

**Piedmont Intergroup  
Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2018**

**Attendees**

Susan W - Chair	Patty – Thur. CLT 7:00 pm mtg	Jim – Event Coordinator
Alice – Co-chair	Sally – Sun. CLT 4:00 pm mtg	Richard – Treasurer
Susan B. – Region 8 Rep	Marian – Wed. CTL. 10L30 am mtg	Stacy – Sat. Ft Mill. 11 am mtg

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**OPENING**

The meeting was opened with the serenity prayer.

**CHAIR MOMENT**

**Step, Tradition, Concept #11 read.**

**Roll Call/Introductions:** All attendees introduced themselves and their role (intergroup officer and/or meeting representative).

**November Agenda Approved.**

**October 13, 2018 Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed and approved.

**STANDING REPORTS**

**Treasurer’s Report:** \$500 was distributed to State Convention Committee. The October 31 balance of the account is \$2202.76, a significant increase from last year. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

**Funding Committee Report:** A request was made to WSO for \$763 to send a delegate to the annual World Service Business Conference (WSBC) in 2019. The request included a plan for Piedmont Intergroup (PI) to contribute \$500. A request was made to Region 8 to send a delegate to the 2019 WSBC for \$649 with PI contributing \$200. Several people have signed up to raise money by walking before the IDEA day workshop on Saturday. Walkers are responsible for collecting money earned and giving the money to Richard, the fund-raising committee chair. The planning for the walk a thon is complete. Members have volunteered to greet walkers and drive a car in the neighborhood in the event someone needs to be picked up. Walkers are asked to arrive at 8:30 am to begin walking. Walkers are responsible for collecting money earned and giving the money to Richard, the fund-raising committee chair.

**Info Line Report:** There was one call from a telemarketer last month.

**Meeting List Report:** A new meeting list is available and includes a 7 PM start time for the Cornelius Thursday night meeting.

**Website Report:** The website has been updated with the meeting list. (The [meeting minutes](#), [agendas](#), [Intergroup Bylaws](#), [SOAR report](#) and [treasurer’s report](#) are available on the Piedmont Intergroup Website. Select the Intergroup Menu item from the main webpage to see pages related to Intergroup business.)

**Group Outreach:** No report.

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**Southeast Overeaters Anonymous Region 8 (SOAR):** A report was presented by our delegate, Susan. Our events can be posted on the Region 8 website by sending an email to [secretary@oaregion8.org](mailto:secretary@oaregion8.org) We can also purchase public information from SOAR at a reduced price. Susan is now the SOAR by laws committee chair and can no longer represent the Piedmont Intergroup at SOAR. She will be attending the SOAR meetings and her travel is funded by SOAR.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Changing Bylaws for distance requirement:** *Article III – Members Section 1 – Membership of the Intergroup shall consist of the following: ... B. Intergroup Representatives (IR) which shall consist of one voting member from each group within the geographic area - **approximately fifty (50) mile radius from Charlotte.***

The motion to remove the highlighted phrase in the bylaw was defeated. (4 opposed, 2 in favor, 1 abstention). Our regional rep reported the WSO trustee said having no distance requirement was not a conflict with WSO however another member with many years of service experience recommended a distance requirement. Discussion centered around the purpose of the intergroup, the effect of distance of a group from the current intergroup meeting location, the meaning of the word approximately and how to determine whether a group wishing to affiliate with the intergroup met the distance requirement. Those voting against the proposed change argued that some distance requirement was important and that should the Intergroup want to include a group determined to be greater than approximately fifty (50) miles distance from Charlotte, an exception to the bylaws could be made on a case by case basis without necessitating a need to change the bylaws or that in the future the 50 mile distance could be enlarged. This position is strengthened by the current intergroup membership which includes groups greater than 50 miles from Charlotte.

Relevant Sections from the [2013 Piedmont Intergroup Bylaws](#):

*The primary purpose of this organization is to aid those with the problem of compulsive eating through the Twelve Steps of Overeaters Anonymous and to serve and represent the OA groups from which the Intergroup is formed.*

**Asheville meetings joining Piedmont Intergroup:** A vote on this has been tabled to give the Asheville meeting the opportunity to contact the SOAR Intergroup support person. The chair will provide the Asheville group with the contact information of the SOAR resource supporting Intergroups. A motion was passed to invite the Asheville group to participate as a guest in the December 8<sup>th</sup> 11:30 intergroup meeting via conference call (794-909-0028. Code 1212) and to extend the invitation of conference call participation to all groups currently in the Piedmont Intergroup in order to encourage participation.

**IDEA Day:** Volunteers are needed to help set up the facility. Please arrive at 9:15 to help set up the meeting room for the workshop. A motion was passed to fund the speaker the nonprofit travel distance from her home to the meeting.

**NC State Convention:** The committee thanks the Piedmont Intergroup for the \$500 seed money. The date has not been finalized. May 15-17 has been proposed at the Hawthorne Inn, Winston-Salem.

**Retreat:** Volunteers are needed to visit the proposed retreat center at Christmount Christian Academy in Black Mountain, NC before January to determine the appropriateness of the facility for the upcoming Fall 2019 Piedmont Intergroup retreat and be members of the retreat committee. If you are interested in doing this service, text (704-780-0488) as soon as possible to arrange the facility visit. The room rates for the facility are \$110 per night and can be shared because each room has two queen-size beds, WIFI capability, cable TV,

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and a private bathroom. The meeting space with use of AV equipment would be \$150.00 for the whole weekend. Meals per person are \$9 for breakfast, \$11 for lunch and \$13 for dinner.

**Microphone:** Tabled for future meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Nominations in November:** Nominations will be accepted from now and on the day of the election on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be officially held at the December meeting. All elected positions except treasurer are open. (The treasurer is a two year term and Richard will continue in this position for 2019). Patty has volunteered to be the 2019 Retreat Chair. The only elected positions in the bylaws are board members. (Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasure, WSO Rep, Region Rep). Other positions are appointed from a list of volunteers by the board. (The bylaws describe the positions and related requirements).

**Board Members 2019 Nominated or Elected**

Chair – Alice  
Co-Chair – Susan B.  
Secretary – Patty (CTL)  
WSO Rep – Susan W.  
Region Rep -  
Treasurer – Richard.

**Intergroup Committee Chairs 2019 / Service Positions Appointed / Needed**

Retreat Chair – Patty  
Parliamentarian – Jim  
Group Outreach Chair - ??  
Events Committee Chair - ??  
Fundraising Committee Chair - ??  
Bylaws Chair - ??  
Webmaster – Waiting for Alice to write up how to documentation.  
Public Information Chair - ???

**Financial Support for small meetings** – tabled for future.

**Add 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Representative** – tabled for future.

**Add 4<sup>th</sup> Event Day** in addition to IDEA day, Unity Day and Summer Social. (Note: The dates of IDEA day and Unity Day are established by OA World Service). – tabled for future.

**7<sup>th</sup> TRADITION**

The basket was passed around the room for seventh tradition donations.

**UPCOMING DATES**

12/8/18 – Piedmont Intergroup meeting

4/5/19-4/7/19 – Region 8 Business Assembly, Fort Lauderdale, FL

May 2019 – NC State OA Convention, Winston-Salem, NC (exact dates TBD)

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5/5/19-5/13/19 – World Service Business Conference (WSBC), Albuquerque, NM  
8/20/20-8/22/20 – Region 8 sponsoring the World Service Convention, Orlando, FL

**VISITOR/NEWCOMER QUESTIONS**

None

**CLOSING**

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.