

**Oahu Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.
Business Meeting Unapproved Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

OPENING: (6:30 pm) Serenity Prayer(All)

READINGS

1. **READING: An Informed Group Conscience** - Stephanie
2. **Intergroup Preamble:** Patti L.
3. **12 Traditions:** Richard

The Seventh Tradition is both a privilege and responsibility of individual groups and members to ensure that our organization, at every level, remains forever self supporting and free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose. We invite you to contribute to the Oahu Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc. To make your contribution online, please go to <https://oahu.aa.org/online-contributions>

DECLARATION OF UNITY: (all) **A Declaration of Unity:** *This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depends on our lives, and the lives of those to come.*

INTRODUCTION OF NEW INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES:

ESTABLISHING A QUORUM: (secretary - Patti H.) Consists of _33 voting members. Quorum = 17 simple majority (or 22 for matters of policy. (51% +1 or 66%+1)

September 2024 ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Anniversary to: Hope 17, Warren 13, Elena (2), David (31)

APPROVAL OF 8/14/24 OIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Sally Seconded: Lori Simple Majority: y Motion -passed

OIG REPORTS:

Chair: Donnie K.

1. Announcement made: Please continue helping the recording secretary with the minutes by **clearly & loudly by stating your name when making a motion or seconding a motion..** Please keep side conversations to a minimum.
2. Voting on the issue "**Should OIG accept donations of goods or services for activities from anyone in or outside of AA (not money)**".

Donnie read:

“ a. *OIG Structure & Guidelines - 7. Finances*

*7.1 Sufficient funds are needed so the expenses of the Oahu Central Office and its service work are met. Therefore, the OIG Treasurer and the Oahu Central Office Manager readily accept voluntary contributions from Oahu's A.A. groups **and other A.A. approved sources.***

7.2 The Oahu Intergroup of Hawai`i, Inc., recognizes that contributions are made in the spirit of sacrifice, and they honor A.A.'s code of "love and service". In keeping with our Seventh Tradition, we will accept personal financial contributions only from members of Alcoholics Anonymous. We will accept a maximum per year contribution from living individuals not to exceed the amount accepted by GSO at the time of the contribution. Bequests in wills are acceptable only from A.A. members, limited to the maximum accepted by GSO at that time, from any one person, and only on a one time basis – not in perpetuity

b. Here is a report from Mark O. (Volunteer Coordinator) that he received from different emails with GSO. He shared that he received several different GSO responses to his questions regarding outside donations from GSO.

1. *One said that outside organizations can donate other goods for outside activities such as*

- clothes and household goods as long as the group has no obligation to them.*
2. *Another said that AA can support themselves through different ways (member contributions, literature sales, and fundraising events where members can raise funds.)*

Motion -Spanky made motion, Wolf seconded. **"OIG should accept donations of goods or services for activities from anyone in or outside of AA (not money) for activities "**

Vote: 18 for /12 against = Simple majority.

Comments Shared -

Three members stated that it is a policy matter, and according to Robert's rules as well as the structures and guidelines, in policy matters pertaining to finances the vote should carry if it's a 2/3 +1 vote. Chair stated this was just for activities and only required a simple majority.

Minority opinions:

- D shared it is according to our 7th tradition that accepting outside donations leads to disputes over property, money and authority.
- G shared they were concerned that if there were any advertisement it would be objectionable.
- S shared her group objected because it is an AA sponsored Activity, thus AA.
- L shared that once we do it we open the door to doing it again. It is an AA event no matter how you word it.
- J shared tough times build character and so we should always follow the traditions as written
- A member in the majority stated he wished to change his vote.

Motion made to revote: Lee, seconded by Joey. It appeared that the motion passed until the chair noticed people had not signed in.

Quorum re-established due to members not signing in. 18 being a simple majority.

Recount - 17 for- simple majority. 16 against Motion to revote did not pass, so motion to accept outside donations stands.

3. Chair advised the Steering Committee that OIG should not send out the original letter from Kailua Women's Stag dated 8/5/24 about issues the group believed existed within OIG. The issue was explained in detail to the group. No motion made from the Steering Committee..
4. Debbie Ragasa, supervisor of Xerox responded on 8/16/24 by stating that a more experienced supervisor is helping her with refunding inappropriate charges.
5. The Chair is continuing to prepare recommendations to the next OIG Steering Committee which will be elected in November 2024.

Vice Chair: David L.

1. 2024 Christmas Activity -2024 Christmas Activity is scheduled for 12/7/24 at Palama Settlement from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Business meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30.

Treasurer: Lisa F. (given by Chair due to the Treasurer being absent for personal reasons.)

1. August 2024 Financial Reports highlights were read.

Volunteer Coordinator: Mark O.

1. September 2024 will be busy due to people not being available. There are people stepping up to cover those who will be gone.
2. Tell literature persons to go on to AA.Org. Groups/individuals to submit their literature orders in advance via the new form which is live on the website. Bring cash or check. We can bring the order down to your car. The old parking code does not work. Follow the instructions on the signs and come up to the office and we will help you. Make sure you know your license number.

Recording Secretary: Patti H.

1. OIG secretary worked on the OIG Business and Steering Committee minutes for August and September, 2024.

2. Thank you for keeping side noise to a minimum and clearly stating your name when you speak!
3. Please let the OIG secretary know if you or your previous representative want your name removed from the mailing list, or if someone wants to be added. If you put your email address down, we will send you the minutes and announcements.
4. If you or your group has announcements or are going to share, it helps, *especially with accuracy*, if you email or hand them to the OIG secretary to put in the minutes.

Oahu Central Office Manager's Report: Georgette W.

1. Please continue asking Intergroup representatives to update contact persons to include at least two people as many listings are outdated.
2. The new literature order form is on the top line on oahuaa.org is operational and very easy to use. When submitted, orders go to the manager's email and will be filled and ready to pick up. Please bring cash or a check.
3. Parking changes - You can still scan downstairs, but it requires that you charge it on your card, and it will charge you \$8.95, which is reimbursed later, or you can just pull up and we can bring your order to you, or you can park on the street. Reimbursements are taking more than a day approximately.

Area Report: Alt Chair - Deborah L.

1. The Budget Assembly was this past weekend hosted by District 4. The proposed budget passed.
2. The proposal to change area structure and guidelines to the treasurer's duties passed.
3. Motion to vote regarding amending the affiliation between the Area and the Annual Hawaii Convention will be at next month's Election Assembly in October in District 1, on October 19th and 20th, 2025.
4. The Inform the Delegate Assembly for 2025 dates have been changed to April 5 and 6, 2025.

Alt. Delegate: Deborah S.

1. **2025 International Convention** "Language of the Heart" is scheduled for July 3-6 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Registration opened on September 10th. Deborah shared that it took about 1 hour and 20 minutes to wait in line to register. See following links:
[Frequently Asked Questions About the 2025 International Convention & Travel to Canada | Alcoholics Anonymous](#)
[Overcome criminal convictions - Canada.ca](#)
2. **"The Plain Language Guide to A.A.'s 12 Steps of Recovery"** is on sale November 1, 2024. Cost is \$11. The E-book is \$11.99.
3. **Additional Ways to Stay Informed**
 - a. GSO Quarterly Report | Alcoholics Anonymous
 - b. A.A. Grapevine and LaViña
 - c. YouTube
 - d. What's New | Alcoholics Anonymous
 - e. Box 459
 - f. Contributions and Self-Support
 - g. Meeting Guide App

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2024 Christmas Activity - Chair Patti L. 15 people showed up to help. All positions were filled except one which is in process. Patti is the food chair. Last year 600 people attended. There is \$2000 provided by OIG, and the rent is about \$1000. They are asking for donations from home groups. There will be desert contests, so those desserts will be the desert. They are working on fliers. The committee will need bodies to help. They are working on activities for kids. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at Neal Blaisdell park at 5:30.
2. Voting took place during the Chair Report on the issue **"Should OIG accept donations of goods or services for activities from anyone in or outside of AA(not money)"** back to their groups

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ WHAT TO TAKE BACK TO YOUR GROUPS:

1. Please continue to ask groups/individuals to call in advance, talk to the volunteer, and submit their order forms for books in advance.
2. The Central Office is open from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and closed on Saturdays and Sundays (**please see office manager or volunteer about parking concerns**).
3. Please see the OIG calendar for events. You can contact the Central office to have events added to the calendar. <https://oahuuaa.org/events/>
4. 2024 Christmas Activity is scheduled for 12/7/24 at Palama Settlement from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm.
5. Francesca is producing a newsletter so please send ideas to manager@oahucentraloffice.com and the manager will forward them to her.
6. District 17 will host a virtual report back on Dec 17. Check the calendar later for more information.

NEXT OIG BUSINESS MEETING:

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Susannah Wesley Community Center, 1117 Kaili Street, Honolulu, HI 96819.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Wolf Second: Georgette Simple majority: _y Against: - Motion passed

Close with the Responsibility Statement. (8:05 pm)


Responsibility Statement: *I am responsible... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.*

ATTACHMENT:

 **September 3 Steering Committee Unapproved minutes**

 August 14 Business Meeting unapproved minutes

END OF August 2024 FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS:

 **Balance Sheet Report.pdf**

 **Profit and Loss Report.pdf**

 **Contributions by Group/Individuals Report.pdf**