

# Valley Sierra Intergroup OA/HOW #09599

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Valley Sierra Intergroup OA-HOW Agenda

August 26, 2023

Serenity Prayer. Twelve Traditions, Seventh Tradition

Introductions - State first name, Intergroup Board or Rep position, or Visitor.

*Maria D Manteca zoom rep*

*Sue S Intergroup chair*

*Joan M Secretary*

*Lynne T Treasurer*

*Jeremiah A Region 2 chair*

*Cat T Zoom admin*

*Mary B Monday Sonora rep*

*Karen K Literature*

*Jennifer Saturday Sonora rep*

Establish a quorum (6).

*Quorum established.*

*Sue – reminder to groups to send donations to address in agenda*

*R2 chair, Jeremiah A, contact info:*

*Jeremiah A. R2 Chair, [chair@oar2.org](mailto:chair@oar2.org),*

*Spoke to Intergroup.*

*The initiative of R2 chair is to visit all intergroups.*

*Reviews the purpose for IG:*

*Region 2 one of 10 regions*

*Goals are to promote unity and provide a forum for exchange of ideas on how we can support groups, and carry the message*

*To provide face and access to R2, providing a lot of information and support*

*-- Lynne comments about the helpfulness of R2 support.*

Group representatives:

- Sonora Monday 5 pm hybrid meeting - Mary B
- (Manteca Thursday 5:30 pm f2f meeting - Elizabeth C, (Not currently active due to no attendance)
- Sonora Thursday 5:45 pm Zoom meeting - Elizabeth C 21
- Modesto Saturday 9 am Zoom meeting - Janice
- Sonora Saturday 10 am hybrid meeting - Jennifer

FIND A TIMEKEEPER.

*Karen*

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS -35 minutes (5 minutes each)

Chairperson, Sue S,

*Has information, about OA virtual region.org, event today for social media workshop, carrying message about outreach via social media. Repeats tomorrow.*

Co-Chairperson, Janice T

*Not report.*

Secretary, Joan M,

*No report.*

Treasurer Lynne T,

*\$50 has been received from the zoom class actions suit. \$40 received from individuals, \$150 from meetings.*

*Bills have been paid to the Alano club and the web person, and Zoom account*

*See report attached.*

World Services Rep. Open

*See topics.*

Region 2 Rep                      Open

Website Admin.            Janice T,            (5 min. each)

*All is well.*

Phone List,    Elizabeth C

*Elizabeth is stepping down, so position is open.*

*We thank Elizabeth for an excellent job in revamping, updating and compiling phone list.*

*Thank you card to be sent*

Literature,

Modesto area, Karen K

*All is well.*

Sonora area, Becky

*Not present.*

PI Planning/Health Fair    On Hold

Zoom Admin., Sonora area,    Cat T

*No report. All is well.*

ZoomAdmin., Modesto area,    Janice T

*No report. All is well.*

• How are our Zoom, hybrid and f2f Meetings going?

*Jennifer, Saturday am Sonora – all is well.*

*Maria – Saturday Manteca zoom – small group but keeping it going. New visitors welcome.*

*Mary B – Sonora Monday – small but growing f2f, plus phone.*

*Lynne – Thurs 5:45 zoom going well. Has oa.org participation as well.*

*Saturday Modesto f2f going OK.*

To start a Zoom meeting, contact Cat (Sonora area) or Janice T. (Modesto area).

• Open Intergroup Board positions: World service Business Conference rep. and Region 2 rep, Phone list

TOPICS:

WE NEED A REGION 2 REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE FALL ASSEMBLY: -Anyone interested in being our Region 2 Rep? It is a 2-year term and involves going to Spring Assembly and Fall Assembly either in person or virtually, and serving on a Committee of your choice which usually has monthly Zoom meetings. The abstinence requirement is 6 months, which is set by Region

2. Lynne was our Region 2 Rep, ending 12-31-22, and it would be great if you continue her service on the 12th Step Within Committee. For Fall Assembly 2023 you could choose another Committee if you want. Intergroup pays all travel expenses if Assembly meets face to face.

*Question to Jeremiah, from Lynne, small membership with not enough people with abstinence requirement. Is there a way to alter abstinence requirement? Re: visitor to Assembly?*

*Jeremiah – says no abstinence requirements are in place, so that is up to the IG to determine who can be voting member.*

*World service has 1 year requirement, so IG chairs sometimes double as WS rep if few members are available. Cannot waive.*

*Note: R2 Fall meeting is the biggest, voting on budget, allocating funds towards small, isolated meeting to start f2f meetings. Initiative is to re-establish or add f2f meetings.*

*Encouraging R2 service participation. Registration has not started, but there is no cutoff date. Reminder that R2 can pay travel expenses. There are scholarships. It's a fun event.*

*Region 2 does not like to fund visitors who cannot vote.*

*Question on allowing member on zoom meeting to be our WSB rep next year because she is regular OA, but has OA How experience. Duties involve agenda of issues to vote on.*

*Jennifer has offered to be our WSB representative for next year.*

*IG should apply to R2 for money to travel to WSB before the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.*

*If R2 can't fund entire amt then we can apply to WSB, deadline Nov 1 for applying for funding our WSB rep.*

*Deadline for applying for assistance for R2 assembly rep is Sept 12.*

WE NEED A WORLD SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE: Currently the requirements for a World Service rep. are 1 year of abstinence and 2 years of service above the group level. We would need to request permission from OA World Service trustees if someone is interested but doesn't meet those requirements. Intergroup pays all expenses.

*See above.*

-On August 26 at 3-6PM PST, a Social Media Workshop is being hosted by the Public Information Committee of Region 2 CARRY THE MESSAGE WORKSHOP. More info at <https://oavirtualregion.org/>

(It will be repeated on August 27th 9:00AM - 12:00PM PST)

- A free pdf is available on [oa.org](http://oa.org) and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) for the OA pamphlet “Where Do I Start? Everything a Newcomer Needs to Know.” (See 9-17-22 Intergroup Minutes email for the Attachment.)

*Lynne notes that the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Voices of Recovery, with updated page numbers, is available from OA.org.*

Did we vote on the following?:

*--- additional info on r2 assembly: if we do not have a rep: we can send a visitor, with no voting privilege, but expenses for attending the Face-to-face assembly will be covered by Intergroup. The dates are Oct 27th – 29th, at the Doubletree hotel (by SFO), in Burlingame.*

*No abstinence requirement?*

*Discussion:*

*What are our abstinence requirements?*

*R2 Assembly will be working on bylaws, 12 step within, other committees that discuss issues.*

*Schedule will be on oar2.org in September.*

*Jennifer is considering going*

*We need to decide who to send. Decision and vote by email before next IG meeting.*

*Vote by email if we send Sue to assembly?*

-There are several OA pamphlets, e-books and audio books available through Amazon Kindle, Audible, Barnes & Noble and Apple

-Please continue to remind members to donate to their Meetings – whether they attend in person or via phone or Zoom. Meetings that are Zoom only can donate directly to Intergroup. Donations can be mailed to our Treasurer, Cat, P.O. box above.

*Comment: donations are better since PO box address is listed.*

NEXT Intergroup *Sept 30, 2023*

7th TRADITION REPORT

*attached.*

Approve minutes if there is time

*Minutes approved.*

CLOSING PRAYER.

ADJOURNMENT. Thank you, everyone!