

## Oregon Area Business Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2004  
Red Lion Hotel, Salem  
Hosted by District 4

### **(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! )

The meeting was opened at 8:01 a.m. by Area Chair Dave A. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the Preamble (David), the Twelve Traditions (Debbie) and the Twelve Concepts (Suzanne).

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

Chair Dave A began by introducing some guests and past delegates. Present to help us with vote tabulations were Mike M and his wife Patsy, both from Eastern Washington. Mike is the current Area Delegate for Eastern Washington (Area 92). Oregon Area Past Delegates present were: Helen M, Don J, Mark S and Darlene B. All were warmly acknowledged. Dave asked all new GSR to stand, which they did, as well as new DCM's. Dave urged everyone to turn in his or her service résumés to him for upcoming positions. His contact info is in the roster and on the Area website ( <http://www.aa-oregon.org> ). Service résumés should be turned in by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

Area Secretary Chase B called Roll. Not present were: Archives Asst Robert C, Newsletter Chair, Greg S, Webmaster Wayne W, DCM's for Districts 2, 3, 29, and 32.

A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Bill to approve the May 04 Minutes (as recorded). **Motion Passed** with no corrections.

### **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
Kaye G.	Area Treasurer
Gus P	Area Alternate Treasurer
Chase B.	Area Secretary

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

### **Pacific NW Conference Reports**

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

Bruce L.	GSO Delegate
Dave A.	Area Chair

### **Regional Forum Reports**

Eric K.	Alternate Delegate
Dave A	Area Chair
Anne M	Area Alternate Chair



**Discussion:**

Ray called the question. . It was seconded. A simple majority was reached to end discussion. Motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Passed.** The minority opinion was asked to be heard. Liz came forward and said her group would have liked to see a 'cap' of some kind to limit the number of Past Delegates eligible for funding. This would help control costs.

Dave asked if there was anyone from the majority, after hearing the minority opinion, that would like to change their vote. No one wished to change his or her vote, **Motion stands as Passed.**

**New Business**

**Motions:** (the following motions were presented at this assembly. **Copies attached, see index**)

**New Business Motion #1**

**To increase Archives rent budget line item for rent increase at Bronson mini storage.**

Submitted by Archives Committee

Seconded by Judy A

**Discussion:**

( Finance Chair Les S was asked to tell us if we had funding for this, as it affects our budget. He said we 'do' have money available for this)

Kim asked that, since the archives collection is going to be moved to the Intergroup office, why couldn't we store it there? Archivist Hal E said that we are moving to the Intergroup office, but not until November, and this motion is for three months' rent at the current location. He said that when he told the mini storage management that they were moving, they increased the rent.

Discussion ended. Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled. A majority was reached to vote now. The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Passed** with no dissent.

**New Business Motion #2**

**To increase the 2004 budget by \$265.90 (\$65.90 to cover expenses incurred by the Alt Chair to date). (\$200.00 operating expenses for the rest of this budget year.**

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Seconded by Richard

**Discussion:**

(Recommendation was made by the Finance Committee that we 'Do' have the money for this motion)

Jim from District one said that his district did not receive copies of the motion. He said he would like to have copies available before we start (expediating) these motions. There was no more discussion. Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled. A majority was reached to vote now.

The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Passed.** The minority opinion was asked to be heard. A member came forward and asked why the Alt Chair went 'over' the budget. Alt Chair Anne M was asked to comment. She explained that her travels to Medford and other remote districts (to attend Host committee meetings) caused her to go over, as the mileage was heavy. She said she spent this money with a full understanding that she may not be reimbursed. Dave asked if there was anyone from the majority, after hearing the minority opinion, that would like to change their vote. No one wished to change his or her vote, **Motion stands as Passed.**

### **New Business Motion #3**

**District 18 May 2005 conference committee would like to request an additional \$1200, bringing this seed money to a total of \$1500.**

Submitted by District 18

Seconded by Rod

#### **Discussion:**

(Recommendation was made by the Finance Committee that we 'Do' have the money for this motion)

Myron asked for some clarification on the money, confirming that \$300 was already given in seed money. Judy A asked for clarification to confirm that the term 'conference' in the motion actually meant 'assembly.' This was confirmed. There was no more discussion. Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled.

A majority was reached to vote now. The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Passed.**

The minority opinion was asked to be heard. Steve W asked why the catering service needed so much money up front (this was one of the reasons the additional seed money was requested).

Fran said that all of their local caterers required this. Dave asked if there was anyone from the majority, after hearing the minority opinion, that would like to change their vote. No one wished to change his or her vote, **Motion stands as Passed.**

### **New Business Motion #4**

**(Recorded as amended):**

**To transfer \$250 from budget line item "Corrections Committee Expense to the budget line item 'Corrections Committee Literature**

**Original Motion (used for discussion below until amendment occurred)**

***CFC requests a one time increase in CFC literature budget for the current year for the amount of two and \$250.***

Submitted by the CF Committee

Seconded by Myron

#### **Discussion:**

(Recommendation was made by the Finance Committee that we 'Do' have the money for this motion)

Myron called the question. A motion to end discussion failed, discussion remained open. Kim said this should be tabled to take to the groups. A member asked why they couldn't use money from another CF related budget line. CF chair David W said that he hadn't had the opportunity yet to consult with the finance committee. Megan urged everyone to support our active, Spanish speaking groups (these funds would provide for the purchase of books for a Spanish-speaking group in a facility). Gil said he couldn't imagine anything fitting in better with our primary purpose than purchasing books. Ray called the question and was seconded by Ron. Motion passed to end discussion. Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled. A majority was reached to vote now.

The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Passed.** The minority opinion was asked to be heard. A member asked if we could use existing CF 'proxy' funding to fund this motion.

Treasurer Kaye said the money is there in the other line item, but to use it, the motion on the floor would need to be changed (amended) or re-introduced. **That author of the motion amended**

**the motion as follows:** "To transfer \$250 from budget line item "Corrections Committee Expense to the budget line item 'Corrections Committee Literature.'" Discussion was reopened. A

member expressed concern that this new motion (amended version) would take money away from proxy voters. It was clarified that proxy funding does not come from those line items. There was no more discussion. Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled. A majority was reached to vote now. The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Passed (as amended)**. The minority opinion was asked to be heard, and no one approached the mic.

## **New Business Motion #5**

### **Motion to Approve the 2005 Proposed Budget (as Amended)**

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Seconded by Dan

#### **Discussion:**

Judy asked the Access committee if they had enough funds in the new budget. Access Chair Barbara said they do, though it is hard to predict the ASL funding line, as it is used on a case by case basis per assembly. A member asked why the Archives funding went up, and Hal said that we now are able to do some real good work, like restorative work that we've been waiting to do, as well as reformatting our tapes to CD's. Susan asked about the CF Literature line amount. David W, CF Chair, said that the proposed funds for CF Literature are going to be about \$1700 short. Katherine asked if the Alt Chair's proposed funds will accommodate her needs, and Anne M said that they would. **The Finance Committee proposed an amendment to the motion (the 2005 proposed budget), and was seconded, as follows:** ' Increase the Corrections Literature line item by \$1700.' Subsequent discussion: Terry asked about the Archives rent amount and was told by Hal that the rent will drop eventually. Joe said she agrees with the Corrections Literature increase. There was no more discussion. Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled. A majority was reached to vote now. The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Passed (as amended)**. The minority opinion was asked to be heard, and no one approached the mic.

## **New Business Motion #6**

### **That the February 2005 Assembly Planning committee be given flexibility in setting the date for that assembly to be any weekend between February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>, except for PRAASA weekend.**

Submitted by the Feb 2005 Assembly Planning Committee

Seconded by several members

#### **Discussion:**

Scott said that Feb was better for him, as March was tough to schedule. Ray called the question and was seconded. A simple majority carried to end discussion. Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled. A majority was reached to vote now. The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Passed** without dissent.

## **New Business Motion #7**

**To accept the Oregon Area Archives policy, as recommended by the Archives ad hoc committee in September, 2004.**

Submitted by the Archives Ad Hoc Committee

Seconded by Judy A

### **Discussion:**

David asked if the policy was a re-write or new. Hal said it was a combination of what we *thought* was our policy, what the ad hoc committee came up with, as well as information gathered from other archives committees from other areas. Judy mentioned that great thought has gone into these recommendations. Robin said that we should table the motion for group consideration, and so more copies can be made available. Hal recommended this to be taken to the groups. Ray called the question. A simple majority carried to end discussion. Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled. A majority was not reached to vote now, **Motion Tabled.**

## **New Business Motion #8**

**To cancel the panel on Sunday, 9/19/04 on 'Christianity and AA' at the Oregon Area Assembly.**

Submitted by District 20

Motion was Seconded

### **Discussion:**

Ken, the current host committee chair, said that he lovingly disagrees with the motion. He said he thinks it represents a lack of respect for the agenda that they have had in place for some time. He said that in his view, it is a legitimate topic, as so many have views on it. Jim said he feels it is a violation of the 10<sup>th</sup> tradition, and panels of this nature have no place in AA. A member cited several articles in the Grapevine with this topic, and wondered why it is a problem if it is a topic discussed already in AA. Pat said she attempted to download the agenda off the area website, but it was not functioning properly, so she was not able to review it in advance. She said the 10<sup>th</sup> tradition (long form) in the motion body clearly spells out this situation. Gil said that if the title was 'religion' instead of 'Christianity,' it would be easier to support the panel idea. Barbara said that she thinks the 10th tradition warns against 'implicating' AA, and that this topic does not implicate AA. Several members expressed the need to have our groups discuss this. David said that we have discussed Christianity when we discussed the Lords Prayer (motion at last assembly). A member pointed out that we are 'having the panel now' by discussing it here for so long. The question was called. A majority was reached to end discussion. . Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled. A majority was reached to vote now. The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Failed.** The minority opinion was asked to be heard. Bruce said he voted yes on the motion not because he opposes the topic, but he feels that assemblies are for business, and they are not conferences. He also said that if having a 'hot' topic is to get people to stay over another day, then that is wrong. Judy cautioned that if this panel happens, it might destroy the unity of our fellowship. Another member mentioned that things that are this divisive are contrary to why we're here. Chris said that he is worried that this will end up written into our records. Rick said his group would be really upset if he told them this panel happened. Dennis said he has never been to a meeting where Christianity was discussed. Dave asked if there was anyone from the majority, after hearing the minority opinion, that would like to change their vote. Several members wanted to, a vote carried to re-vote, and discussion resumed. Sean said he feels that when you are able

to address a controversial topic, people become better informed. Question was called, and a majority was not reached. Peggy Sue read from the Big Book, quoting "...be quick to see where Religious people are right." Pat said that we are a spiritual program, not a religious one. The question was called and seconded. A majority was reached to end discussion. The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Failed.**  
**Stands as Failed.**

### **New Business Motion #9**

#### **Amend current budget restrictions to include use of funds for meals for Spanish language interpreters.**

Submitted by Samantha D  
Motion was Seconded

#### **Discussion:**

No initial discussion. Dave asked the body to determine if this was urgent and/or administrative, by deciding if they want to vote on the matter now. If voting now, it would be deemed urgent/administrative, if not the motion would be tabled. A majority was reached to vote now. The motion was reread and voted on. **Motion Passed.** The minority was asked to be heard. Dale confirmed that we are not increasing any funding. Dave pointed out that these restrictions refer to the guidelines, which is yet to be updated. Dave asked if there was anyone from the majority, after hearing the minority opinion, that would like to change their vote. No one wanted to change their vote, **Motion stands as Passed.**

### **Assembly Reports**

Reports were given by various past and upcoming host committees. (see attached reports)

#### **Final Financial Statement:**

Kaye G reported that we came into the assembly with \$32,656.04 and wrote checks totaling \$10,199.28, leaving a balance of \$22,456.76.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Meeting was closed at 4:55 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

### **End of New Business**

Respectfully submitted in Loving Service,  
Chase Browning  
Oregon Area Secretary

