

PIEDMONT INTERGROUP MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING NOTES FOR APRIL 4TH, 2026

TakeAways

Support for 7th traditions with Venmo is being discontinued. Please use Zelle, Paypal or checks.

Consider helping with website, being the Journal Editor or the Event Chair
Order Tool Die and SOAR Journals ([Shop for SOAR Journal and Tool "Die"](#))

Review Upcoming Events [Click to See Upcoming Events](#)

Ask Groups what Piedmont Intergroup should focus on next?

Professional Outreach? Public Information?

Starting In Person Meetings

Creating Process and Procedures

Your Ideas?

Consider other times for Intergroup Business Meeting – look for a survey.

Attendance: 15 in Attendance

Alice (Chair), Susan W (Vice Chair), Miona (WSO Rep) Susan B (WSO Rep) , Pat (Ft. Mill Literature) Linda (Monday Meditation/Writing) , Stacey (Rock Hill Thursday, acting secretary for this meeting) ,Carol (Thurs BB, Group Outreach, Event Chair) Roberta Retreat Liaison, Thomas – Black Mountain, Marlowe (Summer Social Lead), Terry (SOAR 8 Rep), BJ (Friday 7 AM), Melissa (Sat Noon Anuvia), Carmen (Treasurer)

Welcome to Marlowe and Thomas first time at Intergroup.

IV BOARD REPORTS

- A. Chair – The Saturday 8:30 Hybrid Meeting from Winston Salem will be joining the Piedmont Intergroup.
- B. Vice Chair- Susan W - Convention was great, great speakers, everything went well.
- C. The March Minutes were approved as written.
- D. Treasures report- see written report online for details [March Treasurer's Report](#)

Terry asked- How do the March expenses and income compared to other months?

Carmen said March expenses were higher due to the costs for sending reps to WSBC and SOAR. Income about the same.

D. SOAR 8 Region Rep- Terry - represented our Intergroup at the recent region 8 convention in Charlotte [Click to See the full report on line.](#) . Here's a summary...

- Told that business was lighter than usual

- The chair Julie S. reminded everyone that the “Power of We” was the 2025 theme and that “Our Solution for Life” is the 2026 theme.
- Encouraged to step up and give service at Intergroup and region levels
- There is \$77,000 in account still recovering from budget line mistake
- Remember to send in 7th tradition to Region (our Piedmont Intergroup does this for all of the individual meetings after each group sends their seventh tradition to Piedmont Intergroup)
- Ways and Means Committee still sells the tool die and the journal, and they may be doing a principles die.
- *With PIPO through Reg 8, they had a company help research effectiveness of promotions and discovered less billboards and shopping carts and do more focus streaming on food apps to Target their audience with promos for OA

E. World Service Delegates- Miona & Susan B-

- World Service conference is April 21 through 26th. Both Miona and Susan B. will be there.
- All of the motions proposed passed to beyond the agenda
- Two pieces of literature are being voted on

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Website- We need a helper with our website to sit in front of computer and learn new skill.

B. PIPO (Public Info, Prof Outreach) - Carol S

There is a lot that can be done. We are an aging group and need to reach the younger groups. The is to increase awareness of OA. How can we do this?

- Stacey commented some ideas are through libraries & YMCA
- Marlowe commented through college campuses
- Thomas D mentioned that there are lots of colleges in Lincolnton county, also UNCA college health clinic

C. Events - Carol S - All of these events are on our website. The Asheville area will host summer social on June 13th and the Saturday Anuvia meeting is considering hosting IDEA Day in the fall.

- April 18- In person daytime retreat in Greenville

- May 6-. A 15-week virtual step study Workshop begins over Zoom through Midlands, South Carolina Intergroup out of Columbia 7-9 PM Wednesday evenings
- May 9- A. Crosstalk 1-hour Workshop 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. either in person in Columbia, SC or online
- June 13- Asheville area will be hosting with Marlowe as point person, Black Mountain group has offered to help. Event will be in person. Marlowe is looking for location for event. Speaker is already secured.
- Aug 22 - Stacey is coordinating sponsorship day at Grace Presbyterian Church highway 2955 W Hwy 160 Fort Mill, SC from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Sept 18-20 - Annual Fall Retreat At Christmount Retreat Center in Black Mountain. Theme is "Surrender" registration will open in May. Triangle Intergroup is hosting the retreat this year.
- Sept 25-27 - SOAR 8's Business Assembly II in Little Rock, Arkansas, theme "Keep It Simple"

D. SOAR Region Convention/Assembly I, 2026 Report & discussion -

- Alice commented that she heard so many positive comments about the convention and that a full report is forthcoming. She had everyone who went to our convention mention a takeaway:
- Melissa- speakers all said " strengthen relationship with HP" (she's been abstinent since the convention!)
- BJ - Seeing people in person is the best at conventions & retreats
- Roberta- A sheer joy, a packed weekend, involved in Intergroup, convention ever that I've attended and I've attended a lot of them.
- Stacey- Meeting Columbia fellows, serving on committee and being of help at convention
- Linda- Experiences shared
- Susan B- able to sit in all of the speaker meetings and not having responsibilities and just being a member.

Next business meeting on May 2nd at 8:00 a.m. Zoom meeting. Mtg adjourned at 9:23am