requesting stories of how the Fellowship helped during difficulties, relapses or life crises. It is a reaching-in request to support those members already here who may be struggling or ones not seen at meetings for a while. To date she has not received any responses. The stories will be read at the December 12th Step Within workshop. Judy's contact information is on the flyer or at events@njioa.org.

Fran made a suggestion to use the We Care list developed from the winter retreat as an additional mailing list for the monthly event flyers, maybe a month or two weeks before each event. Judy noted that she does often put the NJIOA events on the World Service calendar.

World Service: Marcy reported there are several new podcasts covering the Spiritual Principles, Step Twelve and Resources to Carry the Message. A new publication, Are You Living Abstinently? is in process and member experiences can be submitted by September 15. For further information, see What's Happening At OA? at: oa.org.

Region 7: Loraine gave an update on the Region 7 virtual convention, Balanced In Recovery, being held on November 1st from 9 am to 4:30 pm. There will be 2 keynote speakers and 3 workshops with 2 speakers each on the physical, emotional and spiritual areas of recovery. Registration is now open and can be accessed at: [oaregion7.org/Upcoming events/2025 Region 7 Convention](http://oaregion7.org/Upcoming%20events/2025%20Region%207%20Convention).

There were no questions or items for discussion received from members unable to attend tonight's meeting.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Motion to close: Fran Seconded: Gail

Next Meeting: October 9

Respectfully submitted,
Loraine B, Recording Secretary