

MINUTES

ORCA Board Meeting on December 9, 2025

Called to order at 5:41 by Paul Oostenbrug

Paul Oostenbrug	X	Jessica Bailuff (on phone)		Jere Kelly		Elizabeth McLane	
Peggy Roberts		Craig Viitamonti		Trudy Burtis	X	Melissa Oberle	X

Guests, in person or via Zoom (x-attended)

Havens Levitt	X	Dennis Weber		Steven Roy (guest)	X		
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Approval of Minutes: November has not been emailed yet.

Changes or concerns:

Modifications to the Agenda: NO

Reports:

Guest: Steven Roy has an extensive background in 501c organizations and is moving to Rio Rancho very soon. He is currently living in Los Angeles.

Contractor Items

Havens Levitt:

- Cultural Competency Training: Put off outreach to January
- Will have a meeting with the Secretary of Aging, and long-term services; will report on that in Jan
- There will be an NM symposium on Health in May, will put in a request to host a workshop
- Could help with ORCA promotion

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter Issues:

MeetUp issues:
Event Planning Progress

- Dance – Dec 27 and Feb 14th at First Congregational Church

In, out and about, and a country line dancing group has been invited.

Reserved a room at Thai restaurant after the December dance, everyone will be invited after the dance. Rane would especially like to add a trans person to further diversify of the group.

The Dance Committee would like to add more voices. Also, Craig has a potential volunteer who plays and writes music for the guitar. She would like to incorporate music into our events.

Buying a sound system was approved but has been tabled. However, Rane has been doing a lot of work developing Queer-centric play lists, so we should revisit this.

- Noon Year's Eve – Dec 31 – location: Empower Time: 11pm to 1pm \$750.00, estimated pop 50. Havens will put on meetup for RSVPs. She will also include the TGRC resource list link for donations to bring to the event.

- Kindness project provides gifts that are anonymous and kind. The Kindness project will provide door prizes for Noon-Year-Eve

- Pride Planning-Meetings will begin in January

Ideas:

- Float with sidewalkers handing out promotional items
- Theme ideas Golden Gays (is there a copyright on the "Thank you for Being a Friend" song)
- Explore entry fees for float, and possibly need extra insurance
- Trudy to investigate the trollies

- Pie Palooza will be on a Saturday this year, March 14th.

Dennis submitted about 300.00 in receipts from Friendsgiving.

Program development committee. We should explore using volunteers to conduct:

- Falls Prevention. Janet Popp, Chair, New Mexico Adult Falls Prevention Coalition, will deliver a falls prevention workshop
- Barry's new Community Plate monthly Saturday potluck had its inaugural event at Friendsgiving

Volunteers:

Jake Segura at Medicaid Operations is still looking forward to continuing our partnership and providing volunteers when we can or would use them. At this time, we have enough volunteers for our needs. Independent of Jake, there were four online inquiries about volunteering. One of them is a licensed mental health professional; however, it is unknown if they are volunteering for general things or on a professional level. Craig will find out more.

Finance:

Sam Poarch, our bookkeeper, has yet to submit a bill for November. Our Nusenda Credit Union account has \$8,940.65 as of 11/6/25. This includes a payment from the City of Albuquerque for our help in facilitating the Aging Alone Together workshops. Our PayPal account has \$970.00 in it as of 12/2/26. This includes a gift from a board member of \$772.82.

The Merrill Lynch account has \$191,021.70 in it as of 11/31/25

NEW BUSINESS

- We could be reaching out to the community for a treasurer, liasons and board members
- Call Siarza Moon to pitch work for us as a promoter.
- Trudy mentioned that we, as board members, go to diverse events to introduce ourselves and our group
- Art Auction, early 2026, possibly at the Adult Learning Center, where we foster a lot of diversity. Who would work on it? Trudy would be interested in helping and planning.
- Possibly use our discussion groups as outreach after we get approval from the discussion leaders

Other items:

Elizabeth suggested the following for the website:

- Adding a link to the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs LGBTQ Resources for Older Adults: <https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/senior-services/senior-affairs-lgbtq-resources-for-older-adults>
- Delete HRC Long-Term Care Quality Index, which links to nothing. Instead, changed link to: <https://www.hrc.org/resources/long-term-care-equality-index>.
- Delete retireguide.com because it does not link to our Community.

Annual Reporting to the NM Secretary of State – submitted 11/12/25.

Adjournment 7:18 pm

Next meeting, January 13,2026 at Trudy Burtis' house