



Ask-IT Basket

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Is it a break in Traditions to change Steps Three and Eleven when reading aloud? Rather than saying "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him," we might change Step Three to read, "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Her (or it)"? Is this a violation of Traditions Two, Four or Ten?

Changing the Steps or Traditions in this way may seem minor, but it is changing them. Experience has shown that while minor changes may seem innocent, they could be taken as precedent and used as an excuse for other changes. The OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article XIV, Section 1, items d and e, specify a procedure for making changes to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. The need expressed by some to make changes in our own way and time appears to be disregarding the group conscience of the OA as a whole.

We find it wiser to leave things as they are and trust in the due process, which is set in the bylaws as determined by the World Service business Conference, The group conscience of OA as a whole.

__ Answers to these questions are provided by the Board of Trustees.

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Service opportunities abound!

Upcoming Events! Mark your calendars.

Words of Recovery

An OA Puzzle

What comes to your mind when you think of "Milwaukee Area Intergroup" or "Unity?"

Take a moment to have some fun. The words of recovery are limitless! Here is my list...

Have fun!

Peace and Love to all,
Donna H.

U	nity
N	ew
I	nteresting
T	rue
Y	oung

L	imitless
O	mnipotent
V	alue
E	verlasting

L	onging
I	or me
F	aith
E	ver ready

M	essages
I	inner child
L	inks
W	illing
A	ccptance
U	niversal
K	eep
E	verlasting
E	njoyment
A	wareness
R	esponse
E	ndless
A	bstinence
I	dentify
N	eed
T	ears
E	nough
R	elief
G	rateful
R	ecovery
O	pen
U	plifting
P	romises

Stepping Up to Service at the Intergroup Level

October is MAI Board elections, and we have multiple positions opening.

Intergroup Board consists of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Representatives. Board members serve for a period of one year with no more than two consecutive terms in an office. Board members terms begin effective with the closing of the meeting in which the election was held.

The current MAI Chair, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer have served consecutive terms and most have rotated among service positions within the Board.

October elections requires a few OA members within our fellowship to Step Up to Service at the Intergroup level.

Qualifications for MAI board are one year or longer as a member of OA, familiarity with the 12 traditions, one year current abstinence and regular attendee of active group, current or past MAI Rep or Chair or member of an intergroup committee. Responsibilities of each board positions follow.

CHAIR

- Shall preside at all regular and special meetings of MAI
- Shall be responsible for establishing the agenda for all MAI meetings
- May cast the deciding vote to make or break a tie
- May attend all standing committee meetings.
- Shall be responsible for the direct supervision of any paid office employees. *(MAI is blessed to have Marilyn, as our Office Manager.)*

VICE CHAIR

- Shall serve in the absence of the chairman.
- Shall assist the chairman whenever needed.
- May attend all standing committee meetings.
- Shall be responsible for ensuring that WSO is kept informed of all changes to group information and that Bylaws are in conformance with WSO guidelines.

SECRETARY

- Shall see that minutes are kept of all Intergroup meetings and that a copy of said minutes is distributed according to MAI rules.
- Shall maintain a file of all minutes of past meetings.
- Shall direct correspondence to the appropriate officer or committee chairman and maintain a file of outgoing correspondence.
- Shall distribute notices of all meetings of the Intergroup as described in Article V.
- May attend all standing committee meetings.

TREASURER

- Shall maintain a checking and savings account, if necessary for the dispersal of MAI funds.
- Shall submit financial reports each month at the Intergroup meeting.
- Shall serve as chairman of the Budget Committee.
- Shall submit all governmental or tax reports as required.
- May attend all standing committee meetings.

REGIONAL REP / WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES

- Shall attend all region assembly meetings and the World Service Business Conference of OA.
- Shall serve OA and the World Service Business Conference until the following conference.
- Shall report either orally or in writing the actions of the Region Assembly of World Service Business Conference to the Intergroup; keep the Intergroup aware of WSO information and communicate important information to the area.
- Shall report on the World Service Business Conference to individual groups in the area when asked.
- May attend all standing committee meetings
- Shall actively participate on Region and World Service Business Conference committee(s).



MAI-Intergroup

Board Members

Chair Lisa E. 414-445-3795
 Vice Chair Liz N. 414-961-2092
 Secretary OPEN
 Treasurer Judy W. 414-258-8361
 Region Reps..... Kay W., Judy W. and Sandra F.
 World Service Delegate:.... Lisa E.

June MAI Financial Report

May Balance: \$1534.80
 Income: \$2605.71
 Expenses: \$1901.75
June Balance: \$2238.76
 Prior Year Balance \$3576.00

July MAI Meeting Attendees

2 Officers and 12 Intergroup Representatives / Visitors

MAI Meeting Schedule

Monday, September 20th at 7pm
 Monday, October 18th at 7pm (Board Elections)
 PLACE: Rodgers Hospital
 11101 West Lincoln Ave.

Office Location and Hours:

Location: 7441 W. Greenfield Ave., Suite 100
 Milwaukee, WI. 53214
 Phone: (414) 259-0640
 Hours: Mon. 2pm – 7pm /Thurs. 8am – 1pm

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE

- OA member who's primary responsibility is to represent their group at all MAI meetings, to act as a liaison between MAI and their group, to see that all communications pertaining to MAI are made available and where requested, read aloud to the group. An IR may represent only one group. MAI may have 2 IR members per group within the geographic area.

Milwaukee is blessed with over 50 meetings in the area. Each group can have up to two Intergroup Representatives. That means 100 Reps could attend and contribute to any given MAI meeting! Currently MAI averages less than 20 attendees at our monthly meetings. We have plenty of service opportunities available.

Service is among the eight tools recommended to put strengthen your program. Is your program in need of more power? Be a part of Milwaukee Area Intergroup at the board or representative level.

If you have any additional questions, you can call any of your current Board Members.

Hope to see you at the next MAI meeting!

October / November Issue

Articles requested by 10/08/04 & Published 10/18/04
 Please send your articles to: cocooneditor@excite.com

Or mail to OA Office
 7441 West Greenfield Ave, Suite 12, West Allis, WI 53214
 attn: Cocoon Editor

Milwaukee Area OA Calendar of Events

OA Game Night (open event)

DATE: Saturday, August 21st
PLACE: 500 W. Bradley Rd.
Poritcos Apartments Club House
Shorewood, WI
TIME: 7:00 - 10:00pm
CONTACT: Mary P. 414-607-9075
Bruce K. 414-247-0976

Bring a game. Decafe coffee available; otherwise bring you own beverage.
\$5.00 suggested donation.

Made a Decision...Workshop

Local and Out of Town Speakers!
Come either day or both!

DATE: September 25th
PLACE: 2400 N. Rockton
Rockford IL 61103
TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm
CONTACTS: Martha 815-633-3796
martha@gnarf.net

\$5.00 suggested donation.

In Madison...

DATE: September 26th
PLACE: McFarland Luther n Church
Fellowship Hall
5529 Marsh Rd., Madison, WI
TIME: Noon - 4:00pm
CONTACTS: www.oamadison.org
\$5.00 suggested donation.

Relapse Recovery Workshops

DATE: October 16th and 17th
PLACE: Lake Area Club
N60 W35878 Lake Dr.
(Hwy P & Z)
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
TIME: 12:30 - 4:00pm
CONTACTS: Barb 262- 367-6619 or
Jennifer 262-567-6797

12 Step Within...Invite an OA member you haven't seen at a meetings in awhile.
Come either day or both!
Sponsored by Milwaukee Area Intergroup.
Hosted by Oconomowoc OA meeting.

"Reap the Harvest of Recovery"

Region V Convention in Indianapolis, IN
DATE: November 5 - 7, 2004
PLACE: 7202 E. 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219
CONTACT: Linda E., 317-861-0608
Joe 765-349-9506
convention2004@region5oa.org

Reserve Your RIDE to REGION V!

Interested in attending the November 5-7 Region V Convention, but reluctant to drive through Chicago?

MAI will charter a bus / van for the trip if there are enough interested people. Please call or e-mail Judy W. 414-258-8361 or websterj729@aol.com for more information. The registration form for the convention is available on the website: www.region5OA.org

I.D.E.A. Day -- hosting group needed

November 20th

MAI sponsored.

OA Group needed to host a Milwaukee area "International DAY of Experiencing Abstinence" meeting.

Please contact Mary P., OA Fellowship Chair 414-607-9075, if you're group is interested.

MAI-OA Spring 2005 Convention

New Location! Radisson Milwaukee Airport Hotel
April 16 to 18th! Mark your calendar!

Watch for more details in coming months.

If you or an OA group as a whole are interesting in chairing or joining one of the Convention Service Committees, please contact:

Pam W. 262-784-7311 or Tracy D. 414-855-0789

Intergroup Meetings

DATE: September 20th
October 18th (Board Elections-see pages 2-3)
PLACE: Rodgers Hospital
11101 West Lincoln Ave.
TIME: 7:00pm

