

PHILADELPHIA AREA INTERGROUP (PAIG) MEETING MINUTES – March 5, 2025

7:15 – 8:45 PM

Preliminaries

Meeting started at: 715 pm

Roll call / Sign-in sheet – done.

Establish a Quorum? (3 Board members & 8 Group reps)- yes

Upcoming Events: Save the dates! (see event flyers @ <https://oa-phila.org/#events> and <https://oa.org/event-calendar/>)

- **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)
- **Enhancing Diversity in OA (Meetings & Service Bodies):** Sunday, March 9, 2025 & March 16, 2025, 8am-10am ET, Zoom Meeting ID: 813 2949 0352, Passcode: 121212
- **No Longer Seeing Green: Jealousy and Envy Workshop:** OA Members share how they were freed from jealousy and envy, Sunday, March 16, 2025, 1-3pm ET, Zoom Meeting ID: 840 8195 8572, Passcode: 803054
- **March Madness (Don't Fall into the Food Trap) -** Hear speakers with long-term abstinence tell how they deal with outside events, Saturday, March 22, 2025, 1-3:30pm ET, Zoom Meeting ID: 837 1100 7258, Passcode: 202590
- **Recovery Talks Workshop: Step 10 – Quelling the Disturbance** – Sunday, March 23, 2025, 2-3pm ET, Zoom Meeting ID: 901 265 2959, Passcode: hello.
- **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
- **The Power of the Big Book** – A Vision for You Convention, November 7-9, 2025, Marriott Newark International Airport Hotel, Newark, NJ. Register at <https://www.avision4you.info/event/2025-a-vision-4-you-convention/> Early Bird registration available until September 1, 2025.

This month's principle:

FAITH- Alice shared.

Questions/Issues from Groups:

No issues

Board Reports

Chairperson (Shari B): Report deferred to Old/New Business

Vice Chairperson (Wendy K): Excused. Meeting list was updated and will be posted to PAIG's website.

Treasurer (Phil S): approved

- Previous Balance: \$6,820.88
- Total Income: \$362.81
- Expenses: \$353.72
- Bank Balance: \$6,830.26
- Operating Funds: \$3,547.70

Secretary (Natasha M): minutes submitted and were approved.

World Service and Region 7 Reports

WSBC Delegate A (Trish M): Nothing to report.

Region 7 Rep C (Natasha M): Spring Assembly coming up in April. Otherwise, nothing to report.

Committee Reports

AWARE (Chris N): The latest Aware is published. Please send stories.

Retreat 2025 (Chris N): Committee meeting tentatively planned for the end of March 2025.

PI/PO (Alice P):

People are taking the tear-offs from the flyers.

Ad will be placed March through May 2025 in local papers (The View, The Ledger, etc. Name depends on area of distribution) Previously, the ad ran in "The Carrier Pigeon" & "Uptight Suburbanite"

Speaker List (Maureen L):

Region 7 and the PAIG speaker lists are available.

Communications (Ed Mc):

Received 2 calls- no response when called back for follow up.

Web (Shari B):

Let Shari know if there are any flyers to be posted.

7th Tradition:

Donations via PayPal: treasurer@oa-phila.org

Old Business

National Social Workers Convention (NASW)

Location: Atlantic City at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino

Monday March 21, 2025, 10am to 8 pm

6 volunteers offered their service.

Targeted towards mental health professionals.

Working on dedicated e-blast- to send to 27,000 social workers- to get the word out!

WSBC Proposed Business Motions & Bylaws Amendments:

3 business motions and 10 bylaws amendments.

All were approved for discussion.

PAIG Bylaws and Policy Manual amendments / Consent Agenda

- Proposed changes to be discussed with your groups.
 - Bylaws changes proposed:
 - First change is grammatical correction adding “the” in front of “Chairperson.”
 - Second change is updated to reflect current practices (no longer printing the meeting list as we no longer meet in person)
 - Third is another grammatical correction- adding “the” in front of “Intergroup.”
 - Expanding capabilities of committee to include other options as needed.
 - Policy Manual Amendments
 - Update to reflect current and updated policies, matching section titles and page numbers.
 - Add a quarterly donation of \$100 to Region 7 in addition to the monthly \$100 donation to World Service.
 - Prudent Reserve reduced from \$2000 to \$1000 due to significant reduction in expenses with meeting virtually since Aug 2021. Prudent Reserve shall cover 3

months of expenses in the event of a balance of zero dollars in the PAIG Operating Fund

- Quorum must be present for issues to be voted upon at all meetings. Quorum shall consist of 3 members of Board of Directors and 8 Representatives or their alternatives. Votes may be taken by show of hands, or by ballot or as called for by the presiding Chairperson.

New Motions:

1. Trish M made a motion made to increase daily meal expenditure from \$40 to \$100 per day for Region and World service representatives (for in-person conferences only). Motion was seconded and passed.
2. Trish M made a motion to increase the monthly donation from \$100 to \$200 to World Service Office and the quarterly donation from \$100 to \$200 to Region 7. Motion was seconded and passed.
3. Trish M made a motion to increase the amount given for literature to newly formed groups from \$50 to a maximum of \$200. Motion was seconded and passed.
4. Chris N mentioned a previously approved motion that allocated a budget of \$50/month for cartoons and stock images for the Aware. The motion needs to be added to the Policy Manual.

New Business

- Discussed the idea of doing an Intergroup Inventory – possibly next month
- Phil posed question to the group: How much are face to face meetings paying for rent? Discussion ensued and fees ranged from \$0 (for Wissahickon Library in Blue Bell) to \$65/month for the church in Roxborough.

Close with Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at: 8:36pm

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 2, 2025 (7:15 – 8:45 pm)**

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3477212196> Meeting ID: 347 721 2196 Password: 724462

Dial In: 1 301-715-8592 Meeting Id: 347 721 2196#