

# MINUTES

## ORCA Board meeting on October 14, 2025

Called to order at 5:37 by Paul Oostenbrug

### Attendees, in person or via Zoom (Y, N or N/A):

||Paul Oostenbrug \_\_x\_\_ ||Jessica Bailuff on phone\_x\_\_ ||Jere Kelly \_x\_\_  
||Elizabeth McLane \_x\_\_ ||Peggy Roberts \_x\_\_ ||Craig Vitamonti \_x\_\_  
||Trudy Burtis \_\_x\_\_

### Guests, in person or via Zoom (check mark or x):

||Havens Levitt \_\_ \_\_||Annie Neely \_\_ \_\_||Essie Romyns \_\_ \_\_  
||Dennis Weber \_\_ \_\_||Melissa Oberle \_x\_\_ || Javier Davis\_x  
Enrique Slodownik \_x\_

### Approval of September Minutes: Yes

Changes or concerns (specify the month): Remove highlighted areas under financial.

### Modifications to the Agenda: No

### Introductions

Javier and Enrique are travelers who will be going to Las Vegas and then to Australia, but will return to Albuquerque with the arrival of good weather.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Reports

#### State Aging Conference

- Only 4 people attended Havens's training. Will try to get on the program earlier next year.
- Peggy, Elizabeth, Paul, and Jere tabled the EXPO over two days. Lots of interest at the table.
- Statewide zoom gathering didn't work out because the link and QR code didn't work. The idea still has potential. Possibly the aging and long-term services might be able to do an invitation or write-up in the January newsletter.

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## Dance Committee

- Dance Committee: Sept Dance, 35 people, only around 5 men. Made \$94.00 in donations. Line dancing was successful.
- Moving forward, include more world music and gay centric music.
- Two people resigned from the committee, Essie and Annie

## Newsletter Issues

- A Communications Coordinator should review the media channels, such as Facebook, Meetup, and Newsletter, to ensure our branding is consistent. This may require hiring someone to jump-start this process. **Shiarza** may be a good candidate for this position. **Who is Shiarza, and what is her last name?**
- Maybe UNM Communication Intern. Craig to draft a proposal for the UNM dept.
- Suggest in the newsletter that one can donate their RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). Terry Garret contributed their RMD. This money could be used for promotion.

## Meetup Issues

- Jessica can add new members again.
- Add links on Meetup pages so others can RSVP for events
- Consider responding to notifications and alerts so communication can be fluid
- Promote Cultural Competency Training
- Promote on a morning news program

## Finance

9/25/2025 Transferred 4000.00 from Merrill Lynch to Nusenda

9/26/2025 Paypal balance: 90.00

10/09/2025 Merrill Lynch balance: 196,064.25

10/09/2025 Nusenda balance: 4,559.79

- Bookkeeper Sam Poarch **-227.36**
- Director's and Officer's Insurance **-261.00** (another premium will be due in November)

Terry Garrett is planning on sending part of his RMD

End GoGo Grandparent: Paul put it out there; Trudy seconded: all agreed

## Open Issues and Proposed Events.

- The Kindness Project has offered to provide gifts to our group.
  - How many individuals do we say we serve
    1. Do the people who attend our events need gifts?
    2. Trudy to think about who can use the gifts: Jessica to work with Trudy

3. Paul will provide contact information for the Kindness Project

- Jake Segura of BCBS offered to become a community partner
  - Willing to provide employee volunteers
    - 1. What kind of work are these volunteers willing to do?
    - 2. What kind of work do we want to have volunteers do?
- Art Auction
  - late Oct, early Nov Adult Learning Center of Albuquerque
  - Dennis is working with a contact ALC (Adult Learning Center)
- Promoting Events
  - Decided that we need to set a policy before we promote outside events.
  - How will the policy be implemented?
  - This needs to be on the agenda for November

### **Business Items**

- Resource Page
  - Implications and liabilities for listing resources on the ORCA page
  - Should there be a disclaimer
  - There is a need for LGBTQ+ friendly home repair persons
  - There is a need for a Resource page taskforce.

Paul, Elizabeth, and Peggy will reach out to Parkland Village to inquire about their process.

- Annual Reporting to NM Secretary of State
  - Due 11/15/2025
- Program Development Committee
  - Register workshops at Senior Centers
  - Fall Prevention with Janet Popp, Chair, New Mexico Adult Falls Prevention Coalition, could maybe do a presentation at the Dance
  - Do any Sage Affiliates have a bulletin board?

### **Action Items**

How to configure Meetup to meet the group's needs. Include an invitation to take part in the Newsletter.

**Adjournment at: 6:56 p.m. by: Paul Oostenbrug**

**Next meeting:** November 11, 2025 at Trudy Burtis's house