

Oregon Area Quarterly Assembly
February 22nd – 24th, 2008
The Ramada Inn
Medford, Oregon- Hosted by District 16

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- 8:00 a.m. Meeting called to order with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, the Preamble, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.
Introduction of guests, past Delegates, new GSRs and DCMs
- 8:10 a.m. Roll call by Area Secretary Eric V.
- 8:15 a.m. Review of previous minutes, motion to approve
- 8:20 a.m. Area Officer Reports (*5 minutes each*)
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| 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 Treasurer’s report
- 8:50 a.m. Service Committee Reports (*3 minutes each*)
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| Finance | Murray M. |
| Accessibility | Barbara B. |
| Archives | Hal E. |
| Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) | Bill I. |
| Correctional Facilities (CFC) | Jack C. |
| Grapevine (Alternate) | Eric K. |
| Hospitals | Erik F. |
| Newsletter | Martha S. |
| Public Information (PI) | Marc C. |
| Treatment Facilities (CTF) | Peggy Sue C. |
| Translation / Interpretation | Samantha D. |
| Website | Rob R. |
| PNC 2008 | Ken V / Michael G |
- AD Hoc Committees Katherine K
- 9:30 a.m. Chair Announcements:
- 9:35 a.m. Break (*please be back in your seats in 15 minutes*)
- 9:50 a.m. Old Business (2 Tabled Motions)
- 10:30 a.m. New Business
- 11:35 a.m. Assembly Reports: 11/07, 2/08, 5/08, 9/08, 11/08, and 2/09 (*3 minutes each*)
- 11:50 a.m. Final Treasurer’s Report
- 11:55 a.m. Final Chair Announcements (Announcements related to the next Assembly)
- 12:00 noon Adjourn

Oregon Area Voting Procedures

A motion is made:

If it does not receive a second, it dies. After a second, debate is opened. If a registered voter calls for the question, a second will be required, or debate resumes.

A question must be called in turn at the mike.

If the question is seconded a 2/3 majority will end the debate, or debate resumes.

If the question is not called, debate will go on until there is no one at the mike. Once debate ends, a sense of the group will be taken by simple majority, to vote or table.

A motion is voted on:

If it involves expenditure of area funds, the finance committee will be asked to report. It requires a 2/3 majority to pass.

The losing side will be asked if they wish to speak to their position. The winning side will be asked if there is a motion to re-vote, and requires a second. A simple majority is required to re-vote.

A motion is reconsidered:

Full debate, pro and con is resumed (please limit discussion to only new considerations).

The question may again be called, seconded, and requires a 2/3 majority to end debate.

A sense of the group may be taken by simple majority, to vote or table.

If voted on, the motion must have a 2/3 majority to pass.

Debate has ended.

Debate on a tabled motion will be resumed under old business at the next assembly, and the voting process will be the same as above.

Oregon Area Business meeting Minutes

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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. Preamble read by Martha M., 12 traditions by Steve P. and the concepts by Steve R. Anne recognized the new GSRs and DCMs as well as our Past Delegates Darlene G., Don J. and Eric K.

Roll Call was given by Eric V.

Absent: Alt Translation Chair

Proxies: Fred D., Don E. and Jean H.

Motion to approve minutes by Bill. Seconded by Mark Passed

Area Officer Reports

The following gave reports. (Copies attached)

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

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Fred, seconded by Robert. Passed

Announcements

- Welcome back District 32! After quite a spell, we are pleased to have a representative back from that District
- May 2009 Assembly Awarded to District 13 (Roseburg)
- As a result of the new Delegate Conference Agenda item processing model, which sends the work of preparing the Delegate back to the Districts, we will not need to have breakout sessions in May. Chase explained an idea to have half of the Oregon Area Service Committees each give a 10 minute presentation on Saturday at the May Assembly. This way, in a two-year term, a GSR can hear from every Service Committee. Six names were drawn from the hat for May 2008:
- Archives, Corrections, CTF, Finance, Grapevine, and PI. The remaining Service Committees will present in May, 2009.
- We have taken another step in the right direction in getting our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters more involved in the Assembly. The GSR School is now accessible to the Spanish speaking GSR's. We have also, at their request, moved them into the middle of the room, after realizing that they do not need to be on the side of the room for the interpretation equipment to work! We are one family.

- Chase announced the appointment of a new, temporary position of Assistant Registrar. This unfunded job is being implemented to help our Registrar transition to the new FNV Software that we have just begun to use. Rhonda Z was selected to do the job.
- New maps are being made to reflect our two new Districts, as well as adding references to the two linguistic Districts. The maps should be completed by the May Assembly.

Old Business

Motion #1 ~ To increase the Oregon Area Corrections literature budget from \$875.00 per quarter to \$1,000.00 per quarter. This will allow the corrections committee to furnish the state and federal prisons with the newly revised literature from the General Service Office in New York. In addition to the existing facilities that we are currently serving, the state is opening two new prisons and expanding some of the older facilities.

Current Practice: We now furnish conference approved literature for twelve of the state corrections institutions, with two more opening next year. Also, Oregon Youth Authority is in need of literature to supply their growing population. This year we have had to turn down requests for additional AA materials and have been forced to put our volunteers requesting literature on a first come first serve basis.

Intent / Purpose: These additional funds should be sufficient to take care of our needs for the coming year. We have increased our presence in all of the corrections institutions this past year and would hate to see our growth stymied because of a lack of adequate funds.

Budgetary Impact: An additional \$500.00 to the annual budget.

Discussion: Anne thinks that the amount of the increase is not sufficient. Steve doesn't understand how we can increase funding if we are broke. Jack explains that we are not broke and also says that this increase is enough for now and that if more is needed in the future the body has always been gracious enough to meet the need. Murray explains that we may dip into the red but we have monies coming in. Murray thinks that if we are buying books for inmates we should buy books for the whole area.

Chuck Calls the Question

Debate is ended

Motion passed

Motion #2: To fund the Oregon Area Archivist to the National Archives Workshop, annually.

Intent and Purpose: To allow the Archivist access to the knowledge and practices of the other Area Archives, as well as the GSO Archives, and to promote the exchange of ideas and information on the collection, preservation, conservation, storage and care of Archival information and to share with others our own experiences and practices.

Current Practice: The Archivist has been fortunate enough to be able to pay his own way to four Workshops, but given employment or geographical concerns, may always be able to do so. It is felt that attendance at these workshops is so valuable that it should not be contingent on the Archivist's ability or inability to provide his or her own funding.

Budgetary Impact: Varies with location. Expenses including Registration, Airfare, Lodging and Banquet were approximately \$600 in '07 at Phoenix, \$800 in '06 in Baton Rouge, and \$750 in '04 in Murfreesboro, TN and \$200 in '01 in Seattle. The 2008 Workshop is in Buffalo, NY. And it is anticipated that the cost will approximate \$1000. We propose to limit the budgetary impact to a maximum of \$1000 annually. The '09 Workshop is in California, so expenses would be less.

Discussion: No discussion

Motion passed

Minority opinion: Mitch's group thought that if we give them the money that at the road shows the Archivist will learn about techniques that will cost the area more money. Paul K thinks that we cant afford to support every worthy cause.

Motion stands as passed

New Business**Motion #1**

MOTION TO AREA 58 ASSEMBLY, FEBRUARY 2008

SUBMITTED BY: Way Home Group, District 4

MOTION: To add a Standing Committee Give-And-Take as a fixed Friday night event (when space allows) to the Assembly Agenda, following the GSR School and Area Committee Meeting. The exception is the November Assembly where Committee Roundtables currently meet on Saturday afternoon. (The Finance Committee would be unavailable for the September Assembly as all bookkeeping business must be completed by the Saturday morning Business Meeting.)

PURPOSE AND INTENT: To provide a time at each assembly where our Area Committees can interface with GSRs and DCMs to educate and share, ensuring the best possible 12 Step service is offered in each group, district and the Area as a whole.

CURRENT PRACTICE: At the November assembly, Committee Roundtables take place on Saturday, usually with two, fifty minute sessions. Pre-conference and Post-conference General Service Conference motions are discussed at the February and May assemblies. At the September Assembly the Business Meeting takes up the entirety of Saturday and Sunday, of late, has been devoted to Area Inventory.

BUDGET IMPACT: None.

Seconded by Fred D. of dis 4

Discussion: Katherine asked for clarification on motion. She wants to know if it is asking that we form a new committee. Ron wants to know if the new presentations to be made at the business meeting are the same sort of thing. Lee thinks that at the time suggested DCMs should be at area committee meeting. Lee thinks we may want to table to take back to groups. Tara thinks that this should be happening at district meetings. Gus is opposed to motion. He says that there is a timing problem for Friday nites as well as space problems may arise as well. He says there will be a budgetary effect as more rooms mean more money. Murray is for motion and thinks that there needs to be more face to face time amongst the committees and DCMs and GSRs. Eric says that he is opposed to motion and that we have given the responsibility of setting the agenda to our trusted Alt Chair and if a host committee would like to see something like that they could ask the Alt Chair if that would be possible to have added. Eric does not think there needs to be a motion. Fran thinks that doing this at districts and workshops it will get to a wider audience.

Ric Calls the Question

Debate is ended

Motion is deemed urgent and or administrative

Motion defeated

Minority opinion: Patrick thinks this would be good to further GSRs education about standing committees.

Motion stands as defeated

Motion # 2

Submitted to Oregon Area 58 at the February 2008 Area Assembly in Medford, OR On behalf of Scappoose Discussion Group, in District 18, by GSR Cricket

MOTION: To create an Area practice of utilizing a panel, appointed by the Area Chair, of 2 - 4 current active GSRs and DCMs, to make recommendations to the body regarding the maintenance, support, service, acquisition, and disbursement of hardware and software.

CURRENT PRACTICE: None.

INTENT & PURPOSE: While the Technology Ad Hoc Committee's current scope is temporary, the need to support what they establish will continue. The Website Committee has related but distinctly separate responsibilities. This panel will allow the Area to have timely & relevant technical advice without creating a separate standing committee. Technology is an important and growing element of carrying the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic in the 21st century and beyond. Our hope is that by establishing clear practice regarding the Area's application of available tools, our effectiveness will increase.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: Since current active GSRs and DCMs are already funded to attend Area Assemblies... absolutely zero!

Seconded by Chuck dis 8

Discussion: John asked if there is a recommendation coming from the adhoc committee. John says that GSRs may not be funded to come to assemblies. Ric says that we are learning about the areas needs as we go and thinks that while he thinks it may be a good idea it is premature. There are a lot of things that need to be worked out. Dave says that Adhoc committee is doing things that are mentioned in the motion as current practice. Dave thinks we need guidelines before we move forward. Lee thinks that Adhoc committee has gone beyond its scope as stated in guidelines and when is temporary over. Katherine says that there is no limit on time for Adhoc. Temporary is up to the body. Katherine says there will be guidelines in November.

Dave calls the question

Debate is ended

Motion is deemed urgent and or administrative

Motion is defeated

Final Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance~ \$16,586.43
Checks written ~ \$18,492.85
Total in bank - 1,906.42 (negative balance)

Questions for Treasurer

Q: When would we stop writing checks?

A: We have the money to cover all the checks written, don't worry about anything bouncing. We would not write checks that couldn't be covered.

Dale says that we have money from groups that will go into bank Monday. Jack thinks it is good that we have no money. It shows we are doing what we are supposed to do which is carrying the message. Dale says please take this back to your groups and let them know where we are.

Chair closing announcements

- Don't forget to register for the next Assembly, which will be in Albany in May, hosted by District 21. Rooms may go fast, so reserve early!
- Conference Committee report backs from the districts should be sent to Anne M by April 15th.
- May will be our Post-Conference Assembly, and Dave A will be reporting on his trip to the General Service Conference as our Delegate.

Respectfully Submitted By
Eric V, Area Secretary