

Oregon Area Business Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2005
Clatskanie High School, Clatskanie, Oregon
Hosted by District 18

(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. Thank you!)

Area Chair Dave A. opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the Preamble (Darien M.), the Twelve Traditions (Tammy A.) and the Twelve Concepts (Francis M.)

Chair recognized New GSRs, DCMs, and the past delegates. Past delegates present were Helen M., Don J. and Darlene B.

Minutes from last assembly approved unanimously.

Roll

Area Secretary Suzanne B called Roll.

Area Chair Announcements: (These announcements were made at different times during the meeting)

- ♦ Area Chair Dave A. announced birthday envelopes were available and everyone should go up and get a handful from Delegate Bruce L.
- ♦ We will be hosting the 2007 PRAASA at the Portland Red Lion. All are expected to come and most to help.
- ♦ The following assembly bids were awarded: Feb 2006 hosted by Districts 8 & 30 to be held in Coos Bay; and May 2006 will be hosted by Dist 14 in Hood River.
- ♦ Three Ad Hoc committees were appointed:
 - “The Loose Ends and Rumors Committee” - to investigate established practices by the Area Committee that are not documented in the area guidelines or service manual.
 - “Per Diem Rates Committee” – to investigate appropriate reimbursement for mileage and travel expenses.
 - “The Newsletter Committee” – to investigate whether the newsletter remains a necessary tool for the area to publish.
- ♦ The Pacific Region has been granted a Hospitality Suite at the International AA Convention in Toronto, Canada. Dale S. will be the Oregon Facilitator and our time slot is noon to 2 PM on Friday, July 1st, 2005. Our suite will be located in the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Salon A. She has only eight slots to fill and volunteers were solicited.
- ♦ Meals for the September 2005 Assembly are limited and must be preordered by September 9th, 2005.

Area Officer Reports

The following Area Officers gave reports: (see attached written reports)

Bruce L.	GSO Delegate
Eric K.	Alternate Delegate
Dave A.	Area Chair
Anne M.	Area Alternate Chair
Suzanne B.	Area Secretary
Gus P.	Area Treasurer

A motion was made and **passed** to accept the treasurer's statement.

Area Service Committee Reports

The following Area Service Committee Chairs gave reports: (written copies attached)

Access Committee (Tim A.) not present

Archives – Hal E.
Corrections – David W.
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – James J.
Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Don O.
Grapevine/La Vina – Darlene G.
Hospitals – Don W.
Public Information – Rebecca W – S
Newsletter – Greg S.
PRAASA 2007 – Rich B.
Pacific Northwest Conference – Chase B.
Finance – Les S.

PRAASA Reports (Written reports attached)

Bruce L.
Erik K.
Dave A.
Anne M.

Upcoming Area Assemblies (see attached fliers)

September, 16, 17 & 18, 2005	Hosted by District 22	Yamhill County Fairgrounds (McMinnville)
November 18, 19 & 20, 2005	Hosted by District 1	Seaside Convention Center
February 2006	Hosted by Districts 8 & 30	Coos Bay
May 2006	Hosted by Dist 14	Hood River

Old Business: (there were no tabled motions from the last Assembly, therefore there was no old business)

New Business: (written motions attached)

Motion 1:

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Motion: To change the rate that Oregon Area reimburses its Officers, Committee Members and Past Delegates for travel to assemblies, to \$150.00 per assembly.

Intent and Purpose: To reduce out of pocket expense for attending members. This will increase the opportunity for all members to participate in general service.

Current Practice: The existing rate is \$100.00 per assembly.

Financial Impact: In 2004 Oregon Area paid \$7500.00. At the new rate the cost would have been \$11,250.00 for an increase of \$3750.00.

Motion was seconded by Myron.

Discussion:

Rebecca asked if we should wait for the recommendation of the ad hoc committee whether or not to do this so we can make a more informed decision.

A member said they were in favor of this motion but wondered if it should not be higher.

Ray asked if we could table and take back to the groups.

A member asked the finance committee's recommendation.

Finance committee said "yes, we have the money."

The question having been called we voted whether urgent or administrative? No. **Motion was tabled.**

Motion #2:

Submitted by: the Finance Committee

Motion: To change the per diem rate for mileage paid to the Area Committee members, for travel within the Oregon Area, to \$0.35 per mile.

Intent and Purpose: To bring the rate to a level that is consistent with the current cost of operating a motor vehicle.

Current Practice: The current rate paid by Oregon Area is \$0.22 per mile.

Financial Impact: In 2004 Oregon Area paid \$3674.44 for 16,702 miles. At the new rate Oregon Area would have paid an additional \$2171.26.

Motion seconded by Lori.

Discussion:

Ray asked if we shouldn't table this as well awaiting Ad Hoc committee's recommendation. Kim asked if per diem rates were separate? Answer was yes. Cashia said she was for it but also felt we should wait. Chris said he was in favor although he felt the increase was minimal but something should happen now. Francis said she was not in favor and recommended people look into other avenues of travel (IE: bus, train, carpool, or whatever). Rich said he was in favor, and that if we expect our committee people to do a job we should compensate their travel appropriately. Greg said we should table and define better. Robin said the national average is .33 per mile but it fluctuates. Lisa asked how many have been on the ad hoc committee and said it was her experience that trying to figure out what is the right rate is a lot of work and a big headache – we should think hard. Mike pointed out that a lot of committee members have to travel in by themselves or on short notice or such distances that makes buses and the like infeasible – not even carpooling (the job should not be a financial hardship). Jerry asked isn't there an Ad Hoc committee in place for this? Suzanne pointed out the per diem rates do not apply to assembly travel but are only for committee members to travel to workshops, GSR schools, and other committee functions. Ray called for the question and discussion was closed.

We voted whether or not this was urgent or administrative? Yes. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The minority was asked to the mike.

Francis reiterated that alternatives to car travel should be implemented. A member said a solution was in place with the ad hoc committee and that the groups should be discussing this. Frederico said he supports Francis's argument and that the service manual says that it requires time, commitment and money. Lucretia said gas was covered for now and that this is not urgent and we should discuss it.

We were asked at this time if anyone who had voted for this motion wished to change their vote. Hands went up. We revoted. **The motion passed.**

Motion 3:

Submitted by: International AA Women's Conference Bid Committee

Subject: Letter of endorsement to support Portland/Oregon hosting the IAAWC
February 15-17, 2008

Motion: The International Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Conference Bid Committee of Portland/Oregon is requesting a letter of support from Oregon Area 58. This letter of support is to inform the IAAWC Advisory Council that Oregon Area 58 will support the AA women in Oregon in our endeavor to host the International AA Women's Conference in Portland, Oregon. The dates we are bidding for are February 15-17, 2008.

The IAAWC decisions and actions adhere to AA Traditions and AA Concepts. We are practicing the 12 Steps in all our affairs as well. We give service to Alcoholics Anonymous first, the women's conference second.

We bid 2 years in advance, as it takes 2 years to plan and execute the event.

Intent/Purpose: To bring the International AA Women's Conference to the women of Portland/Oregon and be the best hosts we can be to all the attendees.

Current Practice: A different city in the United States hosts the IAA WC Conference every year. Geographical location is one of the six criteria considered. The attempt is to assure that the IAAWC will be held in a different region of the United States each year. This, of course, would also be determined by which cities are bidding. For Example: If three western cities were the only cities bidding, the conference would be awarded to a city in the Pacific Region. Women attend from other countries as well.

Budgetary Impact: None

Motion was seconded by a member.

Discussion: None. Question was called by Chris C.

We voted that it was of an urgent or administrative nature? Yes. Vote taken and motion passed. Minority discussion ensued. Erik asked if there was any schedule conflict. The answer was no. A member said they thought it should go back to the groups. Michael asked for clarification as to the meaning of the word 'support' - would there be any monetary obligation? Rosa said no. We asked if anyone who voted for the motion wanted to change their vote. Hands went up and we voted to revote. **Motion stands as passed.**

Motion 4:

Submitted by: Eric K., Alternate Delegate

Motion:

To create a budget of \$100 per year for the Alternate Delegate to coordinate the GSR Schools, to be used for long distance calling and photocopying.

Current Practice of financial support for GSR Schools:

The Area Guidelines do not mention the coordination of the GSR Schools as a duty of the Alternate Delegate. The Alternate Delegate has no budget. The GSR Schools are not a function of the Delegate and have not been supported by the Delegate's budget.

In order to be self-supporting, a district hosting a GSR School supports the expenses of the out-of-town panelists. Past Delegates who serve as panelists frequently pay a significant portion of their own expenses. Expenses for long

distance calling have been paid by the Alternate Delegate personally and trusted servants in the hosting districts. Expenses for photocopying in the last 18 months have been paid by the Alternate Delegate personally, the hosting district, or in one case, the budget of the Chairperson.

After Oregon Area demonstrated at the Area Inventory in September 2004 a desire for GSR Schools at assemblies, the one hour GSR Orientation on Friday nights at assemblies has been replaced with the two-hour GSR Schools. This has created a growing need for written materials to be handed out to GSRs. As the use of handouts at GSR Schools has been enlarged, there has been strong feedback that this is a valuable service.

Intent/Purpose:

- (1) This motion is to take effect at the start of the next budget year.
- (2) Those districts hosting a GSR School who are able to be self-supporting will continue to support the travel expenses of the Alternate Delegate and other out-of-town panelists.
- (3) Coordinating the GSR Schools is a function of the Alternate Delegate.

Budgetary Impact: \$100 annually

Motion was seconded by a member.

Finance Committee asked was whether or not we have the money. They said we do.

Discussion:

Sherry commented the GSR schools are a great tool but that since GSO was experiencing money problems if everyone bought a service manual would we need to go to school? Another member said they are in favor of this motion and that GSR schools are great. Another member said they thought we all should support this. Erik came to the mike and said that he was very proud because this was the very first motion he ever made but that there was a typo and the phrase "... the one hour GSR Orientation on Friday nights at assemblies has **beer** replaced with the two-hour GSR Schools." However he thought he should leave it in so it might help passage. A member said the question is "how do we get more people involved in these schools?" and suggested passing this could do it. Ray R. called for the question.

We voted as to whether or not it was of an administrative or urgent nature. The vote was yes. The motion passed.

Minority opinion was asked for:

Wendy asked if \$100 was enough. Was funding of the GSR schools part of the responsibility of the area? Mike asked again if it was enough money and was it true that this wouldn't take effect until next year. If so, why decide now? Another member asked if we needed group input before we decide. Eric K. spoke to all questions saying that, yes, it is enough for now but of course costs could go up later. For now he considered it just an attribution and that makes it a good start. However he mentioned that the 2006 budget is up for a vote at the next assembly and that if we pass this now they can figure it into the budget in time for next year. A member asked if this was an official duty and Erik K. said it was implied. A member said they wanted it tabled so groups could be educated. Couldn't we use our service manuals?

We asked if anyone who had voted for this motion wanted to change their vote. **Motion stands as passed.**

Motion #5:

Submitted by: Les S. of the Finance Committee

Motion: To increase the budget line: Area PO Box by \$144.00

Intent and Purpose: To pay for the PO Box for the next year, at a savings to the Oregon Area.

Current Practice: To pay once a year.

Financial Impact: The cost for our PO Box will be less than paying next year.

Clarification – it would be \$60 less than we thought since we got a deal

Wayne called for the question.

We voted whether or not it was of an urgent or administrative nature. We voted yes.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Final Treasurer's Report:

Balance going into assembly: \$ 34,257.29 (Reflects a voided check from last assembly)

Checks written: 9,456.26

Ending Balance: \$ 24,801.03

Meeting was closed.