

Oregon Area Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, Oregon

Note from Area Secretary:

The following information is a written record of the business meeting. I have done my best to capture what actually happened and get it down on paper for you! The discussion notes for the motions do not contain all of the discussion that actually happened, but should convey a good sense of opinions both for and against the various motions. Paraphrasing is sometimes necessary. Any amendments of previous minutes shall appear below.

Thank you☺

Call to Order:

Chase B. called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Members read the Preamble, **12 Traditions and** the Concepts. A moment of silence was also held for Doris T. The New GSR's and DCM's were recognized as were the Past Delegates Don J, Darlene G, Helen M, & Eric K. There were two visitors from Western Washington Area 72, as well as our main speaker, and weekend guest, Greg M, former GSO Manager.

Roll Call was read by Penny H.

Absent: DCM District 32

Proxies: Fred D. Mill Creek

Motion to approve minutes made by Rick District 14, 2nd by John. Minutes approved unanimously.

Area Officer Reports

The following gave reports (copies attached)

Delegate	Dave A
Alternate Delegate	Anne M.
Area Chair	Chase B.
Alternate Chair	Gus P.
Registrar	Dave B <i>Report read by Penny H.</i>
Secretary	Penny H.
Treasurer	Ron W.

Motion to approve Treasurers report by Anita District 27, seconded by Lisa District 11. Katherine, District 10 opposed Treasurer report and called for amendment on front page, 2nd paragraph where it reads "our total income" it should state \$75,364.02 NOT \$75,365.02. Ron thanked Katherine, as she was correct.

Kami asked for clarification on Treasurer's report regarding Ending balance vs. checking account balance. Ron shared that at this assembly we have so far written \$16,028.92 of checks so that from our beginning balance leave us with \$1,533.40. Chase asked for additional comments or questions? **Treasurer report approved as amended**

Committee Reports (3 minutes)

The following gave reports (copies attached)

Finance	Ron W.
Accessibility	James J. <i>newly appointed</i>
Archives	Hal E.
Corrections	Kelly D.
CPC	Skip A.
Grapevine/ La Vina	Erik K.
Hospitals	Sandra V.
Newsletter	Martha V.
Public Information	Patrick B.
Translation/Interpretation	Lorena G.
Treatment Facilities	Fran P.
Website	David K.

Area Chair Announcements

Doris T:

- 📖 A moment of silence was observed for Doris T, an area Committee member who passed away late last year. Her loving presence will be missed.

Area Appointments:

- 📖 Chase announced three Area positions that were filled.
- 📖 PI South will be filled by Patrick B until Nov. 2009.
- 📖 James J will chair the Access Committee until Nov 2009.
- 📖 Ric H. was welcomed as the newly appointed Assistant Webmaster. His term will rotate to Webmaster in the fall of 2010.
- 📖 The volunteer Web Committee was also appointed. Mike G, Lorena G and Tysa F will serve until the fall of this year. Barbara D, Josh A and Jon D will serve until the fall of 2010.

Thank you to those of you who submitted your service resume's for the volunteer web committee. If you were not selected or you are interested now there will be three (3) positions available each year in the fall.

Contact David K, Webmaster or Chase B., Area Chair and get involved. The committee is full at this time.

Assembly Bids needed:

- 📖 We are currently looking to award the Feb 2010 Assembly, and have not received any bids. Three of our 2009 assemblies are in the Portland area, so, though bids from Portland are certainly not discouraged, bids from around the state are encouraged.
- 📖 *Contact Chase or Gus in the bid process. If it is a facility we have not been to before we usually show up and do a facility walk-thru. We also help with contract negotiations.*

Wacypaa:

- 📖 Chase announced that Wacypaa will be hosted in Oregon during the New Year's holiday this year. More info can be found at wacypaa.org.

Misc Announcements

- 📖 Greg M Former GSO Manager; Thanks for all of your help this weekend and for all you do.
- 📖 Lincoln City, District 2 Host committee there T-shirts are here. If you ordered them they are available.
- 📖 T-Mar tapes for the last year have been **providing** a loving service to our area for recording our business meetings for Archives. They also record the Ask-it Basket and Concepts workshop. They do this free of charge. T-Mar only puts out AA speaker tapes per our Oregon Area guidelines and Al-Anon speaker tapes. T-Mar is part of our family – BIG round of applause for them☺

Announcements Related To Next Assembly

May Presentations:

- 📖 There will be six Area Service Committee presentations at the next Assembly. The presentations will be from: Access, CPC, Hospitals, Newsletter, Translation and Webmaster. Each presentation will be 10 minutes. Last May, in Albany, we heard from the other six Committees.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion #1

Submitted by Technology Ad-hoc Committee
To increase computer/software line item to \$2,000.

Current Practice:

There is no line item established for technology at this time. However, there had been a line item in 2007 for \$5,500 and \$3,900 in 2008 that had been approved by a motion presented in May 2007.

Intent & Purpose:

The purpose is to provide Area 58 with a line item for technology needs. It will provide the means to continue the work and support we have started. With this budget we can address the unexpected expenses for maintenance, repairs and consumables such as printer supplies, CD/DVDs for backup and projector bulbs. We will be able to update software when due and buy supplies and other incidentals needed. We have still to purchase our own projector at a \$900. It is not expected that all this money will be spent; we believe this amount is an upper limit.

Budgetary Impact:

Budget Impact would be depending on the Area Technology needs and the money available up to \$2,000.00

Discussion: John asked if the budgetary impact would just be \$2,000.00, correct? *Chase said yes, up to \$2,000.00 according to the language of the motion.*

Cricket's Q&A for Katherine, Technology Adhoc Committee

Q: How the \$2,000.00 figure was arrived at?

A: It was estimated that they could buy a computer with that and projector with that, which will probably be needed. The projector bulb is \$400-\$600 dollars depending on where you get it. The computer approximately \$1,000.00 in staying w/the same model we have now. The \$2,000 was adding all bills in if they were actually needed.

Chase clarifies that after this session of questions we will have 2 minutes at the microphone for debate. When we have Q&A like this we will expand it a little bit.

Q: Whether there is an established need to purchase a projector

A: We don't own our own projector. We were supposed to purchase a projector from Chase and the projector that we have been using is his own and we never purchased that. So it could be a need, I don't know.

Q: There is a line item for computer/software of \$572 so wouldn't that be enough to cover the incidentals?

A: Not sure what that line item is for....web? Not sure what their expenses are.

Chase point of clarification: The current line item for computer/software for \$572 is for Misc computer/software related expenses by the finance committee and web would fall under that but it is not limited to web use.

Vote on motion

Motion re-read

Poll the Districts 2/3 majority vote

Results: 203 Casts; 123 Yes; 82 No....2/3 majority vote: 136

Motion Fails

Minority opinion Heard

Discussion:

Katherine DCM District 31.....what happens if we break Chase's projector? Who will be responsible for it? Chase says it just depends on how attached to that service of having the projector you are. If the projector goes down we can cross that bridge at that time if you want to avoid having to cross that bridge at that time then you would support this motion. The projector is just an item that we use in our business meetings as a visual aid. Purchasing it was not a result of any motion.

Katherine wants to find out from Archives if they still need a laptop. Because every time that we need something we have to come to the body and we have to ask for it. So we are probably 5-6 months out in getting equipment that is needed and this could be avoided.

Teresa ~ point of clarification for line item in budget for \$3,900 for technology.

Chase says for clarification that line item was for 2008 fiscal year and that year has closed. The 2009 approved budget that was approved in September 2008 does have the computer/software line in it, but the financial

statement seen today does not have it, and that is a mistake. We have a \$572 line for computer/software on the approved 2009 budget. Ron W, Treasurer will make remarks on this at the final Treasurer report.

Steve, GSR District 13 – gets confused easily. We have voted to throw money away for the last 3 assemblies for things we did not need and believes that we should be self sufficient.

Member states we have entrusted these people to be on the AdHoc committee and does not feel that they are coming up here foolishly to ask for money.

Member states the Big Book talks about taking a personal inventory. A business that doesn't keep up w/technology will go broke and also we talk about paying our own way....we do not need to be borrowing from our members.

Jeff M asks Dave if he is still unavailable on the 25th. Will there be good 'n plenty's at the conference. Please clarify what it all means? Why are we here? Was it the chicken or the egg that came first? So if we break it, Gus will pay? *Just some humor for all of us*☺

Chase reminds the body: Reminder – If You Have Heard Something At The Microphone, For The Sake Of Time Please Try Not To Repeat it.

Ray R Finance Chair stated earlier that we had gone below our threshold. Has confirmed w/treasurer at present time if we were to do this today we do not have the money. That does not say how much money we will receive in the future. It has been shown that when needed, we alcoholics step up to the plate.

Darryl GSR District 11...unclear on a couple of points that this is proposed as a standing line item from year to year....and how would Committee members go about accessing the funds; who would the decision making process go through and who would be receiving the funds?

Point of clarification: Chase explains....Expenditures always go through the finance committee. It's not indicated on the motion that this would go beyond any year and that this motion is for 2009.

Question was called by District and it is the practice of Oregon Area that we do not call the question during minority appeal.

Hal from Archives answers the question that there is a need for a laptop and that information could be available on the laptop. Feels this is a good motion.

Pat asks is this an annual decision in this process....this maintenance for our software....does it have to pass every year for what we are voting on now?

Ray from finance there is a line item in the budget called computer/software with a current budget of \$572 and that is supposed to assist and help maintain our computer and software.

Motion to re-consider 2nd by Tom of District 37
Motion will be re-considered

Jim, GSR District 24.....voted no because he saw the line item in 2009 for technology/adhoc committee but now after further discussion he realizes it is not there and it was a mistake.

Ray likes this motion and its intent but we do have a line item in computer/software we do have this in place, why don't use the tools and use what we have already in place.

Barbara DCM District 16....wants to know if the motion writer will possibly choose to amend the motion to increase the computer/software line item to \$2,000.

Michael, District 16 called the question.

Point of order.... Katherine states there was a request to amend the motion.

Motion is amended to “*increase computer/software line item to \$2,000*”.

Motion to end debate

Debate is ended

Motion re-read

Motion stands as passed

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #1

Submitted by Kate B.
Ben, District 6 2nd Motion

Motion: Allow WACY PAA host committee to borrow interpretation equipment for conference dates of December 31st, 2009 thru January 3rd, 2010 as well as April 4 & 5th, 2009.

Intent & Purpose: To help our Oregon host committee carry the message to our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters. This would save the committee time and money that they could use in other ways to make this conference more accessible to more people.

Current practice: A motion was made and passed for additional equipment in September 06 that states in the motion that this equipment can be used for other fellowship events. I believe WACY PAA would fall into the spirit of this motion.

Financial Impact: \$0.00. The Oregon Wacy paa host committee will assume financial responsibility for the equipment while using it.

Discussion:

FYI: Samantha D just wants the body to know that she will be in charge of equipment.

Steve V, shares that he is confused again because this motion was passed once before so why are we discussing it again?

Kate B, maker of the motion says she just wants the body to know that even though there was a motion passed in 2006, she just wants to keep the body informed of what they are doing and what is going on.

Nick, District 23 just has 3 things to say....Wacy, Wacy, Wacy.

Jeff M **Called the Question** (and told Chase he would call him later. Hahahaha)

Vote to end debate

Debate has ended

Urgent and/or Administrative: YES

Motion passes – unanimously

No minority was heard

Motion #2

2nd by Doug H, District 22

Motion: To increase the Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) Budget by \$500 for fiscal year ending in November 30, 2009.

Current Practice: The current budget for CTF is \$950. This amount was inadequate for the Committee this year. The current committee, given the remote locations and current activity level will likely fall short at the end of the year. Our choice will be to curtail activity, even with donations from Districts that we are making

presentations. In order to continue the current level of service to Oregon area this committee will need to have this budget increase.

Budgetary Impact: \$500 to be allocated as \$250 per quarter for Quarter 3 & 4.

Discussion

Katherine says she is not seeing it in the budget

Chase clarifies that you have the financial statement on your table but the budget is a different document.

Fran states that CTF is the normal budget not the literature budget. On the financial statement it says \$750 and that is incorrect, that's \$950. That was a typo.

Mike, District 36 is the budget going to be \$1,450 or \$1,400 if approved?

Chase states based on the current line and the requested motion the line item would be \$1,450 if the motion were passed.

Barbara, DCM District 16 comments; there was a contribution from the group at the May Assembly from last year that received over \$500

(Fran interjects and states "that is the only reason that we made it within that budget." The problem is that we have remote areas and we have a lot of mileage. Our mileage alone was in excess of what their budget was).

Barbara's question is if it was \$750 and we passed the basket, an additional \$500 was added to that; is that the amount that you are saying is inadequate the \$500 + \$750?

Fran states that was from last year and this is a new fiscal year and the budget that was created for this fiscal year the money that was requested for our budget was inadequate. In other words instead of it being \$950 it should have been raised to the \$1,250. Barbara states that if we raise it to the \$1,250 that we had last year then we only need to increase it by \$300?

Chase point of clarification the approved line from the approved budget that you passed in September is for \$950

Barbara agrees and that in order to get to \$1,250 which is what she used last year.....

Chase states that if she wanted \$1,250 then the motion in front of you would be asking for an increase of \$300.

Members voice that they cannot believe we are bickering over \$500 and a lot of the people that come into AA come in through treatment centers. They are doing the service of what Alcoholics Anonymous do. Any money spent on carrying the message in AA is money well spent.

John A, District 13 not sure if he is for this motion or against it. Feels we can take this back to the groups and discuss where the 7th tradition money goes and feels we have time.

Mark, DCM District 36 you mention fiscal year ending November 2009 curious what about the last month of December just wondering if there should be a little more money for December?

Chase: point of clarification any of the money that is needed on any committee after November 30 would come out of the 2010 budget, which you will be considering in between the May and September Assembly. In May your finance committee will be presenting a 2010 proposed budget for you. It will go out to the Area for consideration for the summer and in September you guys will make the decision to approve the 2010 budget or not which begins December 1st.

Fran also states that we have requested that this increase for the next year's fiscal budget.

Teffany, PI North what the CTF does is it helps the local districts and intergroup committees to learn to cooperate with the treatment facilities in learning what AA is. This budget would really help them do their service work.

Question called by Doug, DCM District 22

Vote to end debate

Hear from finance committee: Ray says that as stated earlier we are below our \$7,000. We don't have the money but we do anticipate that through your group donations that it should be ok. OH WAIT A MINUTE.....Ray adjusts his comment to say.... "We got the money."

Urgent/Administrative - YES

Motion re-read

Motion passes

Minority opinion Discussion

Mark DCM 36 appreciates the intent and feels it should be tabled to go back to the group. Great opportunity to inform our groups of where our money is going.

Motion to re-consider

Nick District 23

2nd by District 16

Motion to reconsider fails.

Motion stands as passed.

Final Treasurers Report

Ron wants to apologize for this Area financial statement. He did not mention this in his report because the bottom lines are correct, but the first line under Area 2009 budget there are a lot of figures in that column that are not correct. When I entered those numbers from the 2009 budget I entered some wrong numbers and I apologize for that.

The bottom line on that 2009 budget should be \$89,918.00. That changes the 3rd column budget balance to \$78,145.36. This does not change any of the bottom line balances that we have in the bank that we came in to the Assembly with. Final report is as I stated:

Ending Balance: \$17,562.32

Checks Written: \$16,378.92

Closing Balance: \$1,183.40

At this assembly, so far we have collected over \$3,400 in proceeds from past assemblies and donations from the Spanish group. We are still doing ok and with your groups support we will do just great in May.

Questions? Member asked to repeat the numbers above.

Motion to adjourn by everyone in the room.

12:00 PM

Yours In Love And Service

Penny H, Area Secretary