

PAIG MEETING MINUTES:

February 5, 2025

Start Time: 7:15, End: 8:42

Preliminaries

Established a Quorum: (3 Board Members and 8 Group Representatives)

Representatives sign in on the sign in sheet.

Upcoming events:

Flyers available on (<https://oa-phila.org/#events>)

- **Women's Body Image Topic Meeting**: 6:30pm, Tuesdays at Blue Bell Branch of Wissahickon Valley Public Library will be reading out of "Diverse Voices" (new literature)
- **MIGOA Super Bowl Meeting**: Sunday, February 9, 2025, 2pm EST, Zoom Meeting ID: 876 0679 6138, Passcode: Superbowl
- **Share the Love**: Speakers followed by Q&A, Sunday, February 16, 2025, 1-3pm EST, Zoom Meeting ID: 840 8195 8572, Passcode: 803054
- **The Power Within: Spiritual Strength for Lasting Recovery**: Workshop to deepen recovery through spirituality, Saturday, February 22, 2025, 1-3pm PST / 4-6pm EST, Zoom Meeting ID: 837 1918 2954, Passcode: 909312
- **Unity Day 2025** - Hosted by the 3 NJ Intergroups, Sunday, February 23, 2025, 1-3pm ET, Zoom Meeting ID: 812 9057 6592, Passcode: 528444
- **Roadmap to Recovery** – OA Virtual Region 2025 Convention, Friday, February 28, 2025, through Sunday, March 2, 2025. Registration fee on sliding scale. Register at <https://oavirtualregion.org/registration2025/>
- **Feeling Groovy** – NJIOA-sponsored annual Winter retreat – Saturday, March 1, 2025, 9am-5pm ET on Zoom. Register online at <https://www.njioa.org/winter-retreat/>

- **The Road to Recovery** – It’s All About the Journey – Annual retreat, April 25-27, 2025, Carousel Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Flyer including registration form is on PAIG’s website.
- **Save the Date – World Service Convention** – Thursday, August 21, 2025 to Saturday, August 23, 2025, Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, 6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL

February principal #2 is Hope - brief share by Debbie B

Questions/issues from Groups:

1. Q: Income tax do we pay? A: No, we are tax exempt as non-profit.
2. Update: Friday 10am meeting at Saint Andrews United Methodist Church in Warminster is now a hybrid meeting (in-person and on Zoom)

Board reports:

Chair: Shari – Deferred discussion to Old/New Business

Vice Chair: Wendy – Nothing new to report

Treasurer: Phil

Total balance: \$6,456.94

Donations: \$1,384.76

Interest \$0.28

Donation by individual \$5

Expenses total this month \$1,026.10 (itemized list on Treasurer’s report)

Current checking balance: \$6,820.88

Available operating funds \$3,898.32

TREASURER’S REPORT – Motion to approved passed

Secretary: nominated and elected Natasha into position

World Service and Region Reports:

World Service: Trish registered for the upcoming WSBC to be held virtually at the beginning of May

Region 7 rep: Natasha – Nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Aware: Chris

New Aware available on PAIG's website and also sent to PAIG's Google Group

Urged everyone to send in stories

Next month's principle is **Faith** – looking for submissions

Program: Open position

Retreat 2025: Chris

Start talking about retreat planning committee at local meetings; asking for volunteers to help out

Retreat meeting TBD – tentatively late March 2025

PI/PO: Alice

OA advertisement is in the **Uptight Suburbanite** (in community events section)

Discussion regarding staffing a table at Rhawnhurst Recreation Center (corner of Solly and Bustleton Avenues in NE Philadelphia). Suggested having people present on a scheduled day to hand out information and answer questions. Still in progress and discussion

Speaker List: Maureen:

Both Philadelphia area and Region 7 Speaker Lists are available. They can be sent via email. **Note:** the lists cannot be posted or shared on social media.

30-day abstinence requirement

Let Maureen know if you would like to be added

Communications: Ed

2 calls (one telemarketer and one person who left a message)

Web: Shari

Event flyers on website along with the new Aware

7th tradition- donations via PayPal: treasurer@oa-phila.org

Old Business:

Program position is still open, and Secretary position has been filled by Natasha

NJ Conferences:

3 NJ Intergroups & PAIG all participating in 2 NJ Conferences by having a booth at two conventions:

- - National Social Workers (NASW) Convention, 3/30/25 - 4/1/2025 , Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ

- - New Jersey Prevention Network (NJPN) Annual Conference, 6/12/25 – 6/13/25, Atlantic City Convention Center

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED/WELCOMED

NASW – PAIG staffing Monday, 3/31/25, 10am- 8pm (or possibly stop by 6:30pm)
3-4 hours shifts, 2 people per shift. Share your experience strength and hope by carrying the message!

Will place ad in program book + possibly send email blast to 27,000 social workers/ health care professionals.

PAIG Bylaws & Policy Manual:

Committee will be reviewing the PAIG Bylaws and Policy Manual in February and will propose changes/amendments at March's PAIG meeting (or possible April's meeting due to vote on WSBC motions in March).

Fellowship Fun Day (Game Day/Night):

Tentatively planned for end of March/early April. Looking for volunteers!

Need ideas on location/costs/contributions (i.e. games etc.)

Maybe sell bottles of water?

New Business:

World Service Conference:

Business Motion and Bylaw Amendments

3 proposed motions and 10 proposed bylaw amendments.

We will vote on whether to discuss at world service or at during next meeting in March.

1. Proposed- change from young people to young adults (wording)

2. Amend WSBC policy to stipulate – do not convince any member or visitor to adopt a belief in God.
3. Change to state that OA has no opinion on the various medically recommended methods of weight management (vs just bariatric)

There are other listed bylaw amendments:

1. Amendments to remove region 4 wording as Region 4 has been incorporated into Region 5. (update wording to reflect current region structure).
2. Add in another qualification for trustees to include specific ideas in writing to improve the health and long-term survival of the fellowship
3. Change the number of trustees to between 13 and 15 (instead of 17). Proviso: the number of trustees may be reduced by attrition as vacancies occur with no elected trustee being removed as a result of this amendment
4. Remove requirement of at least 55% of the registered groups responding to proposed motions and amendments for them to be approved.
5. Update future publications to remove he/him when referring to God.
6. Change the World Service meeting to video conferencing platform only
7. Add to bylaws that volunteers may address the World Service Business Conference (already happening, just updating the bylaws)
8. Amendment to clarify full requirements for meeting scheduling
9. Clarification on trustee application submissions - 90 days before the annual conference of OA to submit up to 3 nominees per region to the Board and may affirm nominations 90 days before the conference
10. Service body groups may choose to affiliate geographic region where group exists or with Virtual Region.
11. Change all Board of Trustee meetings to solely online videoconferencing services

Please see the World Service Business Conference Proposed Motion and Amendment attachments that were sent with the PAIG Agenda prior to February's meeting for a more detailed review of the proposals.

Serenity Prayer and closed meeting at 8:45pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 5, 2025 at 7:15pm ET