

**NJIOA Meeting  
January 8 2026**

Chair: Jeff A.; Acting Vice-Chair: Ed A; Treasurer: Ilene; Corresponding Secretary: Gail;  
Recording Secretary: Loraine B

OA Responsibility Pledge: Jeff

12 Steps: Gail

Concept of the Month: Mary Jeanne

Serenity Prayer: All

12 Traditions: Mark

Unity with Diversity Policy: Mary Ann

**Introduction: Roll Call**

Barbara R, Mon am, Lifeline meeting

Fran, Co-Treasurer Winter Retreat

Ed A, Acting Vice-Chair

Gail, Corresponding Secretary, Thurs Relapse meeting

Ilene W, Treasurer

Jeff A, Chair, Sun 9:30 am West Orange virtual meeting

Jennie, Zoom Chair

Judy L, Zoom committee

Loraine B, Recording Secretary, Region7 Rep

Mary Jeanne, Sat 11:00 am New Providence meeting

Maryjean E, Fri virtual 7pm, Sat virtual 8:30 pm meetings

Mark H, Sat 10:30 am Cedar Knolls Beginners meeting, Hot Line, Region 7 Rep

Mary Ann, Oasis co-editor, Co-Treasurer Winter Retreat, Wed pm Saddle Brook BB meeting

Rena, Sponsorship coordinator, Sat 9:30 in-person Montclair meeting

Susan S, Website chair, Scholarship coordinator, Mon 11:00 am meeting

ToniAnn, Parliamentarian

Jeff A announced election of the Treasurer, Ilene, would take place at this meeting as she was not present at the December meeting. Also noted that Ed A is the new incoming Vice-Chair.

**December Minutes:** There were no comments/ questions on the December 11, 2025 minutes.  
Motion to accept: ToniAnn      Seconded: Barbara R      Minutes accepted

**Treasurer's report:** Ilene explained that the income of \$633.33 was a check received from Region 7. It was reimbursement from World Service and Region 7 for the NJIOA expenses incurred by our Public Information committee's participation at professional conferences in 2025. The inclusion of the Winter Retreat registration fees of \$456.25 were included in the December report in order to match the bank statement.

**Oasis:** Mary Ann stated the Winter/Spring 2026 issue will be available mid-January; the theme is Living In The Steps. She has checked with the in-person meeting contacts to ask if the more or less copies of the Oasis were needed at the meeting; copies will be printed at Staples and mailed to the 16 in-person meetings. Email copies will be sent to those who asked that their name be put on that mailing list.

**Hot Line:** Mark said there was no activity during the month except for a message from a dermatology group which he will look into. The Hot Line number, 201 528-3398, is on our flyers, on the website and on the front page of the Oasis.

**Literature Scholarship:** Susan reported there had not been any requests for the free literature during the month. Literature has been ordered from World Service so information packets will be available at the January 31 in-person, newcomer's event being held in Saddle Brook.

**Sponsorship:** Rena reported there were two inquiries this month but unfortunately from Australia and the UK. She responded to both of them. It was suggested our location and time zone information could be added to our website.

**Website:** Susan reported the website is doing well; there are a lot of people looking. She will add our location and time zone to the website. The flyer for the Winter Retreat will go up on the first page. She will check for any financial reports from 2025 that were not on the website. Events team is working on getting the August, September and October event podcasts up and running on the web.

**Zoom:** Jennie reported the committee is down a person and asked anyone interested in joining to please contact her; training and support is available. There is a meeting scheduled on Tuesday evening, January 13, for all who want to be "Zoomers" for the Winter Retreat. There will be a zoom committee meeting on Monday night, January 12, to check availability for future events and intergroup meetings.

**World Service:** Maryjean reported the World Service business conference, April 20-25, OA Is The Solution for Life, is open to everyone, not only delegates. Meetings will be held to consider updates to by-laws and literature. The World Service website, [oa.org](http://oa.org), has a lot of information including available podcasts and a revised pamphlet, To The Men, which has new stories.

**Region 7:** Loraine reported Region 7 is conducting a pilot social media outreach program over the next few months. It will be modeled after a similar program put into place by Region 1. Facebook ads will be placed for intergroups that choose to participate without cost and will be available to users in selected geographic areas. The Region1 Facebook page has pictures of workshop fliers, access to podcasts, places to check if new and looking for a meeting, slogans, etc. The Region 7 outreach committee is requesting help with this project and if our intergroup is interested, then we'd need an NJIOA contact person; a form is available to submit to Region 7 with his or her contact information. The next Region 7 event is the March 15<sup>th</sup>, a one-day virtual Region Assembly.

**Public Information:** No chairperson, no report.

**Past Event:** Judy stated the 12/12 Fellowship With-In virtual workshop was a great event, showing what the fellowship does for us and what we do for the fellowship.

**Upcoming Events:**

**1/31, It's a Great Time to Start;** an in-person Special Event, Newcomers & Returnees, 9:30 am–12:30 pm at the Dorothy B Kraft Center in Saddle Brook. There will be 5 speakers.

**2/28, NJIOA Virtual Winter Retreat,** Stories of the Big Book, 9:00 am–4:00 pm; speakers will share on stories from the Big Book. There will be 16 speakers from inside and outside the US. Because the winter retreat takes place on Unity Day, the 2:30 recitation of the Serenity Prayer will be made a part of the retreat.

**Retreat registration report:** Mary Ann said about 25 have registered to-date. Registration is very simple. It is managed through the website: find the flyer, click on the link and the instructions to follow are very user friendly. She noted that those who volunteer to help with the retreat will have to register in order to attend. A follow-up event reminder email will be sent to the 2025 Retreat WeCare list with a note from Mary Ann; the 160 people on the Oasis email list will also receive the follow-up.

**NOTE: Confirmation of the registration** is a thank you from NJIOA with an attachment, some have found it in their Spam or Junk mail. If the NJIOA thank you email is not received it means the registration did not go through and needs to be reprocessed.

**Old Business:** Elections

ToniAnn, Parliamentarian, confirmed there is quorum and all but one in attendance are eligible to vote. The voting was conducted electronically.

All nominated were approved unanimously with one abstention for each:

Zoom Chair, Jennie

Treasurer, Ilene

Website Chair, Susan S

Region 7 Rep, Mark H

Oasis Chair, Mary Ann

**Open (unfilled) Positions:** 12th Step Within chair, Public Information chair, and Events chair.

**New Business:** Jeff sent a letter to NJIOA representatives and out to the intergroup meetings asking for more in-person, social events this year. He encourages in-person meetings to do social events before and after their meetings and for those attending zoom meetings to arrange extra time before or after the meetings or get-togethers in between meetings. Some suggestions: members getting together for a meal at a diner or nearby restaurant, a monthly social meeting for those only available on zoom, maybe a movie night. Meetings are encouraged to sponsor one event like the Wednesday night Men's meeting did for the December 12, 12<sup>th</sup> Step Within workshop. There is help available for any meeting that would like to sponsor a monthly event, contact Jeff for information.

The meeting closed with the OA Promise.

Motion to close: Fran

Seconded: Mark

**Next Meeting: February 12, 2026, 7:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Loraine B, Recording Secretary