
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 4TH, 2026

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called the meeting to order, requesting all cell phones be turned off or silenced.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** read the "CA Preamble".
Cocaine Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from their addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free from cocaine and all other mind-altering substances, and to help others achieve the same freedom.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on a member to read: "**The Twelve Traditions**".
 - Amy G. read The Twelve Traditions.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #4
 - Russ E. does a report on tradition 4 which states "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or C.A. as a whole."
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asks for an addict to give a report on the 4th tradition for next month.
 - Jessica M. volunteers.

Remaining GSO Meeting 2026 Dates: April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th, August 1st, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th

Location: Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church
2845 Mesa Verde Dr. E Costa Mesa CA, 92627 Suite 8

ARE THERE ANY APRIL BIRTHDAYS?

Amber G. on April 29th for 1 year

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** entertained a motion to affirm the new GSRs or confirm a new meeting, if any, as Directors of OCCA and arrange for them to receive a new GSRs packet.
 - New Meetings Petitioning to Join Area:** None
 - New GSRs:** Nate E. is the new GSR for "Messenger Meeting."
 - **Kim O. made a motion to accept the new GSR, Nate E. for the "Messenger Meeting. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

- ⇒ **Secretary:** prepared to call roll and remind members that “During Roll Call, when you hear your name, announce “Present”, your current Position (if carrying more than one, state positions following this precedent: Officer, Delegate/Alternate, Committee Chairperson, GSR,) and if you are carrying a Proxy please announce your principal for the record.”
- ⇒ **Secretary:** calls the roll and announces quorum.
 - **Present:** Chris J., Melanie R.G., Betsy L., Jessica M., Frank P., Marucs K., Carlo P., Russ S., Amy G., Dave W., Amber G., Kim O., Matt S., Keith D., Adam A. and Chris W. (No vote).
 - **Absent :** Gina G., Russ E., Jason S., Nick B., Matt A., (No vote), Michelle D., Isis M., Mathew M., Jenn C., Katie S. and Travis M.
 - **Quorum:** 17 present, quorum is 11.
- ⇒ **Secretary:** Passed the Master Contact list for any changes or updates to the Roll, Schedule, and Website.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** entertained a motion to accept the minutes for the last GSO meeting.
 - **Frank P. made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- ⇒ **Parliamentarian:** reminded members to “To keep things orderly, when wishing to engage in debate/make motions, you will be placed on a list after being acknowledged by the chair, it will then be your turn to debate or make motions when you are called upon relative to your spot on the list. When in debate, please state if you are in favor, not in favor, or asking a question. For any questions of procedure, call for a Point of Parliamentary Inquiry (waiting till someone is done speaking) to ask the Parliamentarian directly.”

BOARD OFFICER'S REPORTS

- ⇒ **Chairperson's Report** - Chris J.- 714.713.8280
 - Report: OCCA is doing well and our bank numbers are looking good.
- ⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731
 - Report: Nothing to report currently.
- ⇒ **Secretary Report:** -VACANT-
 - Report: Melanie filling in as secretary asks everyone to carefully review the role sheet, confirming their email, phone number, sobriety date, meeting information, and any events or officer listings. She explains that there are multiple discrepancies between the printed meeting schedule and the meeting app—such as incorrect times and listings—and stresses that GSRs are personally responsible for making sure their meetings are accurately listed on the schedule, website, and app, and for notifying her or the Secretary if corrections are needed.
 - **Melanie R.G. nominates Amy G. for the secretary position. Seconded.**
 - Amy G. spoke to her qualifications as pertaining to her skills for the position and her dedication to the fellowship. Chris J. suggests that Amy might need to step down from her GSR position and GRC Chair as the secretary commitment is substantial.
 - **Motion passes unanimously.**

- ⇒ **Treasurer's Report** -Betsy L.- 949.220.2504
- Report: Betsy reports that after reconciling the books with the minutes, she realized that when she had written a \$100 check to World Service, it was intended to be \$200. The first \$100 has already been received by World Service, so she will write an additional \$100 check to correct the donation.
 - Betsy added that she has a 12:30 p.m. bank appointment that day to add a signer to the account. She explained that she had tried to handle this after the last meeting, but the bank had been too busy. She will return next month with details on what was required and what was done.
 - Frank P. reported that the group's tax filings would be completed once he got through the main April tax season rush. Betsy confirmed this refers to their routine tax obligations.

Previous Balance	\$ 752.91
Donations	\$ 1,761.39
(Void Checks)	\$. 453.31
Disbursements	\$ 1,419.45
Ending Balance	\$ 1,548.16

Savings: \$4,501.52

- **Treasurer:** asked for 7th tradition donations. OCCA Venmo: betsy-Lyons-1 949.220.3504

- ⇒ **Vice-Treasurer's Report** -Jessica M.- 714.381.0037
- Report: Nothing to report currently. Chris J. noted that Jessica will begin picking up the mail.

- ⇒ **Structure and Bylaws Officer's Report** -Frank P.- 714.514.4150
- Report: Frank explained that the OCCA Structure and Bylaws Committee held its quarterly meeting in Huntington Beach. Melanie requested changes to the Conflict-of-Interest materials. Frank reported that a revised Conflict of Interest form and related housekeeping language changes will be ready for the next meeting. He plans to complete the edits, submit them to the Board for approval, and then bring them back to this body. He urged all board members to read the Conflict-of-Interest section of the bylaws (pages 73–78), noting that misunderstandings in this area can harm both the fellowship and individuals.
 - The Committee meets every other Saturday at 6:30 a.m., mainly for housekeeping. They spend about an hour reading through the manual, correcting errors, updating wording, and fixing issues they may have missed previously. Frank P. invited anyone interested to join.

- ⇒ **Archivist's Report** -Gina G.- 675.456.8178
- Report: Absent.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- ⇒ **Group Relations Committee** - Amy G.- 909.261.7368
- No report currently.

- ⇒ **IT Committee** - Jason S. - 818.263.3500
- Website: Jason S. updated the website with the information received from the last GSO via Melanie and that two items remain that will be sorted with Melanie offline.
 - Hotline Sub-committee: Chris J. reads the report on behalf of Jason S.

Total Calls:	8
Avg Duration:	41 seconds
Longest Call:	1 minutes and 57 seconds
Voicemail:	None

- Melanie R. G. reported that she has been reviewing the OCCA website and found the Public Information (PI) and Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) pages to be out of date, especially in terms of contact information; she also noted there is currently no Unity page but one can be created, and she has already given Jason updated information for the "Service" tab listing all positions. She pointed out that PI and H&I each have their own tab, with an online interest form under H&I, and encouraged everyone to visit orangecountyca.info and report anything that needs updating.
- Chris W. added that Jason is the webmaster and agreed the site is broadly outdated, Angelina T. asked about adding a Unity tab and was directed to work with Jason.

⇒ **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Russ E. - 714.396.2796

- Report: Adam A., reporting as H&I secretary for Russ, stated that H&I is doing very well, currently serving 18 active facilities with 50 panels, 42 of which have leaders and 10 that remain open (including 2 at a facility currently on hold). At their last committee meeting they reviewed the roster, made any needed adjustments, and confirmed that everything is running smoothly.
- He noted that panel leaders are recommended to have six months of sobriety and speakers three months, that updated rosters are available in print and via a WhatsApp chat and encouraged members with six months of sobriety to contact panel leaders to speak or take on open panels.

- **Adam A. makes a motion to request \$100 for pamphlets for H&I. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Public Information Committee** - Russ S. - 912.314.3275

- Report: Russ E. reported that he has been working on outreach for the OC Fair, completing applications and attempting to contact organizers, but has had difficulty reaching people by phone and needs help with local geography so he doesn't book booths too far from Orange County.
- He added that family-oriented flyers had been discussed but he has not received further updates, and although there was some informal discussion about how far they are willing to travel, no decision was made.
- Chris W. reported OCCA's social media presence is steadily growing, with 75 recent engagements and 240 clicks to the website, despite posting less frequently. About \$50 in donated funds has been spent over the last two months on promotion to bring more people into CA.
- He also noted that a PI-related flyer has been approved at the committee level and is awaiting this body's formal approval; overall engagement is increasing, and Chris J. then announced that the CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) position is vacant before turning the floor over to Unity and Angelina T.

⇒ **Social Media Subcommittee Report:** -Chris W.- 714.980.1186

- Report: Chris W. reported OCCA's social media presence is steadily growing, with 75 recent engagements and 240 clicks to the website, despite posting less frequently. About \$50 in donated funds has been spent over the last two months on promotion to bring more people into CA.

- He also noted that a PI-related flyer has been approved at the committee level and is awaiting this body's formal approval.

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** - Vacant -

- Report: Chris J. announced that the CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) position is vacant and we are looking for a volunteer.

⇒ **Unity Committee** - Angelina T. - 657.342.0470

- Report: Angelina reported that the recent Chili Cook-Off was very successful, with strong fellowship and treatment-center turnout, five chili contestants, an engaging speaker, and everything running smoothly.
- Financially, the event brought in \$1,607 (\$307 via Venmo and \$715 in merch), with \$215 spent on supplies and \$125 on the venue, for a net of \$1,267; Jessica again won the chili contest.
- Angelina informed that "Change That Counts", noting the last "at Paycheck" raised \$488.90, and they are seeking a host group for July (typically held the third week of the month); groups should approve it at their business meeting and then contact her via the GSO agenda or group chat. Upcoming Change That Counts events include Starting Point in this room on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, Ups and Downs in May, and Keep It Simple with Dan Snow in June; Chris West was credited for strong promotion of the Paycheck meeting.
- Betsy added that \$362 from Change That Counts and \$585 from Unity merch and activities will appear in the next Treasurer's report.
- Angelina announced the next Unity Committee meeting will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m. (April 11) on Zoom, with the link posted in the GSO and Unity chats; they are considering another Pancake Breakfast and invite anyone interested to join the committee and share ideas.

⇒ **Activities and Fundraising Subcommittee** -Nolan O. - 407.687.8656

- Report: Absent.

⇒ **Literature Committee** - Marcus K.- 479.305.9708

- Report:

- **Marcus made a motion to request \$100 from for CA pamphlets. Seconded. Motion passed.**

- **Marcus made a motion to request \$200 for AA Big Books and 12 & 12s (to be ordered from AA World Services). Seconded. Motion passed.**

⇒ **Workshop Committee** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288

- Report: In Nick's absence, Betsy reported that the last Fourth Step Workshop had two attendees and went smoothly. The next workshop is scheduled for April 18, with registration closing three days prior, and members are encouraged to send sponsees who are ready for their Fourth Step; some sponsors choose to pay for their sponsees, though most participants have paid for themselves.

**Capo Beach Church: 25976 Domingo Ave, Dana Point, CA 92624
Call Nick B. 949.382.9288**

⇒ **Chip Committee** -Carlo P.- 714.587.1258

- Report: Carlo reported:
Amount of Sales: \$94
Request for Funds: \$300

- **Carlo P. made a motion to request \$300 to restock on chips. Seconded. Motion passed.**

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731
- Melanie reported that she has been active with World Service's Literature, Chips & Formats (LCF) Committee, attending several meetings focused on preparing Standing Rule 14 (SR-14) material for World Service Conference. LCF oversees CA's books, pamphlets, chip designs, and formats (such as Hope, Faith & Courage) and is currently reviewing procedures and considering new chip designs.
 - She also serves on the World Service Translations Committee, which is formalizing translation processes for CA materials as the fellowship grows internationally.
 - Anyone may join LCF—no special background is required—and they especially welcome reader. LCF meets on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Pacific via Zoom, since members are worldwide and the current chair is in Ireland.
 - Frank P., in response to the original question about the secretary keeping the GRC and GSR roles briefly noted that per the bylaws it is better not to stack too many key roles on a single person (for example, having one person be both Secretary and GRC), and they are mindful of that when filling service positions.
- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Gina G.- 657.456.8178
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Vacant-

BUSINESS

- ⇒ **Old Business**
- Open Positions:
 - Secretary-resolved above
 - Literature Chair
 - Chris mentions that Marcus K. has continued to do the job even if he doesn't have the time yet and that we are very grateful for his service.
 - Alternate Delegate
 - Kim O. stood for the Alternate Delegate position and introduced herself as a Dana Point resident with seven years of sobriety, prior GSR experience, several sponsees, and two adult daughters; she is retired from the treatment industry after 26 years and serves on state-level committees addressing ethical issues with providers as well as working as an artist and resident artist at a local venue. Chris J. confirmed she can take one week per year to travel for World Service-related commitments, which she can now that her children are grown.
- **Kim O. nominates herself for Alternate Delegate. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
- ⇒ **New Business:**
- No new business.

- Before closing, Chris J. reminded everyone they can bring any questions, concerns, suggestions, or appreciation to the Board, including ideas for changes to how the GSO meeting runs. He emphasized that the Board's role is to serve the fellowship and help facilitate discussion and appropriate change.
-

⇒ **Chairperson** entertained a motion to Adjourn.

- **Frank P. made a motion to close. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Meeting ended at 10:59 AM