

## Oregon Area 58 Motion

**Submitted by: Ben C., DCM D6**

<b>Motion:</b>  Request Oregon Area to contact GSO to gather their experience, strength and hope regarding the setting up of their online contributions for Oregon Area.
<b>Intent/Purpose:</b>  To gather information
<b>Current Practice:</b>  None
<b>Budgetary Impact:</b>  None

Seconded by Mitch S., D16

### **Discussion:**

Ben C.: GSO has gone through the steps of putting together 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collections online. It would be a nice goal, and right now I just want the Area to do some research on what GSO went through to set that up. So that we have the information and are well informed if and when Area decides to pursue something like this down the road; the heart of this motion stems from the past two assemblies hearing the Treasurer saying we do not have the money. This is an exploratory motion.

Mike G., D36: I think the motion should be reworded to say to request Oregon Area to look into setting up an online 7<sup>th</sup> tradition similar to GSO. I think that is what the motion is about. I would suggest amending the text.

“To request OR Area to look into setting up an online 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition similar to GSO, and to ask GSO for their experience strength and hope in setting up this online 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.”

*Gus: Is the motion maker willing to accept this friendly amendment?*

Ben C.: I am; my question is that the way it is phrased; it makes it sound like two different motions.

Mike G.: Anyone can call GSO and ask them what they went through in setting up an online 7<sup>th</sup> tradition; who is suppose to do this and is it suppose to be an Area function or District function, or GSR?

*Gus: My understanding is that you would like some clarity to 'who' would make this request.*

Ben C.: Agrees to amendment

Mitch S., D16: Second's amended motion

**Amended Motion reads:**

***To request Oregon Area to contact GSO to gather their experience strength and hope regarding the setting up of an online 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition for Oregon Area.***

Bill, member: I like the idea of the ease and comfort of setting up the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition for Oregon Area. But I just went through a deal where a hard copy check was taken from the trash and with the check they hacked into my account online. The more money we spend online through computers the easier it is to get at. I don't believe in online accounts; I'm still in the dark ages with writing checks that's just the way I feel.

Martha S., D19: I am also current chairperson of Emerald Valley Intergroup in Eugene; we are already accepting online 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, we are set up to do those. We are available to share our experience, strength and hope about this with Oregon Area.

Eric F., D1: Would this be just for people sending money to the Area and not for Groups? What does this all entail? I'm afraid if it goes to the Group level we will lose the spirituality.

*Gus: Would the motion maker like to response to that?*

Ben C., D6: As I understand it, when people make a contribution to GSO, GSO does not redistribute that money back down to the Areas, Districts or Groups. We would be requesting what did they go through, how did they set it up, that sort of thing. However the Area chooses to set up their contributions down the road that would be at the discretion of the Area.

Jon D., Accessibility Chair: I have concerns with this motion; and I like the idea of getting information, but our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition states that each group should gain our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition from our members and how are we to know it's from members. A lot of times it comes in through a credit card, I think it's really important that we look at this on a serious level where we gain that 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition money from. I think it's a great idea to look into and how GSO is making sure the money is not coming from somebody else.

*Gus: I think that is exactly what the point of the motion is, to gather that information from GSO about what they did.*

Nick F., D23: I am in favor of this motion, technology allows us to do this and I would be very interested to see how and why GSO is actually accepting online contributions. I am also in favor of tabling of this motion and letting our Groups hear about this. It is a great time to inform our Groups and our Districts about this service that GSO has on their website and about 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition in general.

Karen L. D17: I think the motion should state online 'contribution' rather than 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, and I think we should go back home with the proposal.

*Gus: Are you proposing a friendly amendment to the language?*

Karen L.: Yes

*Gus: Please restate your amended motion.*

Karen L.: I would propose that we change the last two words from 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition to 'online contributions'

Amended motion would read: To request Oregon Area to contact GSO to gather their experience strength and hope regarding the setting up of their online contributions for Oregon Area.

*Gus: Does the motion maker agree to the amendment?*

Ben C.: I'm fine with it.

Seconded by Mitch S.: Agrees to amendment.

*Gus: The motion now reads:*

**To request Oregon Area to contact GSO to gather their experience strength and hope regarding the setting up of their online contributions for Oregon Area.**

Rob, D4: I am in favor of this motion, instead of requesting Oregon Area is it possible to make it more specific, such as requesting Finance make that request and work in coordination with the Webmaster and to put a time frame on that if we do vote on this and pass it today.

*Gus: Is that a friendly amendment?*

Rob, D4: Yes, my question is that if this were past today who would potentially work on that. I would assume that it might be Finance and that they would work the Webmaster about feasibility of doing that. I thought we could amend that today so that we would know specifically who's going to take care of that, if we did pass it.

*Gus: The motion as it reads now is for Oregon Area to make a request, when we pass motions with that kind of language what happens is the Delegate will in fact contact GSO. What I heard last at the mic is they wanted more specificity as to who would make that contact and they placed that in the form of a friendly motion, so I need to hear from the motion maker and second as to what you would like to do with that.*

Ben C., D6: We are going to leave it the way it is.

Gus: The amendment is rejected.

Karen, GSR: I would like to make another friendly amendment to switch it back to 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition because we don't have any of the AA verbiage in there and an online contribution can be for anybody. It's got to be 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition to make sure it's from Alcoholics.

*Gus: Just as a point of information, I have gone to GSO's website and before you can make a contribution a screen comes up which asks you whether or not you are a member of Alcoholic Anonymous and throughout all of the literature I've seen on the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition we talk about contributions; so it's a little bit of semantics, but that's another friendly motion amendment. And I would have to turn to the motion maker and ask are you willing to amend your motion?*

Ben C., D6: We are going to leave it the way it is.

*Gus: Amendment has been denied, the mics continue to be open.*

Jerry R., D1: Calls the question.

Second by, Jennifer, D21

Vote to end discussion

Discussion is ended

Vote is taken to determine if matter presented is urgent and/or administrative, or whether it should be tabled and sent to the Groups.

Members voted motion is not urgent and/or administrative.

Motion is tabled.