

**Intergroup Minutes**  
**OA Southern Maine Intergroup (SMI) Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 18, 2016**  
**Portland, ME**

***Present***

George H., 12stepgeorge@gmail.com 207-974-966: Chair, Treasurer pro tem, Webmaster, World Service Rep

Robin S. Sat am Portland Rep

Cheryl Y. Cherylofbath@yahoo.com 207-386-1740 Tuesday Bath Noon Rep, Region 6 rep

Trish V. Trishv301@gmail.com Scarborough Monday and Thurs Rep, Vice Chair

Quinn B. Peacefulquinn@gmail.com 207-443-4630 Thursday Rep

***Opening and introductions, Serenity Prayer and reading of the OA 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts.***

Minutes approved as submitted.

***Reports***

George: Treasurer.

Intergroup Leader Training deposit. \$50 dollars deposited, will be refunded when 2 representatives attend. Treasurer's report accepted.

Sunday Brunswick meeting closed. The money will be divided into a regular donation of 60/30/10 with the donation for World Service earmarked for language translation. Quinn will take care of donating the funds.

***Retreat Committee Liaison***

Quinn has not been given the minutes of the last meetings, however, Trish will put the "fear of Trish" in the retreat committee and will report back when she gets a response.

Quinn did request the minutes from the upcoming meeting on September 24.

***Region 6 Representatives***

Region 6 fall Assembly not being attended by Cheryl, due to her broken arm.

George will be in attendance, but only as a board member, not as a Region Rep.

***Chair***

Nothing for chair

***WSO Rep***

We need to change the bylaws as the definition of "group" has changed. Motion is to amend definition, as a "group" now includes and affects virtual gatherings. A group does not have to meet in real time. This change is taking place to support China, as they have a group that is actually always online, with people dropping in and out as they will.

***IDEA Day celebration***

Cheryl: meeting with Shalece (CMI). It was discussed that the celebration will be held in Augusta for centrality to both of the Intergroups that will be attending.

**IDEA Day will be celebrated in the Alford Center, Augusta. 2:00-4:00 on Nov 19th in Conference rooms 1B and 2B.** The IDEA day program is focusing on How Does Creativity Fuel Your Recovery, with demonstrations, interactive activities, and creative opportunities to get your recovery going. Presenters share how their recovery is affected by this process. Each presenter has a 3-5 minute interaction presentation (demonstration) time. Stress on interactive rather than lecture. Application forms are being sent out. Interested people can sign up through Cheryl. Bring something for show and tell.

CMI is to be commended for going to the Intergroup Officer training this past August to learn how to keep the intergroup ball rolling!

### ***Group Elections***

George suggested creating a vacuum to draw more people into Intergroup. If only 5 people are regularly attending Intergroup meetings, those people will burn out. What are we bringing back to our individual meetings? Are we encouraging our sponsees to attend Intergroup? If a group isn't being represented, they are actually violating the Traditions - self supporting through OUR OWN contributions. If the Intergroup is weak, there isn't communication between groups, no programs will be able to be organized, and a breakdown in communications will lead to a breakdown in the meetings.

Annual business meeting in December, at the Alford Center in Augusta. OFFICERS TO ELECT: chair, treasurer, secretary, Region 6 Rep.

Participation and elections will be determined by secret ballot - participants call a special number and the vote will be confidentially counted.

### ***Marketing Position***

Susy to be contacted by Trish to find a paid marketing person (in her field) if Cheryl's daughter, Callista (who holds a degree in marketing, and runs her own business) declines. We can find a person through the colleges, as well. Funds are available, and salary will be determined.

### ***Meeting Contact Issues***

Contact list - take off email address for the people who don't comply with anonymity Traditions. Quinn will send out a reminder email.

***Next meeting will be held:*** December 3, 2016, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm; Maine Medical Center, Alford Center for Health, 35 Medical Center Pkway, Augusta, ME

### ***Attend virually:***

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