

Intergroup Proposals - Voting - April 10, 2026 CJIOA

Proposal A - To remove the gendered language - such as chairman to chairperson - Vote-14
-Unanimous - Passed

Proposal B - To allow OA meetings, if they choose, to use the Plain Language BB, as approved
OA literature - Vote: 12 yes,1 abstention, Arline not here yet to vote - Passed

Proposal C - Consent Agenda - No vote

Proposal D - To update the name of Telephone Tool to allow various methods of one-to-one
communication with others outside of meeting times. Pro- MaryBeth - Her group felt yes,
Lucille-Con- wish they would use another phrase instead of Outreach Communication. Vote:
9-yes, 4-no, Arline didn't vote - Passed

Proposal E - To welcome all people with Compulsive Eating Disorders not only Overeaters.
Pro-MaryBeth's group wanted it, but not MaryBeth; Sima-Con - It is Overeaters Anonymous
not Eaters Anonymous; Pro-LeeAnn - Experience varies wherever you are in the world, Pro-
Jayne - no comment. Vote: 4-yes, 10-no, Did Not Pass.

Proposal F - Consent Agenda - No Vote

Proposal G - To make it easier for delegates and trustees to collaborate during Conference.
Pro - MaryBeth - makes sense, Con - None, Vote 11 - yes, 1 - no, 2 abstentions - Passed.

Proposal H - Consent Agenda - No vote

Proposal I - To bring the Policy into alignment with the current practice by adding a secular
option for meetings and events. Pro-MaryBeth - makes meetings more inclusive; Con-None;
Sima had a question - What is the Serenity Statement? LeeAnn explained. Vote - 13 yes, 1
abstention -Passed

Proposal J - To formally recognize and support the cultural diversity within Overeaters
Anonymous by establishing "Ethnically Jewish" as a valid and distinct specific focus category.
Pro - None, Con - MaryBeth - Unity with Diversity, What is a focus group? Con - Lucille-unless
we include all religions it is not feasible. Vote: Yes - 0, No - 13, Abstention - 1, Did Not Pass

Proposal K - To establish a recurring virtual retreat every two years, building upon the proven
success of virtual events within several regions of OA, including the Virtual Region. By resting
a consistent, global gathering, this retreat will provide a space for members from all countries
and languages to connect; share their experience, strength and hope; and deepen their
recovery beyond the region level. Pro - MaryBeth - Great idea; Pro-LeeAnn - Something
sponsored and coordinated by region hosting; Sima - Simultaneous translations, No cons.
Vote: Yes - 12, No-0, Abstentions - 2, Passed

Proposal L - Off the table - No vote

Proposal M - To include the Plain Language Big Book approved literature, repair punctuation error (comma after “thereof” because it changes the meaning of the statement), and update the date of the Policy. Pro-MaryBeth - Plain Language Book is useful, Con-No; Vote: Yes - 13, No-0, Abstentions-1; Passed.

Proposal 1 - To insure consistency and transparency in the terminology used within our service structure. All five OA service bodies are composed of elected representatives from the groups of service bodies they serve, and all five service bodies have a smaller board of officers elected by their representatives at their assemblies. It is strange to call some of the service bodies service boards. “No boards, use Bodies”. Pro-MaryBeth - Anything that makes structure easier, Con-none, Pro-Sima - there would be confusion between service bodies and boards. Vote: Yes - 14, Unanimous - Passed

Proposal 2 - To allow groups to change the words God, He, Him, His and Himself as they see appropriate, which also allows them to endorse the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA without reservation. Pro: MaryBeth - Each group is autonomous, Con- Joan doesn't see the need to change it, Pro-LeeAnn-the intent is not to put it on paper but the reader could swap pronouns; Con-Mikey “If it ain't broke, don't fix it”, Pro-Lucille- always for being more inclusive. Some groups have changed already but have a disclaimer; Question from Sima - Will they use any other words? Vote: Yes - 4, No-9, Abstention - 1, Did Not Pass.

Proposal 3 - To bring the wording of the Fifth Tradition in line with the Third Tradition and the OA preamble to include all who suffer from our disease. In other words - leave out the word “over” in overeating just to say compulsive eating. Pro-MaryBeth- Attract younger people with eating disorders; Con-Mikey - Can't change rules for everyone. We are OA not Eaters.; Con-Sima - We can't please everyone, we have special meetings for anorexics; Con-Carole-It is watering down sugar addicts, carb addicts, etc. Vote: Yes-2, No-12, Abstentions-0, Did Not Pass.

Proposal 4 - Anorexics/Bulimics: To bring the wording of the Twelve Steps in line with the Third Tradition and with the OA preamble. Pro-MaryBeth; Con-We are Overeaters, Vote: Yes -2, No-11, Abstention-1, Did Not Pass.

Proposal 5 - To make the requirement for changing the Steps or Traditions more workable given the long-standing difficulties of direct communication between groups and world service. Pro-MaryBeth- It is hard to contact groups; Con-Sima-Percent of Service Bodies should be higher. Clarification by LeeAnn- “Right now it is impossible to change near and dear stuff (group inventory). You won't get 100% of groups. People change as well as time and energy. Service bodies are not available at the meeting level. 75% of the service bodies have to pass”. Vote: Yes-12, No-2, Abstentions - 1, Passed.

Proposal 6 - To eliminate the ByLaws Committee as a regular Conference committee. The Reference Subcommittee is recognized as a special committee of the Conference with a defined scope of work and will be renamed Reference Committee. Pro-LeeAnn - ByLaws Committee to Reference Committee is a special conference committee. Separation of duties makes things simpler and easier. Con - 0, Pro - Sima. Vote: Yes-14 - Passed

Proposal 7 - To give the region chairs flexibility when they cannot attend a committee meeting. Pro-MaryBeth - it is easier, Con -0, Pro- LeeAnn. Vote: Yes-14, No-0. Passed

Committee Reports: (Continued from Page 1)

Web-Site - Nick - not present

CJI Outreach - Lucille, Joan, Mikey, MaryBeth - No report, meeting postponed because of Easter, to be held on Sunday, 4/12/26 at 7:30pm.

12 Step Within - Lusk, Marty, Jill - No report
News from Region - Sue, Lucille - R7 Assembly Reports - Sue postponing report until next month

News from World Service - Lucille -none

By-Laws: Alex, Sima - By-laws updated in 2024, next review in 2026 (reflected changes in By-Laws and Policy manual).

Nominating - Sima, Mikey - Nothing at this time

OA Holidays - Alex C. - Unity Day (last weekend Feb. Sat. Even, Sun. Odd); Sponsorship Day (3rd full weekend in August) - Alex C; IDEA Day (3rd weekend in November) - Alex C., 12 Step Within Day (12/12) - Ross, Lusk, Marty, Jill - Not much going on at this time.

Old Business: Google phone - Part of Outreach report

New Business - None

News from Groups/ Announcements - OA walk 2:00pm, April 18th, Trinity Church, Asbury Park

General Note: Please remember to send all changes for group meetings, times, locations, formats, contact persons, new meetings or canceled meetings to MaryBeth.

Next Intergroup meeting, Friday, May 8th, 2026 at 7pm - ZOOM

Adjourned with the Serenity Prayer - Alex C. 8:35 pm. A huge thanks to Alex and MaryBeth for keeping everything as brief and pleasant as possible while completing these very important tasks for World Service Voting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan T. - Recording Secy.