

Oregon Area Business meeting Minutes
Quarterly Assembly
Sunday, November 18th, 2007
The Resort at the Mountain
Welches- Hosted by Districts 11 & 25

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

Anne M. called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Preamble read by Cricket, 12 traditions by Chuck S. and the concepts by Anna W. Anne recognized the new GSRs and DCMs as well as our Past Delegates Mark S., Darlene G., Don J., Diana S. and also Bruce in Mexico.

Roll Call was given by Eric V.

Absent: Corrections alt Chair, PI South, DCM 17, DCM 32

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

Motion to approve minutes by Gary. Seconded by Fred 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.
Treasurer.....Dale S.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Troy, seconded by Michael. Passed

Announcements

Anne made the following announcements:

- February 09 assembly to be hosted by district 26 has moved hotels.
- Second Annual Area Orientation January 5th (flyer attached)
- Phone # on February 08 Flyer wrong. Correct # is 1-800-779-7829

Old Business

Motion #1

Submitted by District 10

The motion reads "Ad hoc committee chairs and co chairs to be funded to attend the Area Assemblies. The funding will be at the same compensatory level as the Area Officers."

(I purposely did not identify a dollar amount in the motion for one reason – if and when the remainder of the Area Officers are fully funded to Assemblies, then the ad hoc chair and co chair will automatically be included with the increase.)

Current practice: Ad hoc committee chairs and /or co chairs attend Area Assemblies at their own expense. This current practice is contradictory to our 7th Tradition which asks each AA entity to be fully self supporting. Although this motion falls short of the ideal, it is a beginning.

Budgetary impact: \$150.00 for each ad hoc committee chair and for each co chair. Due to the unknown need for ad hoc committees as appointed by the Area Chair, a precise budgetary impact is not identifiable at this time

Discussion: Katherine moves to amend motion to state “*Ad hoc committee chairs and / or co chairs, at the discretion of the Area chair, to be funded to attend the Area Assemblies. The funding will be at the same compensatory level as the Area Officers.*” Motion seconder is willing to accept amendment so motion is amended as above. Kami’s group said that adhoc members should only be funded if they are not funded already by other service bodies. John asks if we could table motion due to amendment so it could be taken back to groups. Chair says we will continue discussion. Katherine’s group is worried about double funding. There was a friendly request to amend motion to state no double funding which Katherine agrees to and the seconder David agrees as well so motion as amended is now “*Ad hoc committee chairs and / or co chairs, at the discretion of the Area chair, be funded to attend the Area assemblies with no possibility of double funding. The funding will be at the same compensatory level as the Area Officers.*” Pat B. states that double funding is a non issue. No one is ever double funded. Said member is saddened by the fact we do not trust our trusted servants. Cricket’s Group does not think we should spend money on anything other than Big Books. Cricket thinks adhoc committee should be a standing committee. Eric F. says that double funding is possible.

Said member calls the question

Seconded by Shawn

Debate ended

Motion deemed urgent and or administrative

Motion passed

Minority opinion: Guy M. is worried about double funding. Mary would like the “and” removed to just have the “or”. Craig thinks we don’t need two people here to give a report. Guy would like to see motion to go back to groups. Said member’s group is worried about large amounts of adhoc committees at one time. Chris thinks that Chair is given too much authority if motion is passed.

Motion to reconsider by John

Seconded by Pam

Motion to reconsider failed

Motion stands as passed

Motion #2

Submitted by Eric K, Delegate

Motion:

The Area will fund the Alternate Chairperson to attend the Pacific NW Conference each year that it is held.

Current Practice:

The Alternate Chairperson is to, “Attend PRAASA and Pacific Region Forum and give verbal and written report to Area Assembly.” The Chairperson and Delegate are additionally funded to PNC. The Chairperson of the Area that is hosting PNC is asked to chair the PNC business meeting. Currently, if Oregon Area is hosting PNC in the first year of our Chairperson’s rotation (even years as per Guidelines) then our Chairperson will be asked to Chair that business meeting having never even attended a PNC unless they paid to do so out of their own pocket. This is true in the case of PNC next year. Whoever will be the Oregon Area Chairperson will have never attended PNC unless he or she paid their own way. All previous Alternate Chairpersons who have attended PNC did so at their own expense.

Intent/Purpose:

Oregon Area has taken on a much larger role in the leadership of PNC and it has flourished. We have been hosting the Conference every other year. Even if or when other Areas rejoin PNC, our officers being funded to PNC is a huge benefit to the Conference. They are utilized as panel presenters. What they learned and

experienced at PRAASA (Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) can be passed on to members who did not have access to PRAASA. Then the experience as presenters at PNC enhances our officer's ability to be of service in our Area. This motion would also result in increasing the experience level of future PNC business meeting chairpersons in the circumstance described above.

Budgetary Impact:

Similar to funding our Chairperson and Delegate to the Conference - It includes paying for mileage, lodging and meals. This year the Area spent \$424 to fund your delegate to PNC. Your present Alternate Chairperson would have cost you more due to mileage (\$190) and meals (I take my own).

This motion would not result in any cost in the year of the AA International (every five years) as PNC does not occur in those years. This means that "Budgetary Impact" will be approximately 20% less than the calculations based on the average cost of sending an officer to the PNC in any one year.

Discussion: Eric K. makes himself available for questions. David asked what The PNC is. Eric explains PNC and PRAASA. Barbara D. asks if it is required for Alt Chair to attend PNC and also if there will be a cap on the funds. There is no current cap on funding for officers to attend The PNC. It is suggest in the Guideline that they attend but you can't make an Alkie do anything (LOL).

Doug calls the Question

Seconded by Wayne

Debate ended

Motion passed

Minority opinion: Josh thinks that we are already well represented. Shawn's Group thinks there should be a cap on funds.

Motion stands as passed

Motion #3

Submitted by Eric K, Delegate

Motion:

The Area will fund the Alternate Delegate to attend the Pacific NW Conference each year that it is held.

Current Practice:

The Alternate Delegate is to, "Attend PRAASA and Pacific Region Forum and give verbal and written report to Area Assembly." The Chairperson and Delegate are additionally funded to PNC.

Intent/Purpose:

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Budgetary Impact:

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Discussion: Jeff M. would like some examples of things that go on at The PNC. Eric K. gives a few examples. Jeff is for motion. Anne G thinks that it is not necessary for Alt Delegate to attend as they will have been there two years already. Chris thinks that to have all four of the Officers would make it easier for all of them because they could split the work. Rick reminds us that we can never get enough experience and he is for the motion.

Question was called and seconded

Debate Ended

Motion passed

Area Rotations

Position	Outgoing	Incoming
Area Grapevine Chair	Bruce L.	Eric K.
GSO Delegate	Eric K.	Dave A.
GSO Alt. Delegate	Dave A.	Anne M.
Area Chair	Anne M.	Chase B.
Area Alt. Chair	Chase B.	Gus P.
Accessibility Chair	Chris D.	Barbara B.
Corrections Chair	Jack C.	No rotation
Corrections Co Chair	Jack M.	Kelly D.
CPC North	Anne C.	Skip A.
CPC South (Chair)	Bill I.	Rotating to Chair
CTF North	Roy H.	Fran P.
CTF South (Chair)	Peggy Sue C.	Rotating to Chair
Finance Chair	Patrick B.	Murray M.
Finance Co Chair	Murray M.	Ray R.
Finance Asst.	Ray R.	Michael G.
Newsletter Chair	Kelly G.	Martha S.
PI South	Neil C.	Doris T.
PI North (Chair)	Marc C.	Rotating to Chair

Thank you all for your service to AA and also thank you to all who made yourselves available. You all ROCK!!!!!!!!!!!!

New Business

Motion #1

Submitted by Oregon Area 58 Public Information Committee

Motion:

To increase the 2007 Public Information Committee Literature Budget by \$98, making it \$598.

Intent and Purpose:

To balance the Literature budget for 2007

Financial Impact: \$98

Motion is seconded by Anne (dis 13)

Finance committee says we have the money

Motion is deemed urgent and or administrative

Motion passed

Motion#2

Submitted by: Oregon Area Corrections Committee

Motion: To Increase the Corrections Literature 2007 line item budget by \$197.75

Intent and Purpose: Housekeeping to balance the budget

Financial Impact: None. Oregon Area received 2 personal contributions this quarter (reflected on the financial statement in "District/Other Contributions"). These checks were identified to be used for Corrections literature and totaled \$240. The money can be used to offset the requested increase in the Corrections literature line item.

Seconded by Lisa (dis 11)

Deemed urgent and or administrative

Motion passed

Motion #3

Submitted by: Oregon Area Corrections Committee

Motion:

To Increase the Corrections Committee line item budget Literature 2007 line item budget by \$18.60, with the remainder of \$23.65 from the Literature budget to be applied to the General Fund.

Intent and Purpose:

Housekeeping to balance the budget

Financial Impact: None

Seconded by Scott (dis 3)

Deemed urgent and or administrative

Motion passed

Motion #4

Submitted by: Oregon Area Hospitals Committee

Motion:

To Transfer \$29.20 from Hospital Committee Budget to Hospital Committee Literature Budget

Intent and Purpose:

Housekeeping to Balance Budget

Current Practice:

Overdrawn on Literature

Financial Impact: None

Seconded by Shawn (dis 3)

Deemed urgent and or administrative

Motion passed

MOTION # 5

Submitted by: Alternate Delegate Dave A

Motion: that the duties of the Area Alternate Secretary be amended to include acting as the official Area Registrar with GSO and the Alternate Secretary title be changed to Area Registrar.

Current practice:

The Alternate Delegate acts as Area Registrar, and receives the annual group updates and group information forms from GSO. The Alternate Delegate passes the group information forms out to each DCM, who updates them and mails them back to GSO. The DCM also mails a copy to the Alternate Secretary, who updates the area information in a totally separate database for our roster.

Intent and Purpose:

To combine the area registration information, and the contact with GSO, into one position. To have the Alternate Secretary (Area Registrar) begin using the **FNV (Fellowship-New Vision)** software to update the Area group and Area committee information that is now available via a secure web page on GSO's website. By having the Alternate Secretary (Area Registrar) do this work, it will eliminate a lot of paper, mailing, and duplicated work. The information is immediately updated at GSO, and they do not have to re-enter the information into their database. Our roster will be exactly what GSO has at any given time. Over 72 Areas are already using the FNV site. The Alternate Secretary (Area Registrar) will still print the roster for distribution, as currently practiced. Recognizing the confidential nature of this information, all requests for the full list and/or labels should go through the Area Chair. Only the Alternate Secretary (Area Registrar) and the Chair will have the password and the security certificate to access the FNV database on the GSO site. An additional result of this adjustment would be that the Alternate Delegate will have more time to focus on GSR Schools, the Area Orientation, and helping the Delegate with processing Conference Agenda items.

Financial Impact: Zero

Seconded by Katherine (dis 10)

Discussion: Dave A says this should be considered urgent as GSO is coming out with group update forms before next assembly. Guy asks if Alt Secretary is up for job. Julie says oh yes. Mark is for motion due to the fact that group info is outdated and this new system will fix things in real time. John wants to know if groups

can still use paper forms. Dave A answers yes. Dave also says we will save on paper. Brent wants to know if we take away the name Alt Secretary will it affect rotation. Dave says no.

Question is called by Jack

Shawn Seconded

Debate ended

Motion is deemed urgent and or administrative

Motion passed

Minority opinion: Guy is against motion because of name change.

Motion to reconsider by Paul

Seconded by Robert

Motion to reconsider failed

Motion stands as passed

Motion #6

Submitted by: Way Home Group, District 4

Motion: To change the Area's procedure of notifying the voting body when the banks balance is reduced to \$3,000. We propose using a bank balance of \$7,000. (See Oregon Area 58 Guidelines, distributed May 2007, Section IV Area policies, C. Financial Policy, 2. Finance procedures, Item 1., pg 15)

Intent & Purpose: To update the original dollar amount set in 1990 with a budget of \$39,000 to today's dollars with a current budget of \$85,000.

Current practice: When the Area bank balance drops below \$3,000, the Area finance Chair is notified and informs the body "for action" during the business meeting. The \$3,000 is not a prudent reserve and does not control expenditure in any way.

Financial impact: None

Seconded by Chuck (dis 8)

Discussion: Murray explains intent of motion is to keep up with today's cost of living. Barbara wants to know why the ending balance stated by Treasurer is not enough. Murray says that we may not wait till end of business to alert the body.

Question is called by Josie

Seconded by Wayne

Debate ended

Motion deemed urgent and or administrative

Motion passed

Minority opinion: Eric doesn't think that motion is urgent and or administrative. He says we have about \$15,000 so we are no where near the stated alert amount. He also thinks we are sending the wrong message if we feel we need to warn groups we are running out of money.

Motion to reconsider by Shawn

Seconded by Dave

Motion stands as passed

MOTION # 7

Submitted by: Oregon Area Corrections Committee

Motion: To increase the Oregon Area literature budget from \$625.00 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 \$1,500.00 to the annual budget.

Seconded by Jeff (dis 15)

Discussion: Jack wishes to amend motion to state *"To increase the Oregon Area 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."* Financial impact would state *"An additional \$500.00 to the annual budget"*. Motion to amend was seconded. Fran want to know if this is an increase to Corrections literature budget or is it to the Area literature budget as stated. Jack says that is correct.

Jeff M. Makes a point of order that Chase is doing a good job and we all love him. Chase says he appreciates it but there is little solace in the gesture.

Said member is for motion because no one should be without a big book if they want one. Cricket says group is for motion but want to know if it is urgent and or administrative. Katherine thinks Corrections should stay with in budget. Bill W.(The one that read the book not wrote it) wants to know why Area needs money if districts are covering facilities. Doug is in favor as a member who got the message in prison. Jack would like to amend motion to state *"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."* Motion to amend is seconded.

Question was called by said member

Seconded by Mickey

Debate ended

Finance says we have the money

Motion is tabled

MOTION # 8

Submitted by Oregon Area Archivist

Motion:

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.

Seconded by Robert (dis 6)

Discussion: Mary wants to know if next workshop is before next assembly. Hal says it is not.

Motion is Tabled

Final Treasurers Report: Checks written \$8443.24
Total balance \$15,504.74

Closed at 12:15pm with responsibility statement

Respectfully submitted by

Eric V.

Area Secretary