

Oregon Area Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 20th, 2008

Bend, Oregon

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. The Preamble was read by Jacque, the Traditions were read by Jeremy W. and the Concepts by Tenna W. Chase recognized the new GSRs and DCMs as well as our Past Delegates Mark S., Bruce L., Eric K., Ruth and Darlene G.

Roll Call was given by Eric V.

Absent: CPC South, DCM 32

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

Motion to approve minutes by Rick and seconded by John Passed

Area Officer 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.

Treasurers Report was accepted

Area Chairperson Announcements

2008 Service Committee Positions Available:

- Assistant Web
- CPC South
- CTF South
- Finance Committee Assistant Chair
- PI North
- Translation Co-Chair

Information about these jobs is available on the website aa-oregon.org.

Please consider these jobs! Submit Resumes by Fri Oct 17 to hellochase@hotmail.com

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.

Submit Resumes by Fri Oct 17 to hellochase@hotmail.com.

September 2009 Assembly!

Awarded to Districts 34 and 35. They will be having the Assembly at Reed College in Portland, September 18-20, 2009. Congrats!!

November 2009 and beyond!

We need Bids! For these upcoming Assemblies. Contact me or Gus to get started!

Announcements Related to Next Assembly:

Next Assembly is in November, in Lincoln City. We have Service Committee Round Tables on Saturday. Each Committee will have two one-hour sessions, so you can go to any two you'd like. This is not the same approach as in Feb, where your District is assigned a Delegate Panel. November is focused on our Service Committees here in Oregon Area.

Old Business

Motion #1

Submitted to Oregon Area 58 at the May 2008 Assembly in Albany, OR On behalf of District 18, by GSR Cricket

To establish an Area practice that, when appointing an ad hoc committee, the Area Chairperson should supply the ad hoc committee with specific area(s) of focus and a definite timeframe, whenever possible. As an extension of the office of the Chair, such an ad hoc committee should be in communication with the Chairperson to receive support and direction before proceeding, if they discover in the course of their work that they need to extend their scope and/or that they need more time than initially specified.

CURRENT PRACTICE:

In the current Area 58 Guidelines, Section 1: Glossary and Acronyms (page 3) defines an ad hoc committee as "A temporary committee assigned to address one specific item or topic".

The relevant Area Chairperson's duty is presently defined in III.A.4.f.(9) as "Appoint ad hoc committees to address specific issues as needed".

INTENT & PURPOSE:

To clarify the scope of future ad hoc committees, establish clear practices, reduce confusion, and increase effectiveness.

It is understood that a Chairperson should have as much autonomy as possible in exercising their duties as a trusted servant on behalf of the fellowship. Since an ad hoc committee is by definition both *temporary* and *specific*, we do feel strongly that clear Area practice in this regard can prevent future confusion. (For example, when an ad hoc committee appointed by one Chairperson is still in operation when the next Chairperson rotates in.) If clarity is built in from the beginning, all parties are free to use their energy for carrying the message.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: None anticipated

Discussion: Lee is in support of motion and refers to Concept 10 which speaks about responsibility and authority. Lee thinks there is fuzziness in our guidelines and this motion would bring us more in line with concept 10. Cricket says this is not a criticism of the job anyone is doing. She thinks we need clarify the guidelines to make it easier for everyone.

Motion is defeated

Minority opinion: Lee thinks that all adhoc should be given a time frame. Katherine says without a timeline there is a loss of focus.

Motion to reconsider by Guy

Seconded by Pat

Motion stands as defeated

Motion #2

MOTION FROM COOPERATION WITH TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

To increase the Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) Travel and Expense budget by \$400.

CURRENT PRACTICE: The current practice allows that if a committee is active and it is possible to exceed their budget that they request an increase prior to incurring additional expenses.

PURPOSE AND INTENT: To allow the CTF to continue the work they have been doing. The current budget will likely not meet the expenses for the planned activities through the end of the Fiscal Year (November 30). We are requesting this increase to insure there is sufficient budget to cover expenses through the end of the year.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: \$400

Motion is withdrawn

New Business

Motion #1

Submitted by: Treasurer, Oregon Area 58

Motion: To increase the Area PO Box line item in FY 2008 budget by \$200.

Current Practice: Allows that if a line item for a mandatory expense is, or will be, exceeded within a budget year, a request for an increase must be made to the assembly. Area PO Box line item is currently \$350. Coming into this assembly, this line item has been overspent by \$43.

Purpose and Intent: To provide funds for forwarding of OR Area mail, including 7th tradition contributions and other communications. Mail Boxes, Etc. in Bend, who maintains our PO Box, charges us for shipping and handling of our mail. It is anticipated that OR Area will be charged \$75 at least once during the final quarter of FY2008. The requested amount will cover the overage as well as 2 charges for the shipping and handling.

Budgetary Impact: \$200.

Seconded by Dave A

Discussion: Finance committee says we have the money.

Motion is deemed urgent/administrative.

Motion passed

Motion #2

Pass 2009 budget (see attachment)

Discussion: P.O. Budget will be raised from \$350 to \$650. \$1000 added to Archives Budget.

David (dis. 5) called the question.

Debate ended

Motion passed

Minority Opinion: Cricket voted against because she wanted to hear new budget totals before it passed.

Motion stands as passed

Motion #3

Submitted to Oregon Area 58 at the September 2008 Assembly in Bend, OR on behalf of Easypaa by gsl Breyer Patterson

MOTION:

To submit a letter of support to EASYPAA (Eugene & Springfield young people in AA) for WACY PAA XIII. In this letter the committee requests support from the area, as well as confirmation that no large-scale functions (International Conventions, Area Conventions, or such) will be taking place within 30 days of the proposed event in the Oregon area. This includes all activities scheduled as of this time.

INTENT & PURPOSE:

We will be able to reach a number of young people, and introduce young people to Alcoholics Anonymous, where they can find that they don't have to continue drinking. This event will create a fantastic opportunity to serve for young and the young at heart in AA. It will unify Eugene area young people and area as a whole. It will introduce young people to service and our service structure to widen our circle of future leaders in Oregon area.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: None anticipated.

Seconded by Eric V

Discussion: Breyer read letter from Wacypaa Advisory Council explaining what a large scale event means. It refers to large state conventions and international conventions. The council goes on to say there are no such events in the Oregon area.

Motion is deemed urgent/administrative.

Motion passed

Minority opinion: John wanted clarification on what "support" meant. Breyer says it is a letter of support.

Motion stands as passed

Motion #4

To add a clear description of the duties of the Chair of the General Service Board 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.

Motion seconded by Chris (District 5)

Discussion: Lee says they could not find Chairs duties in the service manual. Christie says that at the forum she learned that we need to trust our trusted servants. She thinks it may be unnecessary and micromanaging. Cricket feels that this is such an important job it needs to be in the service manual. Wendy says that this motion is a waste of time because we do not publish for the GSB. Dale says it's the trustees' job to determine what the Chair should be doing. Cricket is open to suggestions on amending motion. Cricket said GSO acts on our behalf so we need to let them know what we want them to do. Paul suggests friendly amendment of motion to state "*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.*" Cricket agrees so motion is amended as suggested*. Dave explains the sequence of events that will take place when he sends the letter to the board.

Rick called the question

Debate is ended

Motion is tabled

* In the spirit of the motion and to clarify I, Eric V. the Secretary, added to the motion the words "be added".

Motion #5

Submitted by District 13

To have the Oregon Area Delegate request the General Service Conference Coordinator include 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

Seconded by Rick district 14

Discussion: John likes our new conference and thinks it has sparked involvement by groups and individuals on conference topics. John says he brought forward motion in time for it to be tabled and would like it to go back to groups. Tom asked for clarification on paperwork that they are being asked to sign. Josh wants to know if this is the correct forum for this. John explains that an adhoc was formed and GSO contacted and it was decided this was the best course. Dave thinks it's a good idea. We need some guidance in this area. Jeff says we are not talking about motion at all. He doesn't think personal opinions on anonymity are part of motion.

Barbara called the question

Debate is ended

Motion is tabled

Motion #6

Submitted by Eric V, Area Secretary

Motion: To give all committee members (i.e. officers, committee chairs and DCM's) who receive the Area Minutes the option to receive them electronically.

Current practice: The minutes are currently sent in the mail to all Area Committee members, and are also posted on the Area website after each assembly.

Intent and purpose: To give each recipient of the minutes the option to receive them in an electronic format. A Paper version of the minutes will be automatically mailed to committee members if they choose not to receive them electronically. DCM's are still encouraged to help make the information in the minutes available to the GSR's.

Financial impact: Unknown? We could ultimately save the Area up to \$200-\$300 quarterly.

Seconded by Barbara B

Discussion: Chris says that he doesn't think this will save area money. Said member thinks this will give GSRs an excuse not to come to district. Barbara thinks this will make the minutes more accessible. Guy likes the idea because of savings.

Lee called the question

Debate ended

Motion deemed urgent/administrative

Motion passed

Motion #7

Archives Motion

To: Oregon Area Quarterly Assembly - Bend, OR. September 19-21, 2008

From: Archives Steering Committee

Motion: To move the Archives Repository from its present location at Bronson Mini Storage in Beaverton, to a newly constructed building in St. Helens, Oregon.

Current Practice: We currently rent a total of 300 square feet at Bronson. 100 square feet has no lighting and is used only for storage, and 200 square feet is used for a display and work area. We can anticipate rental increases every 2 years.

Intent/Purpose: The Archives Steering Committee has located a new 30'x 20' facility in St. Helens for the same monthly rent of \$265.00. This additional space would provide room for workshops, permanent displays and would also insure more availability to the body for research or viewing. The owner has told us he will not require a rent increase for at least 5 years.

	Current	Proposed Facility
Rent	\$265.00	\$265.00
Square footage	300	600
Display Area	None	150 square feet
Heating	Climate controlled	Climate controlled
Restorative Work Space	200 square feet	300 square feet
Restroom facilities	No	Yes
Workshops	None	Space available
Viewing/Research Availability	None	Space available
Lighting	One outlet on timer/none	Code compliant/extra outlets
Security	Yes	Yes

Budgetary Impact: Moving costs, estimated to be under \$250.00.

Seconded by Mitch

Discussion: Finance says we have the money. Hal explains that money for this will come out of his 2009 budget. Chuck thinks this motion is great and well researched. Mitch wants to know about possible deposits and penalties. Hal says there are none. Said member wants to know of mileage increase. Hal says 10 miles further. Hal says that the bathroom facility is crucial. Lee likes it because it's in his district. John wants to know if it privately owned and Hal says yes. John says good work YO! Barbara wants to know if we can take this back to groups or is it time sensitive. Hal says it could be taken back to groups. Hal says that any member can come check out the archives once we are moved.

Said member calls the question

Debate is ended

Motion is deemed urgent/administrative.

Motion passed

Minority opinion: John wants to take back to groups.

Motion stands as passed

Election Results

Position	Rounds	Elected
Registrar	To the hat	Dave B.
Secretary	3 rd	Penny H.
Alt treasurer	3 rd	Samantha D.
Treasurer	2 nd	Ron W.
Trustee at large nominee	1 st	Mark S.

THANK YOU ALL FOR STANDING AND CONGRATULATION TO THE ELECTED!!!!

Final treasurers Report

Start of assembly \$18,175.89

Checks written \$14,876.01

Final Balance \$ 3,999.88

At your Service,

Eric V.

Area Secretary

THANK YOU SOOO MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE!!!!