

Intergroup Meeting
August 20, 2025

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**Minutes of the Orange County/Greater Long Beach
Intergroup Meeting
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The Intergroup meeting of August 20, 2025, was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by the Chair, Marque H. The Serenity Prayer was recited.

Readings:

Twelve Traditions – read by Lora H

Twelve Concepts of Service – read by Lolita

Spiritual Reading – read by Holden; read “Courage to Change” August 20

ROLL CALL

Officers: Chair – Marque H, Chair-Elect –Matt S., Ex-Officio – DJ K., Secretary, Lisa N., Nikki M (co-secretary) , Treasurer, Hans.

Committees: Alateen – OPEN, Co-Secretary – Nikki; Fundraising & Telephone Coverage – Vacant.; Institutions – Dick; Nominations/Historian – (vacant) Orange Blossom – Cheryl S./Irene R.; Public Information – Meredith H., Toni C., and JoJo D.; Spanish-Speaking Liaison – (vacant).; World Service – (vacant)

Office Staff: Mike/Sam

Oversite Committee: Kevin O.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: (Hans)

Treasurer's Report to the ISRs, August 20, 2025

Submitted by Hans Eckardt

Financials

The 2024-2025 fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Sales, contributions, and interest earned totaled \$115,398 and expenses totaled \$120,078 resulting in a \$4,680 net loss for the fiscal year.

Lower book sales and group donations compared with the previous year combined with higher labor costs to contribute to the loss.

For the month of July 2025, sales, contributions, and interest earned totaled \$9,829 and expenses totaled \$8,569 resulting in a \$1,260 net profit for the month.

The balance sheet remains strong with \$20,991 in operating funds, \$103,585 in prudent reserves, and \$35,920 in literature inventory as of July 31.

Secretary: Nikki M. (co-secretary)

Quorum: A majority of the Intergroup Representatives were present to satisfy the quorum.

The June 18, 2025 Intergroup meeting notes were reviewed. Read minutes to the ISR's, no corrections suggested.

Action: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Lauren H. And seconded by Jerry M.

Decision: Motion was unanimously approved.

Old (unfinished) Business

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New Business

See Page 5 for New Business

Office Oversight & Continuity Committee (OCC): Kevin O.

Role of oversight committee was to get experience, strength, and hope from former board members and Alanon members to get input on how to run the office and still be solvent. Part time workers versus full time. Work on bylaws. Decide how the committee would continue on at the 3-year mark (three year trial). The board is going to vote on whether or not this committee will continue. Previous and current members include: Chuck (?), Carol, Ajit, Teresa, Jamie, Julie, Sarah, Rhonda, Kevin, DJ, Marque, Matt, Hans. Kevin thanked everybody for allowing him and the others to be of service

Service Board Chair: Marque H.

Thanked all ISRs for being of service and recognized that it can be a challenge. Requested patience between each other. Updates - bylaws reviewed by attorney. Last board meeting, board members were asked to review bylaws. Board will vote on approval of bylaws in September. Month or two for ISRs to review them and then ISRs will vote in an intergroup meeting. Bylaws needed updating due to times changing (like sending hand-written notes). Bylaws reflect what should actually be happening in our meetings.

Open positions: Spanish Liaison, World Service, Fundraising, Alateen Liaison
Filled: H&I (by Dick G) - Welcome to board!

Reviewed the oversight committee by reiterating some of what Kevin already shared; stated that the Board will discuss this committee in September.

Questions from ISRs

Lisa H asked about the length of the terms to serve on the board. Matt verified that to be on the board a member of Alanon must be an ISR for one year to qualify to be on the board (read bylaws) and board members serve for two years.

Cathy: Who is the liaison to Anaheim HS? Marque replied: P and I and they will give a report

Chair-Elect: Matt S.

Written report submitted by Chair-Elect, Matt S: Greeting and Hello to All,
My name is Matt & I want to take this opportunity to thank you for this opportunity to serve as your
Chair-Elect for the 2025-2026 term.
My duties as outlined in the By-Laws are to be in a supporting role to the Chairperson and act as the
understudy, preparing myself to be Chairperson next year. I also have the duty of serving as program
chair for these Intergroup meetings.
Another duty of the Chair-Elect that "I believe" has fallen away the last few years is to work with the
Past Chair, or Ex-Officio in putting on an Anniversary Celebration for the office in the Month of
September. I have already spoken to DJ and I am happy to say that we DO intend to put forward our
best effort to make that happen this year and we need to start planning that very soon!
Stay tuned for
details.
I believe the most important duty of the Chair-Elect is, and I quote "To serve as the Direct Employee

Liason.”

So...I have been Liasoning. A lot has happened as it relates to the office in the last 5ish years. Many things happened at the office and several changes were made during the shutdown by previous boards.

For the last 6 weeks I have been collection data, asking questions & taking notes. I have met “in-person”

with both of our current employees, I have attended meetings with the Office Oversight committee that

was implemented on a “3 year trial basis” to help with management of the office staff to get a further

understanding of what is happening.

I have already had a couple of good conversations with Hans our current Treasurer, and may I say he

appears to be a wonderful asset to this board and the fellowship (all of you that we serve). We also have

a couple of very strong assets on this board that have great working knowledge of the office both past

(before all of the changes) & present.

You may recall the Questionnaire that was in past Orange Blossoms via a QR code that you code scan

that was put out asking questions about the office and the desires for future changes.

That gave good

insight, but there were only 43 responses and in a fellowship as large as ours, I would hope for a better

turnout. Watch for another questionnaire in the future and be sure to share this with your Groups.

In closing of my report. I intend to bring the findings & data from my research back to the Service Board

and work as a team towards establishing processes and helping the Office Workers flourish to support

this fellowship & most importantly be there for the newcomers when they walk in that door, call on the

phone, or reach out in despair in any way.

If you have any questions or concerns about the office or anything else, please do not hesitate to reach

out to me. My contact information can be found in the Orange Blossom.

Yours In Service.

Notes taken at meeting:

Thanked everybody for letting him serve. Explained his role as being a supporting role to chairperson - understudy; to be chairperson next year

Other duties - work with past chair to put together an anniversary celebration for September (as stated in bylaws)

Acting as liaison - collecting data, talking to people, taking notes - about what's been happening in office; attended meetings with office staff - trying to get a further understanding of what's happening.

Wants to look at things happening at the office and make things a little bit better. Only 43 responses to the survey. If we have another survey in the future, we really need ISRs to encourage meeting group members to respond to the survey.

Service board is to work as team to support office staff and allow them to flourish in their roles. Reach out to Matt if you have any questions, thoughts, or concerns.

Vera asked how an Alateen Amias could get on board if elections are over. Marque said he can appoint.

Action Item:

Ex-Officio: DJ K.

Asked ISRs to be advocates for the board and suggest the open board positions to their meeting fellowships

Pamela Z - wanted to clarify that board members had to be ISRs for at least one year; Marque confirmed that is true

Brief Al-Anon Related Announcements:

Lauren H (Brea) announced a speaker meeting August 30 in Brea on Sunday at 7:30-9:00 PM; that meeting is no longer hybrid - fully in-person; AFG convention - looking for members to join committee; next meeting is Sunday, August 24 @ 10 AM Garden Grove Alano Club

Marque announced So. Cal. AA Convention with Alanon participation - held Sept. 5-7 @ Westin in Palm Desert. "It's only an AA Convention with Alanon participation, IF Alanons participate!"

Alateen Activities Coordinator: ***Vacant***

No Report.

Alateen Question: ISR Jennifer - Seal Beach - said they collected \$ and when they contacted an Alateen group (Bear-WSO Alateen liaison), they said they had plenty of money; she's looking for an answer regarding another Alateen group that might need money so her group could send their collection to that group. Another ISR referred her to the Thursday night Garden Grove Alateen Group. Marque reiterated the need for an Alateen liaison and an AMIAS on the board.

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Co-Secretary: Nikki

No report. (Filling in with secretary responsibilities for this meeting)

Fundraising and Telephone Coverage: ***Vacant***

Institutions: Dick.

No report.

Nominations/Historian: ***Vacant***

Orange Blossom/News Editor: Cheryl S., Irene R..

No report.

Public Information: Meredith H., Toni C., and JoJo D.

Jojo gave report on OC Fair. She thanked all volunteers who took shifts and did service work. We had approximately 120 visitors stop by the booth. Big thanks to Eric N for participating and leadership to make this successful. They received the notes from volunteers. Thanks to Mike for helping with insurance, paying for booth, etc. Expressed her gratitude to be a part of that committee.

Marque asked about AUHSD (as in June meeting minutes) - Jojo said we really need an Alateen and an AMIAS to take on that project of getting Alateen meetings into AUHSD. Kind of on pause until that happens.

Spanish Liaison: – ***Vacant***

World Service Liaison: – ***Vacant***

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Items:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

Vacant Service Board positions were shared and ISR's were urged to consider sharing the opportunity with their groups and to reach out to Marque if interested. Must have one year of experience as an ISR.

Birthdays:

July or August: Kris (2 years) , Pamela (8 years), Lucia (18 years), Kevin (15 years), Philip R (14), Lolita (14 years), Christine (1 year), Nikki M (16 years)

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Next scheduled Intergroup Meeting is October 15, 2025, 7:00 new ISR orientation, meeting at 7:30p.

Motion to Close:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sue B. Motion seconded by Vera S. Motion passed.

Serenity Prayer - We forgot to say the Serenity Prayer, and then an ISR reminded us, so we did close with this! A few members had already left. We're sorry!

Meeting closed at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki M, Co-Secretary