

Oregon Area Business Meeting Minutes
Feb 24-26, 2006
Red Lion Inn
Hosted by Dist 18 & 30 – Coos Bay, 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. Thank you!)

Area Chair Anne M. opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the Preamble (Lori B.), the Twelve Traditions (Karin) and the Twelve Concepts (Susan L.). She then introduced our past delegates. Present were Darlene G., Helen M. and Don J. She then had the New GSRs stand and be acknowledged.

Roll

Area Secretary Suzanne B. called Roll.

Past Minutes

Minutes from the November 2005 assembly were approved as written with no amendments.

Area Officer Reports

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

Eric K.	Delegate
Dave A.	Alt. Delegate
Anne M.	Chair
Chase B.	Alt. Chair
Suzanne B.	Secretary
Gus P.	Treasurer

Year end financial report was given and Ray R. moved to approve as read. Lizz seconded and the report was approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

The First quarter report was given and Chris motioned to approve as read. Robin seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

The following committee officers gave reports: (see attached)

Finance	Ron W.
Access	Tim A.
Archives	Hal E.
Grapevine/La Vina	Rich B.
Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF)	Bill I.
Corrections	Jack C.
	Dave W.
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	Alan U.
Public Information (PI)	Anne C.
Hospitals	Marc C.
Webmaster	Michael W.
PRAASA 2007	Rich B.
PNC 2006	Chase B. & Michael G.

The following announcements were made by Anne at this time:

- ♦ The back of the financial statement has a change of address for the Oregon Area.
- ♦ Grapevine/LaVina chair Bruce L. may return for the May assembly
- ♦ Nov 2006 assembly will be hosted by Dist 15 at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas.

- ♦ September 2006 assembly will be hosted by Dists. 24 & 27 and be held at the Reed College Campus in Portland.
- ♦ Website Committee (Victor N., Greg S., Kelly G. and Anne M.) will have more appointees made. Please contact Anne M. if you are interested.
- ♦ In May she will appoint the May 2007 and September 2007 assemblies.
- ♦ Feb 2007 Assembly will be hosted by districts 6, 19, 20 and 33 at Lane Community College in Eugene.
- ♦ The GSO's Literature Committee is looking for a candidate for this 1-6 year commitment as a trustee.

Old Business

There were no tabled motions from the last assembly ergo, no old business.

New Business

Motion #1:

Motion made to the Oregon Area 58
by District 15 November Assembly Host Committee
Seconded by Bill (Dist 16)

Motion: Request \$1,000 additional seed money from Oregon Area

Intent/ Purpose:

District 15 is hosting the November 2006 Oregon Area Quarterly Assembly.

Due to extenuating circumstances, we were not awarded the bid until January 2006 instead of the normal time, which would have been November 2005.

Our proposed facility requires a deposit of \$500 by February 28, 2006 and our estimate cost of our first fundraiser is \$500.

We received \$300 from Oregon Area on February 14, 2006 as seed money to host the assembly. We have spent the majority of the \$300 for supplies.

We do not have \$500 to pay the deposit, nor the additional \$500 needed for our first fundraiser.

Our delayed start did not allow us time to make money at fundraisers to cover the deposit for the facility by the facility deadline.

We request this motion be considered administrative and voted on at this Assembly.

Current Practice:

Oregon Area customarily expends \$300 in seed money to the host committee upon award of the bid. The host committee then raises funds to cover all other expenses.

Occasionally, a host committee needing additional funds from Oregon Area prior to the assembly makes a motion for those funds. For example, District 18 hosting the May 2005 Assembly received a total of \$2500 (\$1000 at the Feb 2005 Assembly) in seed money that was reimbursed to Oregon Area after the Assembly they hosted. District 23 hosting the May 2004 Assembly received an additional \$800 in seed money at the Sept 2003 Assembly.

Budgetary Impact:

Cost of \$1,000 from Oregon Area funds.

Funds to be reimbursed to Oregon Area after the November 2006 Assembly.

Discussion: none. Dennis called for the question and it was seconded by Ray R. We voted to vote now. Ron W. of the Finance Committee came forward and announced we have the money. **The motion PASSED unanimously.**

Motion #2:

Submitted by District 20

Motion: To increase the seed money for the February 2007 assembly from \$300 to \$1300.

Intent and Purpose: The facility we have chosen as our assembly site needs \$1000 as soon as possible to guarantee us the meeting space.

Current Practice:

Oregon Area gives the February Host Committee \$300 in seed money to use as needed.

Financial Impact: \$1000, which will be paid back after the February 2007 assembly.

Discussion: none. Dennis called for the question and it was seconded by Ray R. We voted to vote now. Ron W. of the Finance Committee came forward and announced we have the money. **The motion PASSED.**

Minority Opinion: Jack C. stated that we have the time to wait and take this back to the groups. Kate came forth and asked why should we vote on something that is a year away when we have no paperwork in front of us?

The question was asked if anyone wished to change their vote. No one did and **the motion stands as passed.**

Motion #3:

Submitted by the Oregon Area Finance Committee

Motion: To approve travel expenses for our Spanish Translators that exceeded their \$400 per quarter draw.

Intent and Purpose:

To reimburse our translators for expenses accrued while carrying the message throughout the area and travel to assemblies. (The Spanish translators are presently over their quarterly budget draw by \$261.60)

Current Practice:

Spanish Translators to draw $\frac{1}{4}$ of their \$1600.00 annual budget at each assembly. That would be \$400 per assembly.

Financial Impact: None. The Spanish translators have \$1600.00 available in their budget. The increase in their quarterly draw will leave \$948.40 balance in their budget.

Discussion:

Steve W. posed the question: are they spending too much in advance? What will happen next quarter?

Stu: Will this motion effect trans;ators to other groups?

Samantha: It was just this assembly that was such a big expense due to distance of travel and room costs.

A member called the question. It was seconded by another member and we voted to vote now. Ron from the Finance Committee informed the body that we have the money. **The motion PASSED.**
There was no minority opinion.

Motion #4:

Submitted by the Oregon Area Finance Committee.

Motion: That the Oregon Area authorize its Treasurer to take a one time additional payment of \$1,000.00 to GSO to help defray the cost of our Delegate's participation at the General Service Conference.

Intent and Purpose: GSO estimates the cost for each Delegate's participation at the General Service Conference at \$4,500.00. By increasing our contribution, we are doing more to be self-supporting at the General Service Conference.

Current Practice: The Oregon Area has a \$200.00 line item in its 2006 budget for its contribution to GSO for our Delegate's participation at the Conference. That payment has already been made and acknowledged by GSO.

Financial Impact: Passage of this motion will increase our 2006 annual expenses by \$1,000.00. At the time this motion was prepared (today - February 26, 2006) we have \$24,134.05 in our bank account.

Discussion:

Steve W. asked if we didn't just jack up the amount last year?

Gus said it was two years ago and it was structured in such a way that we could re-evaluate every year.

Eric got up to explain that the average cost for each delegate to attend is \$4500 and that GSO provides for anything beyond \$1200. We are actually paying much closer to the minimum we can and not the average. Maybe we should reconsider this motion and writ it for more. Whatever the body decides to do the \$4500 figure would be a more appropriate amount for an area such as ours.

Wendy asked if we could table and was informed that we could not while this motion was still up for discussion.

Jo posed the question of whether GSO should consider moving the General Conference to a more equidistant location.

Francis asked for a rereading of the motion and that was given.

Ray asked why we couldn't table this motion and take it back to our groups for discussion – what is the deadline?

Another member reiterated why not table this? Why can't we discuss this more?

Eric informed the body there was no deadline we could do this anytime.

Erik brought up the principle of self support. 99% of the manpower is volunteer.

Guy stated he thought this was a good use of our money.

Robin stated her frustration with no written copies of the motion.

Chris said he was opposed to this motion. Lets rewrite it so that we can get to its actual intent which is that we be totally self-supporting.

Carol said she was in favor of supporting this motion but would still like to see it tabled so that the groups can be made aware.

Wayne called for the question and Ray seconded it. We voted that this was m not urgent or administrative and the **Motion was TABLED.**

Motion #5:

Submitted by the Oregon Area Finance Committee

Motion: To increase the Alternate Delegate's line item budget from \$100.00 to \$1,500.00 for the 2006 budget year.

Intent and Purpose: To reimburse for travel, copying, printing, postage and supplies to allow any Alternate Delegate to perform service requests from groups or districts.

Current Practice: Current budget allows \$100.00 per year for copies only.

Financial Impact: \$1,400.00 for 2006 budget year.

Budgetary impact: Not to exceed \$400.00

Discussion:

Dave said he was in favor of this motion as GSR schools incur much more expenses than just copies.

Patience pointed out that the finance committee has no line item for this at all.

Ron W. of the Finance Committee pointed out that a motion passed at the May '05 Assembly to make \$100 available but the budget had already been written and published before it could be implemented.

Amy said she was in support but that she would like a budget written with the previous motion amount so that she could show the group.

A member asked if this would just cover printing costs or travel too? At this time Dave reread the intent and purpose section of this motion.

A member said we should be self-supporting and that we should take note of the importance of this job to AA.

Dana asked how did Eric do this job last year with just \$100 in the budget?

Eric said he was the one to bring up the need of funding in order to effectively do this job and thought it was outrageous that there was no budget before. This was a growth opportunity for him to get up and ask the body for funding. He stated that district that are far away and probably need the schools the most are the ones who would benefit best from this motion.

Wayne asked why were the last few motions only taking into consideration the upcoming year when we should be setting policy for longer than that.

A member called for the question and Duane seconded it. It was voted that this was not of an urgent or administrative nature and **the Motion was TABLED.**

Motion #6:

Submitted by the PRAASA 2007 Committee
Seconded by Jill (Dist 24)

Motion: To reimburse the PRAASA 2007 committee for the travel expenses to be incurred by the committee's translation chairperson to travel to PRAASA 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$400.00.

Intent/Purpose: The PRAASA 2007 committee has voted and approved to fund the committee's translation chairperson to travel to PRAASA 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$400.00. The funds that are to be used will come from the Pacific Region's PRAASA 2007 budget.

There will be a significant number of AA members from all over the Pacific Region that will request Spanish translation. Therefore, the committee decided that it was very important that the translation chairperson gain the experience, understanding and guidance on how to facilitate the Spanish translation needs for PRAASA 2007.

So, in the spirit of being self-supporting and based on the fact that Oregon Area 58 is the host area for PRAASA 2007, the committee is asking the Oregon Area to consider and advise the committee as to the reimbursement request for this one-time expense before March 2, 2007.

Current Practice: None

Discussion:

Wendy said she was against this motion. That it was fiscally irresponsible to ask for the money after it was spent. No one committee position is more important than another. She feels a scholarship would have been a better answer to this dilemma. This is Area money not PRAASA money we are talking about.

Darlene said she also serves on the PRAASA Committee and is opposed to this motion. She said she was uninformed when she seconded this motion at the PRAASA meeting. She now realizes that the only time we should do something like this would be in a dire circumstance and we are not experiencing a dire circumstance here.

Rich B. said he was in favor of this motion and found out that a second person on the committee couldn't attend a meeting due to finances. He said that they did get a scholarship room but it was quickly filled. He said it was his idea to send the committee people ahead to purchase tickets and a room for the Spanish translator. It was his error that they spent money ahead of time before knowing what the funds were earmarked for.

Ron W. said that he is co-chair of the PRAASA Committee but still he was opposed to the motion. He agreed with the idea that we should wait and ask for money when we know what amount we need.

Kaye said she was opposed to this motion, that the Area should not take on expenses that do not belong with this committee. A member asked for clarification....was the money already spent? The answer was yes....Was this so that the PRAASA committee could train for hosting it next year?

Ray asked how hard was it to translate one word to another?

Eric said that at the time they misunderstood that the travel funds could be used in this way but only found out later that these funds were misallocated. We as an area can donate money to PRAASA at any time. If we say no to this motion, this money comes back on PRAASA to generate and communicates disunity and non-support of PRAASA by the Area. We have the opportunity to forgive a mistake here and show unity to the other areas.

Rich B. pointed out that they were not asking for additional funding but rather to OK that which was already spent.

Chris said he was going to say just go ahead and wait but thinks that perhaps this is an urgent matter.

Samantha pointed out that she was not being trained on how to translate but rather how to organize the events translation and that since this was such a big event there was much to learn. She is going to go and ask lots of questions! Steve asked if we were running into a shortfall of incoming funds and perhaps we should have the treasurer respond. Dale got up as the Alternate Treasurer and said, "Yes, group contributions were down but that was because we had a lot of money. We anticipate an increase in contributions as this trend is cyclical at this time of year. Fiscally we're OK. When we get to a point where we have \$300 or less we will raise a flag."

Francis called for the question and Owey seconded it. The body voted to end debate.

When the body was asked to vote as to whether this was of an urgent or administrative nature the vote was too hard to gauge by a simple show of hands so a written tally was taken. The result was not a 2/3 majority so the **Motion was TABLED.**

At this time a sense of the meeting was taken as to whether to continue or close the meeting. The decision was to close the meeting after the Assembly reports were given. Motions that were not raised will be carried over to the next Business Meeting.

Assembly Reports

See attached reports.

Maggie of Dist 1 gave the November 2005 assembly report.

Peggy Sue gave the Report for this assembly

Rick gave the report for Dist 14 and the May 2006 Assembly

Jeff M. gave the Report for the September 2006 Assembly hosted by Dists. 24 & 27

Patience gave the report for the November 2006 Assembly hosted by District 15.

Final Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance:	\$35,602.93
Checks written:	<u>\$14,628.46</u>
Ending Balance:	\$20,974.47