

Central Oregon Intergroup Meeting Minutes for Dec 21st 2025 4:00pm
Meeting is scheduled from 4-5:30pm with option to close early when business is completed.
TEC, downstairs 469 NW Wall St, Bend, OR 97703

4:00 Chair opens the meeting with Chairperson [script](#)

Take Attendance: Quorum? (8+)

Tradition of the Month Presentation - **3 minute** Tradition Presentation (Carrie, Past DCM)

- **December Printout - Tradition Twelve:** [T12 U.I.A. In depth 8 week Workshop](#)

The Twelfth Tradition: *And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.*

Anonymity in this Tradition means; **“Sacrificing personal ambition for the common good”**
(The TWELVE TRADITIONS Illustrated)

The spiritual substance of anonymity is **sacrifice**. Because A.A.'s Twelve Traditions repeatedly ask us to give up personal desires for the common good, we realize that the sacrificial spirit—well symbolized by anonymity—is the foundation of them all. *(12X12 Trad 12)*

Anonymity, as we observe it in A.A., is at root a simple expression of humility. When we use the **Twelve Steps** to recover from alcoholism, we are **each** trying to achieve real humility... When we use the **Twelve Traditions** to work together in A.A., we are **all** trying to achieve humility; as individual members, by recognizing our true place in A.A.; **as a fellowship, by recognizing A.A.'s true place in the world.**

(The TWELVE TRADITIONS Illustrated)

"For the first time I saw AA anonymity for what it **really is**. It isn't something to save us from alcoholic shame and stigma. Its deeper purpose is actually to keep those fool egos of ours from running hog wild... it really means personal **and group** sacrifice for the benefit of All AA. Right then I resolved to learn our Twelve Traditions by heart, just as I had learned the 12 Steps. If every AA did the same thing and really soaked up these principles we drunks could hang together forever." *(pg 43 AA Comes of Age)*

"When Time magazine wanted to put Bill on its cover — that is, put the **back of his head** on the front of the magazine — Bill declined, and declined the cover story as well. He reasoned: "For all I know, a piece of this sort could have brought A.A. a thousand members — possibly a lot more. Therefore, when I turned that article down, I denied recovery to an awful lot of alcoholics — some of these may already be dead. And practically all the rest of them, we may suppose, are still sick and suffering. Therefore, in a sense, my action has pronounced the death sentence on some drunks and condemned others to a much longer period of illness.

But I went well over on the conservative side, because the requirements of the piece would have tended to create a clear and colorful public image of me as a person. This would have created for the future, I am sure, a temptation in our power-driving people to get like pieces — presently with full names and pictures. For this reason, I estimated that **it would be better for some to die and others to suffer, rather than to set such a perilous precedent.** Therefore, I declined the publicity, and I must confess it wasn't easy." (*Pass It On - Chapter nineteen, page 314*)

"We believe that each of us takes part in the weaving of a protective mantle which covers our whole Society and under which we may grow and work in unity." (*12X12 Trad 12*)

Concept of the Month Presentation - Our DCM (Incoming DCM - Jena) gave a **3 minute** Concept of the Month Presentation on the 6 Warranties that make up Concept 12

Secretary's Report:

Good afternoon Central Oregon Intergroup. Thank you all for being here and for taking the time to be of service.

I would like to thank all the IGRs for trusting me with the minutes these last two years and for allowing me to serve. I met up with Frank, your incoming Secretary and we had a really great transition meeting. He is now the owner of the Gmail google docs with all of our minutes, motions, and bylaws etc. I also updated the Secretary thumb drive and passed it along to him as well for backup. I brought with me today the secretary binder to pass along as well as 5 additional binders of COIG Archives, past minutes and motions dating back decades that I have brought with me today as well. Frank should be all set!

Yours in Service Carrie B. COIG Secretary

Approve Minutes: [Nov 2025 COIG Business Mtg Minutes.docx](#)

*Nothing to amend. Will Motioned to approve. Russ Seconded. All were in favor. **Minutes were approved unanimously.***

- **Treasurer Report:** Will [Dec 2025 Treasurer Report v3.pdf](#)

Questions for the treasurer? *What is the Date/Time of the 7th Tradition Workshop? Sat Feb 28th 12-2*. Steve Motioned to approve. Cody Seconded. All were in favor. **The report was approved unanimously.**

- **Chair report:** Mike

Good evening Intergroup, This will be my final report.

First I would like to say, I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service these two years. It has been a very challenging task but one I believe has helped Intergroup and myself to evolve and mature.

I am very confident that the intergroup is being left in competent hands.

It has been brought to my attention by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that a group of AA members are throwing painted rocks in the Metolius River. Obviously this type of activity is not AA, but if anyone has any information on these individuals please inform them that the (DEQ) and Forestry insist they put an end to this. I am just relaying the message.

Also, I have only received one service resume this month for one of our four still open positions. I did pursue it however he didn't meet the qualifications. As a reminder, If we don't get the positions filled, the service doesn't happen. As per the Concepts, we do not cover service rolls temporarily. We need to elect qualified trusted servants into these roles if we want to continue these services. Please announce these open positions at your home group and have anyone interested send their service resume into Stephanie ASAP.

Lanelle can't be here today and has been sick lately but her report will be included in the minutes as well.

Thank you for having allowed me to serve.

In Service Mike S.

- **Vice Chair:** Lanelle

Hello Intergroup, I am Lanelle, an alcoholic and your vice chair for approx 9 more days. My homegroup is the La Pine Serenity Seekers. I wish I could be there to read this in person but my higher power has a funny sense of humor.

These last 2 years have been a wild, informative, learning experience of a ride for me. We as a Committee have grown a lot, sometimes it was painful but overall it was a good experience. We did good. I started off as an advisory member, then filled in as treasurer for a moment, back to advisory then I had a 2 month break. Then I was honored to be your trusted vice chair. Like I said it's been a wild ride. Intergroup means a lot to me because we get to serve the local community of alcoholics. We get to be on "the firing line" through our Hotline.

We had serious conversations a couple months back about whether to close down intergroup. We voted to keep it going. With this decision, it is our responsibility to keep it going. We have several positions still open and I encourage everyone to step up and make themselves available. With our vote comes responsibility. On page 97 in the Big Book., Bill Says, "Never avoid these responsibilities, but be sure you are doing the right thing if you assume them. Helping others is the foundation stone of your recovery. A kindly act once in a while isn't enough. you have to act the good samaritan everyday, if need be. It may mean the loss of many nights sleep, great interference with your pleasures, interruptions to your business..." I have taken this responsibility seriously and my hope is you all do too. Work together with the district and help the next suffering alcoholic. Come join me on some District Committees!!

Whether it's in the jails, in the Treatment centers, or out there in public information, I hope to see y'all out there!! Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In Love and Service

Lanelle D.

Committee Reports:

- **Frank - Hotline Committee**

Hotline is being turned over to the new committee chair Carrie B. We are currently trying to get the option for people to text us (instead of calling) if they wish. Should know by January 1st if that option is viable.

We have 6 openings on the Hotline:

Monday – 9pm – Tues 9am

Tuesday - 9am-1pm.

Tuesday – 5pm-9pm

Wednesday - 9am-1pm.

Wednesday - 9pm – Thurs. 9am

Sunday - 2pm-9pm

If you have any questions or are interested in taking this shift, please reach out.

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Frank W. (972) 834-3080 Stuckrecovery@gmail.com

- **Paul - Schedule Committee**

Schedule Committee Report

December 21, 2020 COIGAA5

The Online Meeting Schedule is completely up to date with all requested changes, as is the downloadable PDF at the COIGAA website.

We had only one requested change to the schedule during the past month.

I have new schedules today for all to take back to their meetings

Thank you for letting me be of service

Paul G., Schedule Chair

- **Tyler - IT Committee**

The IT committee is continuing to maintain our success. Thank you for continuing to let me know if we have any updates for the website and John, Paul, and I will figure out how to update it as soon as possible. If you know anyone at your home group who wants to be of service and would be qualified to be either the IT committee chair or the webmaster, please reach out. John and I will help their transition to the best of our ability. John has also compiled the budget for 2026 and passed that on to Will.

Thanks for letting me be of service,
Tyler

- Alice - Newsletter Committee (no report sent)

- **Leah - Potluck Committee**

The November Alcathon went wonderfully! We had excellent participation in all areas including service. Thank you to all who attended. We are now planning for the Christmas Alcathon. All meeting slots are filled, the committee has met for the planning session and last minute details are being delegated by Chad and me. We anticipate another lovely event.

I want to thank COIGAA for allowing me to be of service this last year as the Potluck Chair. It's has been a joy and has kept my spirits high during some times of struggle. I have no doubt it's helped keep me sober. I have enjoyed working with the amazing potluck committee who have been steadfastly by my side the whole time. Special thanks to Chad L for his mad skills in so many areas. I could not have done it without him. I do hope we find someone to step up for the position for 2026 as I would love to assist on the committee.

In love, gratitude and service,

Leah

- **Misti - Entertainment Committee**

Good afternoon central oregon intergroup my name is mistie I'm an alcoholic and your entertainment chair. Sept crescent lake campout went well although we only had 29 people pay for there spots and unfortunately we had some attendees that didn't pay as this was my first year as the chair for this event and was unsure about attendance we were not at full capacity. I did boom it for next year but did fall short 130 dollars and covered it from the funds in entertainment account. Moving forward if it is not self supporting than entertainment can't afford to host such events. Possibly o ly renting one campground could be an option .I have yet to replenish the trailer from both these campouts and will be doing so here before the end of year

witch will also factor just how much next years campouts will be. It may come to having to ask for a higher contribution for camp spots next year I will keep everyone posted. Currently we Don't have much to report as a committee and we have no events scheduled. The committee has discussed the holidays and with alchothons hosted by the potluck committee we will not be doing any entertainment events until after the new year. With that I also want to remind everyone that entertainment committe is not funded through intergroup. The Entertainment committe solely relies on contributions received through you the individual members who attend our events. A suggested contribution is intended to cover the costs such as renting of the hall, coffee food decor ect. currently our balance which is available to view on Venmo @ COIGG at any time is 880.25. I will be before end of year restocking the trailer with supplies paper products coffe propane plastic ware as the last 2 campouts wiped it out. I know there has been suggestions about doing 50/50 to cover the costs of events and as your current chair it is my obligation to adhere and to follow all of AAs traditions including being self supporting when hosting an AA event. We are discussing hosting an event sometime either in January or February that incorporates not only fun and fellowship but also our steps traditions or concepts. We are still in early discussions of what that may look like and are encouraging anyone who has ideas please join us at our committee meeting. Currently they are the 3 rd Thursday of every month at 530 via the intergroup zoom. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Liaison Reports:

- **Nick - District 5**

What's up Intergroup folks!?! I'm an alcoholic and my name is Nick. My Homegroup is the Firing Line Group and I am currently serving as DCM for District 5.

- The Giant Jenga Workshop was a success!! I am very grateful for those that showed up and participated. I met new people and we had some great discussions. We only pulled a few blocks because the discussions were so good. I was told that some Groups were able to take the conversations back to their groups business meetings and create some needed change. That warms my heart, that's why we do these workshops.
- The November Assembly was our last assembly as Panel 74. It was awesome hanging out with the crew for this last assembly. Our motion to have in-sync rotation at the Area did not pass, but only failed by a few votes. This tells me that we will be discussing it again in the future. There was a lot of great discussion around the motion.
- I was able to connect with the GSR from the Three Legacies Group and facilitate their group inventory. It was a great experience!! Thank you Christine B. for taking the minutes. I love to be part of Groups growing in their understanding and effectiveness!
- Our Committee Chairs  Committee Purposes still need the groups to get involved. They have a lot of work organized and lined up, but the lack of participation from the Groups is a problem. We don't have enough facilitators to go into the Treatment centers and Facilities that want us to come. We don't have enough presenters for Cooperation with the Professional Committee, and after

the Health Fair there is a lot to do. Access has been reaching out to Retirement Facilities and there has been much interest in both panels and possible meetings. Literature would love some participation from the groups Literature Chairs. I can't stress enough the importance of the Committee work in our local community. It's how people find us. It's the District's job to organize it, but it's the Group's job to do the work. If we all pitched in and did our small part...well that would be awesome!! Please consider taking this information back to your groups and get involved. WE NEED YOU!! And we will continue to try to encourage and inspire participation in our local Committee work. Corrections, Treatment, and Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community, Accessibilities, and Literature Committees have monthly meetings and would love more participation. They are all doing amazing jobs, but **need more participation in order to get the work done!!** Please reach out to our Committee Chairs to get involved. ctf@district5aa.org d5aa.cfc@gmail.com d5aa.pic@gmail.com access@district5aa.org

- We recently had a couple people make themselves available to be PI/CPC Chair and Treatment and Facilities Chair. We still need someone to make themselves available to be the Chair for the Corrections Committee. If someone does not step up, we will have to stop going into the Jails until someone steps up. We need someone to continue the communication side of the committee. It would be unfortunate to have to stop this **VITAL SERVICE**, but without the communication through a committee chair, we risk looking worse then taking a pause until someone steps up. Please bring this back to your groups. We are running out of time.
- It has been such a privilege to serve the District in this capacity. I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve and giving me grace when I fell short. I have rotated ON to Area Corrections Alt. Chair and am grateful to those of you that made yourselves available to rotate on to the next thing as well. I will still be participating in the local Committee Work as a boots on the ground workerbee, and I encourage all of you to do the same. We still need to continue to carry the message in our local community, so those suffering can find what was so freely given to us. An AA member was telling me about one of her coworkers' husbands that recently shot himself drunk. He was believed to be one of us. The work doesn't stop here. There's always more for us to do. Our community is our responsibility and I'm looking forward to the many years ahead carrying this message with you guys.

Yours in Fellowship & Service,

District 5 DCM

Nick M. 541-731-6289

<http://district5aa.org/>

Unfinished Business:

- 2026 COIG Draft Budget was presented and discussion and questions for approval was sent back to the groups to be voted on next month. [COIG 2026 Budget.pdf](#)

New Business:

- One time Workshop Budget of \$250 - Will (Treasurer) This motion was seconded. Then **approved unanimously**. No minority opinions. Fliers will be given out at the next meeting. And sent out in the minutes.
- [WHS COIG Motion 1 for November 2025.pdf](#)-

Steve (*WFS IGR*) Motion to remove all documents that reference specific AA members from public view, providing access only to those who need them for AA business or request them specifically through a more private method such as password protected links or direct email distribution.

This motion was seconded. Much discussion was had. A vote to take back to the groups or vote today was passed to vote now. 1 vote in favor of the motion 17 opposed. Motion failed without a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. The body believes “we all have the responsibility to keep our last names out of our reports”, and “we elect trusted servants who understand the Traditions for our IT committee as well as the COIG Secretary positions”. The problem can be an “easy fix and the IT committee has already taken steps to pull files with last names.” Steve will rewrite/reword the motion for simplicity and bring it back to be approved.

At 5:25: Meeting was adjourned

I've asked _____ to Close us out with the **Declaration Of Unity** that can be found on the back side of any A.A. conference approved pamphlet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie B., COIG Secretary

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