

BAIG June Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 22, 2025 1-2:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Karen B, Chair; Benjamin D, Communications Chair; Karen M, Treasurer; Connie A, Secretary; Sue B, Region Representative; Jane S, PI/PO; Marget S, Friday Night Meeting Rep; Joshua D, Wednesday Meeting Rep

1. SERENITY PRAYER

1. INTRODUCTIONS All attendees introduced themselves.

1. READINGS

- 12 Steps of OA – Sue B
- 12 Traditions of OA – Benjamin D
- 12 Concepts of OA Service – Karen M

1. 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.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RECENT MEETING MINUTES

- May, 2025. Minutes approved.

1. ONGOING BUSINESS-BOARD REPORTS

- **Chair report:** Karen B.
 - The Maryland Center of Excellence on Compulsive Gambling, holds an annual meeting in June, with over 500 addiction professionals attending. Other 12-step groups tabled there but OA was not represented. Karen B. found out that it is free to have a table and proposed BAIG staff a table there next year. This was approved by the meeting and Jane S, PI/PO will take over from here. BAIG has printed materials left over from B'More Healthy Expo in March, these are in Jane's possession. Karen B.

recommended that we purchase the new pamphlets created by World Service as well.

- Karen M brought up that the Kindle version of OA 12 & 12 does not match the printed version and Karen B will contact the World Service Printing Office regarding the issue.
- Joshua D volunteered to staff a table at an upcoming outreach event.

- **Vice Chair report:** no report

- **Secretary:** Connie A., no report apart from May minutes

- **Treasurer:** Karen M.

- Karen presented the report and Karen B pointed out that the Severna Park meeting was mistakenly included in older treasurers reports but they are not part of BAIG
- At the last meeting, Alan H in his capacity as Region Rep mentioned that they are changing their prudent reserve policy and suggested it might be a good model for BAIG. Upon review, Karen M suggested that while the new Region model seems helpful, due to turnover in the Treasurer's position, she's not sure of the current level of expenses, which the model is based on. Karen recommends waiting until she has more information, probably later in the year. We also tabled further discussion until Alan H is present to participate.
- She asked if minutes are available on the website since they provide an important reference for BAIG's decisions. Karen B. said they should be posted. Benjamin D, agreed that they can be posted and archived on the website. He will work with Karen B to get copies of the approved minutes.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

- **Region 7:** Sue B

- Region 7 has confirmed there will be a one-day virtual convention on November 1st from 9-4. Flyers and additional information will be available soon.

- The Region 7 Convention Planning Committee is still looking for volunteers to support a virtual convention. There is a 6 months abstinence requirement and the committee is particularly looking for people with marketing skills.
- She wanted to make sure this information was in the Key Takeaways and that meeting reps announce it at all their upcoming meetings
- **World Delegate:** n/a

ONGOING BUSINESS - COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/PO: Jane

- Jane confirmed again that she will be handling arrangements for next year's Gambler's Anonymous Conference outreach. She also wanted a call for outreach suggestions be included in the Key Takeaways. She is willing to contact and meet with anyone the fellowship recommends.

12th Step Within: Vacant

Communications: Benjamin

- The new website is up and running, the only problem is our current web host, won't release the domain name even though they have been properly notified. If the company persists in dragging its feet, he will reach out to some contacts in the tech field for guidance.
- The newsletter went out, he is working on the next issue. He asked that a call for articles be put in the Key Takeaways.
- His previous partner in the newsletter has stepped away and he will be looking for additional help.
- The new email service is up and running, he will be training how to use it.
- Karen M. asked for assistance with the BAIG Zoom accounts' access, since she's somehow set up incorrectly on one of them, Benjamin told her that is a question for Alan H.
- The insurance for the old website comes due in 6 days but since we will no longer be using that site, he recommends not renewing. This recommendation was approved.

New Business:

- The World Service Conference Wrap-up Report is available on oa.org at

<https://oa.org/documents/2025-wrap-up-report/>

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

- No reports

Key Takeaways

1. **Steppingstone is accepting articles** for the July edition. Please send articles to steppingstone@oa.baltimore.org For more information visit the Steppingstone tab at the oabaltimore.org website.
2. **Region 7** has confirmed there will be a **one-day virtual convention on November 1st from 9-4**. Flyers and additional information will be available soon.
 - a. The **Region 7 Convention Planning Committee** is **still looking for volunteers** to support a virtual convention.
 - i. **6 months abstinence required**
 - ii. Looking for people with marketing skills in particular but anyone who meets the abstinence requirement is welcome.
3. **World Service Convention** will be held in Orlando Florida; August 21-23. This convention is only held once every 5 years so this is a special opportunity.
4. The **July BAIG meeting** will be on **7/20** and will be virtual. See the Intergroup tab on the oabaltimore.org website.
5. The **August BAIG meeting** will be on **8/17** and will be hybrid, both virtual and in-person at the Serenity Center from 1-2:30, followed by an in-person **Sponsorship Workshop** from 3-4:30.
6. BAIG is looking for ideas and places to do **outreach**. If you have any suggestions, please contact Jane S at outreach@oabaltimore.org.

The Next BAIG Meeting: Sunday, July 20th 1-2:30pm (Virtual)

Please remember that the August meeting (August 17) will be held as a hybrid meeting followed by a Sponsorship Workshop at the Serenity Center. More information will be available in the next couple of weeks and in the Steppingstone newsletter.

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