

Oregon Area Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 23rd 2008

Chinook Winds, Lincoln City

Note from Area Secretary:

The information below is a written record of the business meeting. I've 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 with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Kim read the Preamble, Robin read the 12 Traditions and the Concepts were read by Steve. The New Gsr's and DCM's were recognized as were the Past Delegates Don J., Darlene G., Eric K. and Mark S.

Roll Call was read by Eric V.

Absent: CPC South, Translation/Interpretation Co- Chair, PI South, DCM 32

Proxies: Fred D. Mill Creek and Don E for Santiam

Motion to approve minutes made by Vic from district 6, Seconded by Linda of District 5

Passed

Area Officers Reports

The following gave reports (copies attached)

Delegate..... Dave A.
Alt Delegate..... Anne M.
Area Chair..... Chase B.
Alt Chair..... Gus P.
Secretary..... Eric V.
Registrar..... Julie W.
Treasurer..... Dale S.

Motion to approve Treasurers Report by Katherine K., Seconded by Steve

Passed

Committee Reports

The following gave reports (copies attached)

Finance..... Murray M.
Accessibility..... Barbara B.
Archives..... Hal E.
Corrections..... Jack C.
Grapevine/ La Vina..... Eric K.
Hospitals..... Sandra V.
Newsletter..... Martha S.
Public Information..... Marc C.
Translation/ Interpretation..... Samantha D.
Treatment Facilities..... Peggy Sue C.
Website..... Robert R.
Adhoc Committee (final Report). Katherine K.

Area Chair Announcements

Volunteer Web Committee Appointments:

We are re-charging the volunteer web committee.

Web committee members can be active gsr's, dcm's, or anyone else that is interested. If you are still on the list from the last Web Committee, and would like to be involved, please submit a resume. Six positions are available, 3 will serve 2 years, and 3 will serve for one year, with 2 year terms thereafter. These web volunteer jobs are not funded, as they perform work over the internet, in tasks unrelated to assemblies.

We have extended the deadline to submit resumes. Submit Resumes by Jan 1st, 2009 to hellochase@hotmail.com.

Assistant Webmaster:

We are still seeking resumes for the Assistant Webmaster position. Send resumes to Chase or David K (Webmaster).

Details available at <http://www.aa-oregon.org/committees.htm>

November 2009 Assembly!

Awarded to District 36. They will be having the Assembly at the Doubletree at Lloyd Center in Portland*.

*Update: We have recently learned that the Nov 2009 Assembly **will not be held at the Doubletree**. More information will be available by the next Assembly.

February 2010 and beyond!

We need Bids! For these upcoming Assemblies, contact Chase or Gus to get started!

Misc Announcements:

Chase thanked the Ad Hoc Committee on Technology for their efforts. Chase announced that, per the scope they were given after the November Assembly in 2007, this would be their last Assembly in which to bring a report and any recommendations.

The Access Committee would normally have rotated this year, but, due to an adjustment made resulting from a resignation last year, Barbara, the current Access chair, will stay on for another year, completing a two-year term. The next publication of the Area Guidelines will reflect this change in rotation practice.

Announcements Related to Next Assembly:

The next Assembly will be Feb 28- March 1st at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. More information is available at:

<http://www.aa-oregon.org/assemblies.htm>

The February Assembly is our Pre-Conference Assembly. Districts will be assigned to Conference Committees to help prepare our Delegate for the General Service Conference in April. DCM's and GSR's, see the final Assembly Agenda at the next Assembly to find out which committee your District has been assigned to for 2009, and attend the Delegates Presentation at the next Assembly, on Saturday, for more details

Old Business

Motion #1

Direct our delegate to request a clear description of the duties of the Chair of the General Service Board be added to the Service Manual, and to note it as such in the Table of Contents.

Intent & Purpose:

To achieve clarity and accessibility of information for all members of our fellowship, it would be appropriate for a definition of this integral service position to be available in our Service Manual. The duties of many other trusted servants are clearly outlined in the Service Manual, and easily accessible via the Table of Contents.

We hope that Board Members' and Past Trustees' comments on the scope and content of the Chair's duties will be requested, and considered by those who draft the language of the update.

When District 18 was considering the question of whether Class B Trustees should be eligible to chair the General Service Board, to prepare our delegate for the Conference, this information would have been very useful.

Current Practice:

In the Bylaws of the General Service Board, a partial description is provided. On page SI 12 of the 2007-2008 edition, we find: "...the Chairman shall have those duties which are generally attributable by law and custom to a President under the laws of the State of New York", as well as a description of the committee members and officers that the chair appoints.

Page SI 13 contains a summary of several other duties of the Chair, such as the formality of notifying members of the time and place of meetings.

There appear to be a number of perceived duties of the Chair, such as making public media appearances on behalf of AA, which are not specified in our literature.

Budgetary Impact:

At the Area level, the cost of sending a letter to the General Service Office informing them of the Area's group conscience on this topic. To prevent any unnecessary costs at GSO/AAWS, the update could occur at a regularly scheduled printing of the Service Manual.

Discussion: Cricket hopes that all groups had a chance discuss this motion and want to clarify a bit. She says this motion is simply asking that we ask for a job description in the service manual of the Chair of the General Service board. She mentioned this has nothing to do with her not trusting our trusted servants. Carlos asks how the Chairman knows what to do. Cricket says they seem to know by tradition. Dave A. Says that there are guidelines in the bylaws of the GSO and in the laws of the state of NY.

Motion passed

Minority opinion: Jim thinks that by giving a job description to such a big job it could limit the scope of the Chair and constrict their usefulness.

Motion to reconsider by Tom (district 37), seconded by Doug in district 36

Motion stands as passed

Motion # 2:

Submitted by District 13

To have the Oregon Area Delegate request the General Service Conference Coordinator includes the following request from Oregon Area 58 for consideration in the 2009 General Service Conference Agenda.

" That the conference consider creating literature and or adding A.A. experience to the guidelines about signing legally binding documents required to carry A.A. into certain facilities such as but not limited to The Prison Rape Elimination Act (P.R.E.A.) and sponsorship agreements. "

Current Practice:

GSO provides only A.A. experience limited to signing court slips in "A.A. Guidelines Cooperating with Court, D.W.I, and Similar Programs".

Intent and Purpose:

To provide A.A. members and service committees some of the needed information to make an informed decision about what documents may be alright to sign and what ones may imply affiliation or otherwise blur the A.A. message.

Budgetary Impact:

Area 58 - \$0

Discussion: Kelly is not in favor of the motion. She says that the corrections committee can always help anyone who needs it to fill out forms. Rick wants to know why we need this. Jeff thinks this is about sharing experience and is for the motion. Cricket thinks it's a good idea to ask GSO to consider it. Robin's group thinks it is unnecessary. Said member doesn't want GSO telling her how to run her program. She thinks it is a violation of Tradition 10. Marion's Group asked motion maker to rescind motion. They think it is too vague. John says this motion is not asking GSO to make a stand, only to share experience. Anne said her group wants more info but thinks that if a group wants to ask GSO for a pamphlet they should be able to. Steve explained that this motion was created due to the huge run around he got when he was looking for guidance on what to do about filling out papers required by prisons.

Scott called the question

Debate is ended

Motion passed

Minority opinion: Josh thinks we should narrow the focus for adding to guidelines already out or it could be put in the workbooks GSO provides.

Motion to reconsider by Doug and seconded by Patty

Motion stands as passed

Rotations

<u>Area Position</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Incoming</u>
Area Treasurer	Dale S.	Ron W.
Area Alt. Treasurer	Ron W.	Samantha D.
Area Registrar	Julie W	Dave B
Area Secretary	Eric V	Penny H
CF -Corrections Chair	Jack C	Kelly D
CF- Corrections Co-Chair	Kelly D	Don E
CPC North (Chair)	Skip A	Rotating to Chair
CPC South	Bill I	Lauri S
CTF North (Chair)	Fran P	Rotating to Chair
CTF South	Peggy S	Ted H
Finance Committee Chair	Murray M	Ray R
Finance Committee Co-Chair	Ray R	Michael G
Finance Comm Asst. Chair	Michael G	Eric V
Hospitals Chair	Wayne W	Sandra V
Hospitals Co-Chair	Sandra V	Marc C
P.I North	Marc C	Teffany H
P.I South (Chair)	Doris T	Rotating to Chair
Translation/Interpretation Chair	Samantha D	Lorena G
Translation/Interpretation Co-Chair	Carlos S	Open
Webmaster	Rob R.	David K
Assistant Webmaster	David K	Open

Thanks to all outgoing servants and welcome to all our incoming servants! YAY!

New Business

Motion #1

Submitted by District 10

To have a table or tables placed in or immediately outside of the Business Meeting Room upon which copies of all literature for the Business Meeting is organized and made available to assembly attendees.

Current Practice:

Copies of floor motions, upcoming events, fliers, etc. are placed on assembly attendees' tables or passed around the meeting room.

Intent and Purpose:

Make copies of motions and other assembly-related material available to each individual assembly attendee/registrant. Frequently, either inadequate or excessive copies of motions and other materials are placed on tables or passed around the room immediately prior to a session; consequently, many attendees do not receive copies, while excessive copies either remain on tables or are thrown away.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Seconded by Linda District 16

Discussion: John A is against motion. He says he shows up half hour early at every business meeting to make sure there are plenty of copies. The way we are doing this is the most effective way in getting the information out. Member says if it aint broke too much don't fix it. Shawn did not even have a copy of the motion to even comment on it. Shawn feels it is a good idea to have copies lined up outside on the tables. Other member states it is a good idea because he will know how many people will be here from his District and he can supply that many copies to them. Tracy asked for

Clarity/intent...was this in addition to or instead of the current practice. Chase states that this motion is not about adding copies it is about where we put them. Member says that it is her understanding that there is a potential cost of up to \$8.00 per table so there could be a potential cost of the rental of extra tables. Member states fears about people picking them up if we have table outside. Is there anything in the Oregon Area guidelines that says this has to be the way it is? Chase says we have a practice and this motion may or may not change that practice. Member asks if motion maker will consider amending motion to have a table, but have one representative get up to get copies. Concerns there will be a line of people and this will delay in getting business meeting started.

Tom called the question

Debate ended

Urgent and/or Administrative ~ URGENT

Motion is defeated

Minority opinion: Member says there is nothing that says we have to do this. Maybe some Districts do not have enough money. Member says as an undisciplined alcoholic we should be held accountable.

Motion to reconsider by Teresa District 9

Seconded by Lisa District 11

Should be passed out at the tables but more should also be made available. If motion passed it could/would create a lot of new service positions for people. Let's not waste paper.

Motion stands as defeated

Motion 2

Submitted by Corrections Committee

Motion to transfer \$477.42 from Corrections Committee expense account to Corrections literature expense account. This transfer will leave an end balance of \$119.67 in the Committee fund to close out this account.

Budgetary Impact: No financial expense to Oregon Area

Seconded by Jeff J, District 10

Discussion: Jack says the reason for this motion is they messed up. They took the money from Committee fund and literature. It's just a matter of shifting money from line item to another.

Urgent and/or Administrative? URGENT

Motion stands as passed

Motion 3

To: Oregon Area

Fr: Eric Knudsen, Grapevine/LaVina Chair

Motion to increase the 2008 Grapevine/LaVina budget to \$800.

Intent & Purpose: To restore the budget to the 2007 level from the current level of \$600. I had mistakenly believed the budget for 2008 was \$800 when I calculated that purchasing calendars for each district would fit within the budget. The purchase was \$312, made Tuesday. I discovered yesterday that my budget is \$600, and that I have spent \$786.39.

Current Practice: The three most recent GV/LV budgets approved at Oregon Area have been: 2007-\$800, 2008-\$600 & 2009-\$800.

Budgetary Impact: \$186.39 plus any copying costs, up to a maximum of \$200

Seconded by Guy District 7

Ray from Finance Committee says we do have the money.

Discussion: Wayne from District 31 states that is custom to request money before you spend it not after you spend it. Eric thanks Wayne for that and agrees. For the new GSR's this happened last year. Eric goes on to say that it is the understanding that when you are given a budget you do not go and spend money that is beyond your budget before the body approves it. Eric says you can choose a Higher Power that turns all your mistakes into Gold. He has gotten a lot of GREAT feedback for the calendars and because of the cost of the calendars the budgetary impact is \$186.39.

Urgent and/or Administrative? URGENT

Motion stands as passed.

Motion #4

Submitted by Technology Ad-hoc Committee

To add a line item of \$2,000.00 for Technology to the budget for Area 58

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

Seconded by Robin District 11

Finance Committee says.... "we do have the money"

Chase takes consensus to see if we have the building and if the group wants to stay 1/2 hour to finish up. Simple majority rules that we will stay and finish up business till 12:30PM

Discussion Member states: some confusion about this being an ad-hoc committee...so what is being asked? Katherine states: Whether there is an ad-hoc committee or no ad-hoc committee Oregon Area will still need this to continue what we have. Question was: are there new computers being purchased? Katherine says 1 for Corrections & 5 computers were purchased for Area Officers. John A says that the Ad-hoc committee has done a great job but this does not give a clear definition of how money is being spent. Member says as far as the Ad hoc committee budget there is balance showing of \$3,426.07...all money that closes out for perspective line items will be from general fund in September. This is an ad hoc committee and I have a problem generating money for something that is not a standing committee. *Point of Clarification: Who will be handling the funds? Chase states: It will be the Finance Committee process that will spend that money. The ad hoc committee does not exist beyond this Assembly. The intent of the motion is not to disperse the money the intent of the motion is to make the money available.* Mark District 36...clarification is for budget year 2009. Feels that any budget proposal goes back to group for approval. Doug says I am apposed to this motion...there is lots of confusion of where the money is going and being spent. It would be nice if we knew what the incidentals were. Gus states we have a line item in our budget for 2009 for the budget that was already approved for computer and software; is it the intent to replace or add to this or to create a new category? Katherine says last year's budget did not say computer and software. This could be included and/or combined.

Question called

Debate has ended

Motion is tabled

Final Treasure report:

Ron W says I'm a recovering alcoholic and very sensitive.

Ending Balance: \$6,548.54

Checks Written: \$7,573.87

Closing Balance: \$8,974.67

Seeing no questions. Thank you!

Guy Motioned to adjourn ~ seconded by every body else

12:20 PM

Yours In Love And Service

Penny H, Area Secretary

Note: Be gentle on me, as I am a very sensitive alcoholic just like Ron ☺