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OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 1ST, 2026

⇒ **Chairperson:** called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, 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".**

- Dave W. read The Twelve Traditions.

⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #8

- Melanie R.G. does a report on tradition 8 which states "Cocaine Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

⇒ **Chairperson** asks for an addict to give a report on the 9th tradition for next month.

- Adam A. volunteers.

Remaining GSO Meeting 2026 Dates: August 1st, September 12th, 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 AUGUST BIRTHDAYS?

Nick B. 8/4

Michelle D. 8/9

Jessica M. 8/20

Adam A. 8/21

New Meetings Petitioning to Join Area: None

New GSRs: None

⇒ **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.

⇒ **Secretary:** prepared to call role 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., Amy G., Betsy L., Jessica M., Frank P.(proxy,) Gina G., Marcus K., Kyle W., Carlo P. (proxy,) Russ S., Kim O., Nick B., Dave W., Matt S., Adam A., Keith D., Damien D., Matt A., Serena M., Vincent M. (proxy.)
- **Absent:** Rick G., Nathan E., Russ E., Michelle D., Jason S., Angelina T., Jason S., Matt S., Isis M., Jenn C., Travis M., Chris W. (No vote)., Cierra J., Katie S., Matthew M.
- **Quorum:** 18 present, quorum is 12.

⇒ **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.

〉 **Gina G. made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Kyle W. 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: Chris J. reports that at the end of the meeting we will be presented with the SR-14’s (the motions) that will be brought up at conference.

⇒ **Vice-Chairperson’s Report** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731

- Report: Nothing to report.

⇒ **Secretary Report:** -Amy G.- 909.261.7368

- Report: Amy G. reports that there is a new format to the roll sheet and to please check it carefully. There is also a column to check if you are able to receive emails and text messages. Also, to check the meeting schedule for any errors.

⇒ **Treasurer’s Report** -Betsy L.- 949.220.2504

- Report: Betsy reports that disbursements were larger this month because of reimbursements for delegates for conference.

Previous Balance	$ 2,587.50
Donations	$ 1,602.25
Disbursements	$ 614.37
Ending Balance	**$ 3575.38**
Savings:	**$4,500.00**

- **Treasurer:** asked for 7th tradition donations. OCCA Venmo: betsy-Lyons-1 949.220.2504

⇒ **Vice-Treasurer's Report** -Jessica M.- 714.381.0037

- Report: Jessica M. reminds group that there is a Venmo on the 7th tradition bucket as it is passed around. She also was not able to go to the post office to get mail because post office was closed.

⇒ **Structure and Bylaws Officer's Report** -Frank P.- 714.514.4150

- Report: Matt A. (proxy for Frank P.) reports that S&B met for their "housekeeping" meeting this month and they hope to have the process completed by the end of the year. He also reports that he brought the CA service manuals with him today for anyone who is in need of one.

⇒ **Archivist's Report** -Gina G.- 657.456.8178

- Report: Gina reports that she and Chris W. have continued with trying to get some of the beginning members of CA to give their stories. The idea is to put these videos on YouTube via a link from the OCCA website. There was a concern with if this would align with our traditions and the response Gina received was that we are autonomous and could do what we wanted. She asked for group feedback. Responses were that we are not to be on social media, we are supposed to be anonymous, and attraction rather than promotion. The idea of if faces were "blurred out" would that be different and change any opinions? Gina responded that she will reach out to Chris W. and LA CA for input.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

⇒ **Group Relations Committee** - Kim O.-

- Report: Kim O. reported that the location of "Paycheck in-person" meeting is incorrect and there have been some complaints of individuals trying to attend. Kyle W. responds that he has been making updates to the website and making corrections. Kim also states that she is working on a document of her experience with the meetings she has attended.
- Attendance at "Clean and Serene" and "Keep it Simple" is down. She reports that she attempted to attend "Spiritual Lines" but the address was incorrect.
- There is also concern with "Spiritual Lines" not having consistent attendance of a GSR to area meetings. The topic of the 7th tradition (where money and spirituality meet), was brought up by Melanie R.G., although not a mandate, meetings are expected to donate to our area once their own expenses are paid, and then if possible, the area donates to CA World Services to meet the needs of CA as a whole. The tradition of every group being autonomous was again brought up and the conclusion was someone will reach out to GSR of "Spiritual Lines."
- Melanie R.G. was temporarily taking on the responsibility of adding people to WhatsApp and that task with now be done by the secretary, Amy G.

⇒ **IT Committee** - Kyle W. - 310.803.0684

- Website:

Total Calls:	26
Avg Duration:	1 minute 3 seconds

Longest Call:	8 minutes and 44 seconds
Voicemail:	0

- Kyle reports that he has been meeting with Jason to be oriented to IT position and introduced to the system. Kyle has already identified issues (broken links, etc.) and made some changes to the meeting locations and Zoom numbers to reflect accurate information, however, the way that World's system is configured and pushes updates of meeting locations is an issue. Kyle is in the process of coordinating with World's IT to see what should be done.
- Kyle also reported on issues he encountered with the phone system and the hotline. Corrections made were making sure voicemail does not become full and members wanting to be added to the hotline were added. The idea of a script being made for those who answer hotline calls to follow initially. Melanie R.G. believes we have a script already. (probably Chris W.) Nick B. reads what is in the S&B document about hotlines volunteers.
- ACTION ITEM: Kyle will reach out to Chris W. to see if he knows about a script for those answering the hotline.

⇒ **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Rick G. - 949.307.1764

- Report: Adam A. reports they have 20 active facilities now that "Retreat" at Orange County has been added. There are 53 panels with 7 open spots for leaders. There have been developments with allowing H&I into the Orange County jails on a 6-month trial basis. A member of LA CA is moving to Orange County and assisting with the process. Any members that are in interested come see him as there are requirements for being allowed into the jails.

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

- Discussion of the OCCA Fair PI booth: they will be given 4 admission tickets and 2 parking passes per day. Admission to the fair is $18.00 and parking $14.00. There will be 2 main volunteers at the booth. They are still in need of volunteers and some items for the booth (tablecloth, sign etc.) The group discusses various items that are available and mandates by the fair for booth requirements such as the sign must say, "Cocaine Anonymous."
Russ reports on 3 events upcoming events: August 29th, a recovery picnic in Anaheim, with events in Garden Grove and Kiwanis Park. Recovery picnic August 29 from 10 to two in downtown Anaheim, October 5, we a similar event as last year and September 5th a Chili cook off at the Kiwana's Club across the way from the Fountain Valley Alano Club.

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

- Report: Absent

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

⇒ **Unity Committee** - Vacant -

- Report: Adam A. reports that they have 5 tickets left to sell for the Angel's baseball game. The Change that Counts from July 15th brought in $124.44 and next one will be August 17th at 8:30 at the Fountain Valley Alano Club's "Madd Realm" Meeting. Pancake breakfast is August 2nd, at Steve C.'s house. It starts at 9:00 and tickets are $10.00 each. There will be a speaker at 9:30. Turkey Bowl is also coming up.

〉 **Motion made by Adam A. for $100.00 for supplies for the Pancake Breakfast. Melanie R.G. seconded. Motion passes unanimously**

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

- Report: Absent

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

- Report: Marcus K. reported that he was fully stocked, and newcomer pamphlets and little Big Books were available for the H&I panels. There were $47.00 in sales.

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

- Report: Nick reports that next workshop will be August 15th with a cutoff on August 18th. Workshop is $25.00. Includes binder, light lunch and beverages. Get your 4th step done in one day.

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

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

- Report: Frank P. filling in for Carlo P.
  - Amount of Sales: $26.25
  - Request for Funds: $30.00

〉 **Frank P. made a motion to request $30.00 to restock on chips. Jessica M. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

⇒ **DELEGATE** -Melanie R.G.- 714.675.2731

- Melanie R.G. and Gina G. go over SR-14s that have been proposed at World Conference,

⇒ **DELEGATE** -Gina G.- 657.456.8178

- Report: see above

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Kim O.- 949.310.6824

- Report: see above.

Melanie, Gina and Kim do a presentation on the decisions to be up for a vote at conference 2026 and seek input from the GSO.

HERE IS A SUMMMARY:

- **Area Petitions:**
  - New England--Yes
  - New Jersey—Yes
  - Norway—Yes
  - CAOGB--CA Online Great Britain
  - ORA—Online Recovery Area

- **Region Petitions**
  - Australia/Africa/Asia
  - Africaasiaaus

- **Archives Committee:** Just internal guidelines

- **Conference:** Internal Guidelines and,
  - MOTION 2: Final 3 Proposals for the 2028-2030 World Services Conference location. This is from the RFP Sub-Committee of the Conference Committee (Request for Proposals) from hotels across the United States and Europe to host the C.A. World Service Conference in 2028 & 2029 & 2030. Choices between same hotel in Dallas, moving to Chicago or to Dublin, Ireland.

- **Convention Committee:** Just internal guidelines

- **Finance Committee:** 2 motions that are about budget approval and MOTION 3: to send out a survey to the fellowship to create a fundraising repository [#3]. (The attachment was read)

- **IT Committee:** Internal document motions and MOTION 1: Motion to approve the A.I. Educational Guidance document to be added to the WSCIT Workbook. (Attachment A) Feedback: tech changes so fast this will be outdated within months.

- **Literature, Chips, and Formats committee**: Motions 1-7 are all about internal guidelines. Motions 8-10 are about new projects based on referrals:
  - MOTION 8: Pursuant to Point 4 of the C.A. Pamphlet Approval Process, motion to approve the concept of consolidating selected C.A. pamphlets to reduce the number currently available.
  - MOTION 9: Pursuant to Point 4 of the Pamphlet Approval Process, motion to approve the concept to create a new piece of an illustrated literature which would provide greater information regarding the different levels of C.A. service.
  - MOTION 10: Pursuant to Point 4 of the Pamphlet Approval Process, motion to approve the concept to create a new piece of literature to help groups create their meeting formats. (This motion is based on motion debated during Conference 2025, which LCF revised based on the feedback we received at the time.)

- **PI Committee:** All motions from PI are to approve flyers, presentations, cards, etc. Motion 1&2 – Decide between two different presentations of the PI Roadshow slide deck and Motions 1-17—Approval of attachments.
  - MOTION 1: Motion to approve the PI Rocks Roadshow 2026 Version 1 –or 2
  - MOTION 2: to approve the PI Rocks Roadshow 2026
  - MOTION 3: to approve Cocaine Anonymous World Service PI Summit Handbook (
  - MOTION 4: to approve the Presentation to the Healthcare Professional Slideshow
  - MOTION 5: to approve the “We Are All Here to Help” poster (Attachment 5)
  - MOTION 6: to approve the “12 Step Fellowship” poster (Attachment 6)
  - MOTION 8: to approve the “You Are Not Alone” version 1 poster (Attachment 8)
  - MOTION 9: to approve the “You Are Not Alone” version 2 poster (Attachment 9)
  - MOTION 10: to approve the “You Are Not Alone” version 3 poster (Attachment 10)
  - MOTION 11: to approve “So Did We” poster (Attachment 11)
  - MOTION 12: to approve the “When You’re Ready” two-sided information card (Attachment)
  - MOTION 13: Referral #16652583 Motion to approve the “Meeting Finder App Flyer” 2026 version
  - MOTION 14: to approve the “PI North American call” flyer (Attachment 14)
  - MOTION 15: to approve “C.A. Sticker Template” (Attachment 15)
  - MOTION 16: to approve the “…And All Other Mind Altering Substances” poster (Attachment 16)
  - MOTION 17: Referral #17597385 Motion to approve the “Animated Postcard” (Attachment 17)

- **UNITY COMMITTEE:** All other motions are internal except: MOTION 1: Motion to approve CAWSC ‘Unity Brand’ Logo and:
  - <u>Motion 6:</u> Motion to approve 12 Concepts Workshop accompanying notes Facilitator notes to accompany motion 6
  - <u>Motion 7:</u> Motion to insert new language to page 12 Unity Guidelines: Group Unity Survey
  - <u>Motion 9.</u> to insert new language to page 12 Unity Guidelines – adding 3 additional questions to

To be added to the Unity Resource bank on ca.org/service/world-service-conference/unity-committee/ for wider fellowship use.

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BUSINESS

⇒ **Old Business**

- Open Positions:
  Unity chair
  Literature chair

⇒ **New Business:**

- None

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

- Melanie R. G. made a motion to adjourn.
- Meeting ended at 11:54.