

BAIG Meeting September Minutes
Sunday, September 21, 2025 1-2:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Connie A, Secretary; Karen B, Chair; Sue B, Region 7 Rep; Benjamin D, Communications Chair; Joshua D, Wednesday virtual; Nancy K, Saturday Columbia; Karen M, Treasurer; Margret S, Friday Towson; Mim S, Thursday Ashton Rep, Lina Z, Vice Chair

1. SERENITY PRAYER

2. INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. READINGS

- 12 Steps of OA – Sue B
- 12 Traditions of OA – Nancy K
- 12 Concepts of OA Service – Mim S

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

- August, 2025, adopted as presented

6. ONGOING BUSINESS-BOARD REPORTS

- **Chair report:** Karen B.
 - Will discuss with the Friday Towson meeting whether their January Retreat should come under the Intergroup umbrella, in which case it will need to adhere to Intergroup policies. More will be mentioned under the New Business discussion on insurance.
 - She and Karen M. attended the World Service Convention in Orlando. Due to concerns about current issues in international travel, international attending was down steeply, which engendered a loss of \$50,000. The next World Service Convention will be held in Seattle in 2030. Among other things, World Service funds international outreach and costs for (instant?) translation.
- **Vice Chair report:** Lina Z.
 - Will be sending Benjamin D. the November workshop flyer to be posted on the website
 - She read out the list of meetings which do not currently have an Intergroup rep, for confirmation. These meetings are Monday, 6:15 Columbia, Monday; 7:00, Timonium; Monday, Catonsville Hybrid; 7:30. Tuesday, 7:00 Zoom; Wednesday, Falston, in person; Thursday, 7:30, Baltimore in person; Friday, 1PM, Columbia Hybrid (which used to be on Monday); Saturday, Lutherville Zoom. She will reach out directly to the Falston meeting. It was noted that the Thursday Ellicott City meeting is on hiatus until a new location can be found, and confirmed that it should be removed from the website list.
 - There will be a flyer coming out for the Abstinence Day Workshop on the 16th.
- **Secretary:** Connie A. Nothing to report.

- **Treasurer:** Karen M.
 - Only \$18 in expenses this month, with \$335 in donations. We have funds available of \$5,300, after a prudent reserve of \$1,500. The prudent reserve calculation may be revised after this year.
 - Zelle has been added to the website as a payment option. It's less expensive to us than PayPal so we'd like to promote it but payments have been received without information on where they are coming from. The discussion identified one payment that came in without identification as being from the Thursday Baltimore in-person meeting. We need to encourage people making donations on Zelle to include meeting information on the comment line.
- **Region 7:** Alan H, Sue B
 - Sue reported that registration is open for the Region 7 Virtual Convention through the Region 7 website. Sue had reported that it was a voluntary contribution; it was later clarified that the statement was in error and that a contribution of a minimum of \$10 is required.
- **World Delegate:** n/a

ONGOING BUSINESS - COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/PO: Jane: Discussion on how to support the position while Jane needs to take a step back.

12th Step Within: Vacant

Communications: Benjamin:

- Enough articles were received for Steppingstone to have content through the end of the year. After discussion it was decided to include suggestions to the fellowship for additional pieces in the key takeaways, and also noted that it is permissible to reuse older Lifeline articles; Lina has some Lifeline articles in mind and will send them to Benjamin.
- While Benjamin has been picking up the slack, the editor position for Steppingstone remains empty and it would be helpful to have that filled.
- Two people reached out looking for information on the website link, so that's working well. He was able to answer one question and forwarded the other to the appropriate person.

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

- Nancy K reported that the Saturday morning Columbia hybrid meeting purchased a laptop for the meeting's use but has had to add a service position of bringing and storing the laptop (because it's not secure to leave it at the Serenity Center) as well as the tech position. The meeting will be willing to share its instructions with other meetings that are hybrid or considering becoming hybrid.
- Mim from the 11am Ashton meeting said that as a small meeting they have been reading stories in the Big Book and also putting up flyers in local businesses where they have permission and placed an ad in their local newspaper to increase awareness and grow attendance.
- Margret from the Friday 5:30 Towson meeting liked the Ashton meeting's outreach and said the Friday Towson meeting is small but steady and always looking for new ideas to raise awareness.
- Sue B suggested that the Key Takeaways should include that the Columbia Wednesday night meeting holds a newcomers meeting the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 before the regular 7:30 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Karen M, as treasurer raised the issue of insurance. The treasurer will take over the responsibility for BAIG insurance from the chair. Currently the policy covers \$2 million aggregate, \$1 million per occurrence, \$500,000 for premises, \$15,000 for person medical. Five intergroups work together with one broker. Recently the premium has gone up dramatically from \$263 to \$765, which is more than triple. The company says they only want to issue policies with a minimum of \$750 regardless. The policy renews on October 12th which is before the next BAIG meeting. We need to have insurance so she asked for a motion to allow her to shop around for a better price, working with the chair, before the October 12th deadline. The motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS – none

Anniversaries: Karen B has been attending OA meetings for 51 years

BAIG September Key Takeaways

- Registration is now open for the Region 7 Convention on November 1 at the Region 7 website (www.oaregion7.org). Donations starting at \$10 are encouraged.
- Steppingstone contributions are always welcome. As the end of the year approaches, perhaps consider sharing about topics such as gratitude and surviving the holidays in abstinence. Submit articles on the Steppingstone tab on www.oabaltimore.org.
- Flyer for the November IDEA Day workshop (to be held on November 16 from 3-4:30 following the hybrid intergroup meeting held from 1-2:30pm) will be posted on the OA Baltimore website.
- Region 7 will be meeting October 3-5 in Marriottsville at Bon Secours Conference Center. Information about schedules (business meetings and presentations/workshops) and visitor registration is on the Region 7 website.
- Wednesday night Columbia Zoom meeting hosts a newcomer meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. All are welcome. Link is available on the OA Baltimore website.
- On the 5th Wednesday of a month (when there is one), the Columbia Zoom meeting focuses on recovery from relapse. The meeting is held at 7:30 and this focus meeting will occur on October 29.

NEW BUSINESS

- Liability insurance discussion
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Abstinence Anniversaries:

Program Anniversaries: Karen B, 51 years

Determination of Key Takeaways

The Next BAIG Meeting: Sunday, October 19th 1-2:30pm (Virtual).

ADJOURNMENT