

Las Vegas OA Intergroup Minutes July 13, 2024

Present: Carole C., Ellen R., Mary S-L, Adrienne H., Bernadette, Johanna, Jay, Linda E., Rose, Scott H., April, Karen, Maria L., Amy (Quorum declared)

Guests: Judy R. of Oklahoma representing Region III and Mary of New Orleans

Old Business:

- Minutes of June 8, 2024, were approved as presented.

- Corresponding Secretary, Scott H: Any OA-related announcements for the Las Vegas OA community should be sent to lvoa.intergroup@gmail.com. In addition, official OA documents are being migrated from personal accounts to the LVOA Google account. This will create a central archive for LVOA and will be available to view through links. Scott is in the process of formatting it.

- Treasurer, Karen: She will work to align the annual required filing with the Nevada Secretary of State's Office for non-profit status with the timing of LVOAIG's elections in summer. The filing requires a \$50 fee each year and also a physical address, not just a P.O. box. This can be problematic when there is a change in IG treasurers and personal addresses are used. The annual fee comes due in April and a second payment will be needed to align the dates, but it will resolve the issue for the future.

- Region III representative, Maria: She is booked for the Region III convention this fall in Abilene, TX. Intergroup will reimburse her transportation and lodging expenses.
It was also brought up that LVOA has traditionally qualified for two region representatives but has only sent one for a while because of various issues, including funding. Maria noted that Region III has money available to help delegates attend the conventions.
IG members voted to apply for the \$600 that is available from Region III and to elevate Karen, the alternate delegate, to full delegate so that she can attend the Abilene convention.

- Board Adviser, Ellen: The LVOA bylaws are in the process of being revised and will be sent to Region III for review. Ellen expects that there won't be any issues because our bylaws align with the OA World Services Office guidelines.

- Literature Committee, Johanna: A new book is available through WSO, “Diverse Voices, A Common Solution.”
- Newsletter Committee, Linda: The second-quarter newsletter is completed and will be placed on the LVOA website.
- New officers: Mary S-L and Rose were approved to share the duties of recording secretary.

New Business:

- IG members heard a proposal from Region III to send a steering committee member to Las Vegas to conduct a workshop on traditions and service, as well as other OA-related topics. Region steering committee members routinely provide this service.

Members unanimously approved establishing a one-day, in-person retreat for fall 2024 based on this proposal. Johanna was approved to chair the event. A date, location, and other details will be worked out. A volunteer to co-chair the retreat is needed.

While a portion of the event must be dedicated to traditions and service, many other topics are available. These include Food Plan as a Spiritual Tool, Gentle Eating Meal, Affirmations Circle, Steps 6, 7 and 10, Applying the Traditions in Relationships, and Relapse.

To help with planning, Scott was to prepare a ballot with the various topics and send it to all those on the LVOA email list.

Respectfully submitted in OA service by Mary S-L, co-recording secretary