

BAIG Meeting May Minutes
Sunday, May 18, 1-2:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Karen B, Chair; Alan H, Region 7 Representative; Sue B, Region 7 Representative; Benjamin D; Communications Chair; Janet M, Thursday Ellicott City Representative; Margret, Friday Lutherville Representative; Janis, Thursday Lutherville Representative; Mim, Thursday Ashton Representative; Lina Z, Interim Vice Chair Julie D, Monday 6:15 Representative; Connie A, Secretary; Tricia, Friday Columbia Representative

1. SERENITY PRAYER

2. INTRODUCTIONS/ARE THERE NEWCOMERS?

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. READINGS

- 12 Steps of OA – **Accidentally skipped!**
- 12 Traditions of OA **Accidentally skipped!**
- 12 Concepts of OA Service **Accidentally skipped!**

4. REMINDER ABOUT BAIG MEETING CONDUCT

- One person holds the floor at a time, recognized by the chair
- Robert's Rules of Order
- BAIG group conscience is no food during the meeting, drinks are okay.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RECENT MEETING MINUTES

- April Minutes adopted as presented

6. ONGOING BUSINESS-BOARD REPORTS

- **Chair report:** Karen B.
 - The May meeting, originally scheduled as a hybrid meeting had to be changed to virtual due to Serenity Center availability change
 - Has not heard back from Trustees regarding request from an outside group to post an event on the BAIG website
 - The World Business Conference voted to retain gendered references to God in the Steps and this issue will not be revisited in the near future
 - More details about the Conferences decisions will be forthcoming
 - Updated materials (all pamphlets) have been approved but not yet released: "For Today, "To the Man Who Wants to Stop Eating Compulsively, Welcome", and "Sponsorship in OA: Guiding Others in Recovery", a new pamphlet that will replace "A Guide for Sponsors" and "Sponsoring through the Twelve Steps"
 - Karen B is retiring from full-time work as of 5/31; please do not use her Conduent email address.
- **Vice Chair report:** Lina Z. is working with the Serenity Center to schedule workshops to be held after the in-person BAIG meetings. Also she won't be available to do tech at the next f2f meeting; Alan agreed to handle it.
- **Secretary:** Connie A. had nothing to add besides the minutes
- **Treasurer:** Karen M. (excused absence – report emailed)
- **Region 7:** Alan H, Sue B

- Alan H. reported that Bob L was re-elected as a Trustee and elected as the Chair of the Board of Trustees
- Sue B. reported that the Convention Committee met and is not ready to decide on the issue of a virtual convention in November 2025. Currently there are not enough Committee members signed up. The decision will be made in July. However, the Committee confirmed there will be an in-person convention in Bethesda, the first weekend in November, 2026.
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- **World Delegate:** n/a

ONGOING BUSINESS - COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/PO: Jane was unable to attend; there was no report

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12th Step Within: Vacant

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Communications: Benjamin

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Local Meeting Rep Reports (each meeting rep can share for 1-2 minutes)

- Highlights from recent meetings, what's working, issues, concerns, questions

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

World Service Report

Review of Stepping Stone

- Needs the presence of Karen M to approve the donation button function
- Will insert May key takeaways
- Articles by Karen B and Jane
- The pictures were AI generated and did not show real people. Need to add a caption to that effect and a line was added to the submittal requirements that nothing copyrighted can be submitted
- The issue was approved pending requested changes

Note: in next month's Key Takeaways, reminder add that there will be a workshop at the Serenity Center following the BAIG meeting.

Abstinence Anniversaries: Lina Z has 6 months abstinence and was elected to the position of Vice Chair

Determination of Key Takeaways

Closed with OA Promise: all

The Next BAIG Meeting: Sunday, June 22, 2025 1-2:30pm HYBRID meeting - F2F will be held at the Serenity Center in Columbia.

ADJOURNMENT at 1:53pm