

**CHI-WIF Intergroup
Business Meeting
April 19, 2025**

Present

Evelyn - Chair - 7:30 p.m. Monday Zoom – Chair & Region 5 Rep and WSBC Delegate
Susan M – Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Darien Lord of Life
Julie O. – Monday 7 p.m. Yellow Box Naperville in person
Toni B. - Monday night 7:30 p.m. zoom
Dave C – Saturday 8 a.m. Burr Ridge in person
Lori d – Tuesday, 7 p.m. Riverside meeting – Vice-Chair & Zoom Administrator
Gerri M. – Treasurer
CJ M. – Saturday 8 a.m. zoom Friends in Recovery - scribe
Kerry – Visitor from Region 5 Convention committee

Mission Statement—The CHI-WIF Intergroup supports Overeaters Anonymous groups in our area to carry the message of abstinence and recovery to compulsive eaters via the Twelve Steps of OA.

Spiritual Principles

Step 4— Courage
Tradition 4— Autonomy
Concept 4— Equality

Welcome/Serenity Prayer/Introductions/Check-ins

I. Officers' Reports

- A. Secretary's Report**—Scribe CJ – CJ – Sorry for the late minutes – Send out to Evelyn's list in PDF format — Approved as submitted
- B. Treasurer's Report**— **Gerri M** – Collected \$896 in 7th Tradition – The quarterly distributions were made - \$8,680.52 in the available operating fund but almost half of this will be used for the new website. Zelle payment from Mary S was received but Gerri does not know if this goes to a group. There is a new PO Box for Region 5. Please let your groups know. Gerri received approval the IG's 501(c)(3) application. With this designation we are able to receive Zoom at a 50% discount. This designation offers many discounts. Gerri is working with the webmaster to create generic email addresses for the officers.

II. Committee Reports

- A. Bylaws – Laura**—Laura was not present.
- B. Public Information/Professional Outreach**— **Toni B.** Question about PIPO next step Kristin has stepped away from this service—Toni has the PIPO handbook. She will work on contacting libraries about placing OA literature. There is a letter available online – To the Professional - that can be mailed out to health care professionals. Susan said she checked with her library and many libraries already have these book in their system. Susan and Toni will talk about this. Gerri said it is great idea to ask

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people to do a specific task – one and done – we can get a great deal done with cooperation.

- C. 12th Step Within—Position open** – Please consider this position. Region 2 has their own 12th Step Within website as a resource and there is a 12th Step Within handbook.
- D. Butterflyer—CJ M. Editor** – CJ has nothing to report. Please submit articles to MsButterflyer@yahoo.com and/or to Region 5 for publication.
- E. Zoom Rep—Lori d Chair** – Zoom did a big update recently. Lori had to go back in and redo a few things. Zoom is doing a new thing with avatars now and she disabled the avatars but it only blocks the host on the account. This is a security risk. You can block the video of people using avatars and put them in the security room. The floating emojis are not limited and Lori wants to limit them to 5 innocuous emojis – this was approved. She will change the settings. This is the season for zoom intruders. Be vigilant. Have more than one host for your meeting for security.
- F. Kerry from Region 5 Convention committee** – Kerry is the volunteer coordinator for the convention. Please register for the convention and sign up to volunteer to do service. There is an opportunity to donate to a fund that will create raffle baskets the convention. There are tables to rent for fund-raising for Intergroups. CHI-WIF will donate a raffle basket with a \$100 SW gift card, and CJ has recovery items for the basket, and she will take the raffle basket to the convention.

III. Old Business –

CHI-WIF website – Gerri showed up the new website – everything came over – she deleted some old content. The new thing is the Contribute button. She is trying to update information and add updated content. The site is not live yet. There is an upcoming events tab for events, and they are also on the calendar with links. It should go live in May. Gerri will ask the webmaster about how people can add events to the calendar.

IV. New Business –

2025 Annual appeal letter – WSO really does need money. Tabled discussion to next month.

Takeaways –

- PIPO - members can check with their library to see if OA literature can be placed there.
- Susan and Toni will talk about PIPO idea to check with library in their areas about placing literature there.
- Register for the Region 5 convention and volunteer to do service when you are there.
- Make sure your meeting information is accurate at OA.org.
- Turning Point IG is doing a holiday marathon – flyer provided.
- Region 5 has a new PO Box – please let the meetings know –
Region 5 of Overeaters Anonymous
P.O. Box 22175
Louisville, KY 40252

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- We still need a 12th Step Within committee chair
- Ask your groups to submit articles to CJ for the Butterflyer and to also subscribe to the Butterflyer
- The OA World Service convention is in August 2025 in Orlando, Florida. *Registration is now open.*
- Region 5 Convention is May 23-25, 2025 in Milwaukee area in person. Registration is open.
- The Better Together group will be having a retreat in person in Rosemont – September 12-14th, 2025. Registration is open.

V. Closing with OA Promise

VI. Next IG Meeting—Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. via zoom