

Embrace the Legacies: Our Spiritual Bridges to Expand the Future

Oregon A.W.S.C. Minutes
District Seven, Medford
February 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Area Chair Bette R at 9:00 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read by Helen M and the Concepts by Billie B

Housekeeping: Marvalee M, DR District 7

- The meeting space rent is \$75.00.
- Marvalee thanked her district for the excellent team work in preparation for this AWSC meeting.

Roll Call: Colleen G

- AWSC members excused: Ruth W, Archives Coordinator; Cat H, District 5; Carolyn H, District 17 (represented by Karyn R); Penny H, District 14 (represented by Ona A); Paula J, Portland AIS Liaison (represented by Caralyn W)
- Members absent: Teri S, District 3, Tedie H, District 13, Lee Ann T, Eugene AIS Liaison.
- Past Delegates absent and missed: Mayme S, Phyllis Q, Darla J, Betty W, Jan M, Carol M, Shirley L
- Districts not represented: District 11

Secretary's Report: Colleen G

- The minutes from the October 11, 2008 AWSC were approved with the following corrections: Page 2 – Use of Acronym Bank – The Sentence "Colleen was first to pay the nickel fee for using an acronym, Glen and Judy followed" was deleted. Page 3: Our Luncheon Speaker...The word Tennessee was corrected to read Texas.

Treasurer's Report: Glen G

- Oregon Area Al-Anon Bank Accounts were reported as follows:
- Balance Forward 01/01/2008 \$18,032.22
- Deposits for 2008 \$22,405.90
- Disbursements for 2008 \$23,105.43
- Balance as of 12/31/2008 \$17,332.69

A discussion followed regarding the 2008 SSM Revenues. There were questions regarding a PRASSA donation that needed to be researched with District 5. Also, the donation amount from District 6. Sue B will check these out.

The Treasurer's report was tabled for approval until the March Assembly.

Delegate's Report: Roland C

The complete report can be found on page 7

- After applying the KBDM format the Task Force on "*Non-member family members of Al-Anon members making contributions to Al-Anon in memory of deceased Al-Anon members:*" will not be taken to Conference as the research concurred with the original information.
- The Thought Force on Stepping Stones presented information to the Executive Committee, providing several possible alternative options for visits to Stepping Stones. The purpose is to help control costs. This information will now be given to the full Board of Trustees for further consideration.
- Roland will be assigned to another Task Force and is now on a Thought Force (bridging the gap between the Delegate and the AWSC) beginning at the Conference. Not all Areas use the Delegate in the same manner that the Oregon Area does. Thank you Oregon!

- Roland submitted two Chosen Agenda Item questions for the Conference.
 1. Does the Fellowship have too high of expectations of the Executive Director of AI-Anon Family Groups in his/her ability to separate what is best for AI-Anon as a whole from the Director's personal goals for the World Wide Fellowship? How is this measured?
 2. Should the principle of rotation of leadership be applied at the highest level of service (e.g. Executive Committee) and should committee eligibility limits be considered as in other areas of service?" These may not be discussed at the Conference. We will be receiving all of the submissions in the next couple of weeks and then all of the Delegates will vote on the two for floor discussion.
- ECAL: Roland is no longer on this committee. Due to very few submissions, it appears it will not be around much longer.
- Reminder to AWSC members: Do not rush to end the year! Thank you for all the hard work you have done the past two years. Remember – this is a 3 year panel. We have a lot yet to accomplish and a responsibility to those we told we would do this job.

Old Business

November 20-21-22 2009 Assembly: Rita B, DR - District 10

- Date: November 20-21-22 2009
- Location: Crown Plaza near the Lloyd Center in NE Portland.
- Ample Parking. Most is free and near the Max train.
- More information to follow and will also be posted on the website.

2009 SSM Report: Judy J, Chair

The complete report can be found on page 8

NEW THIS YEAR: Spanish Speaking Program. Get the word out to your Groups and AIS.

- Location: Milwaukie Center 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie, OR 97222
- Date: April 24 - 26, 2009
- Hotel: Days Inn - \$69 for 4 in room. serve a Continental Breakfast
Reservations need to be made by April 1.
- Flyers: Available on the website, distributed in mail box and has map on the back.
- Alternative Housing: Contact Jan @ 503-651-3649
- Lunch: \$15. Catered and needs to have a reservation. Deadline is April 1.
Speakers: Donna L from Texas and Magdalena E from Washington. AA speaker TBA.
- Fund Raiser Fun: We would love to have more raffle items for the March Assembly. And will have many other things such as shirts, cookbooks, calendars etc.
- Watch for information in the Communicator. Using this mailing is a cooperative effort to get the word to individual groups and save money for the Area.
- Workshops: Discovering Choices using our Newest CAL. Alateen Panel, Craft Room to make God CANs, Fun Skit. Ice Cream Social & Dance.
- Tentative Agendas have in mail boxes. DRs, for distribution to your groups.

SSM 2009 Financial Report: Judy J

- **Thank you! Thank you! And did we say Thank you!!!**

○ November Assembly/Raffle	462.00
○ Craft Item Sales	1,039.50
○ District 5	750.00
○ District 17	<u>692.75</u>
○ Weekend Total (YEA)	\$2,944.25

- What it helps us PAY!!!
 - Oregon Area Seed \$\$ Returned 1,500.00
 - Milwaukie Center deposit 625.00
 - DJ deposit 100.00
 - Speaker Expense budgeted 800.00
- \$1,540.00
- Current checking account balance \$5937.62
 - We appreciate all efforts to make the 2009 SSM **Happy, Joyous & Free**

2009 Trustee Visit: Roland

- We will not have a Trustee visit this year as we had planned. The Board of Trustees meet in Virginia Beach in July for Board Week. Therefore Penny R, our Regional Trustee, will not be able to attend our July Assembly. She also isn't available in November.

After the lunch break, the meeting reconvened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Bette then read the attendance statement and who had voice and vote at this meeting. We were reminded, when coming to the microphone, to state our name, our position and if we already heard what we wanted to share, to please sit down. This will allow us to use the allocated time more wisely.

Old Business – Continued.

Concepts Workshop: – Rita B, DR District 10

Rita introduced the Concepts of Service using several pieces of CAL.

Out of How Al-Anon Works:

- Service is a practice of unconditional love. We find this in our service work at the group, district and area level and "Often without being aware of it, we receive love of this kind without any sense of obligation to pay it back and without fear that the bill will come tomorrow." "Surrounded by this unqualified support, we who are so vulnerable and so wounded begin to heal." (pg 101)
- The Twelve Concepts of Service were written by our co-founder Lois W., with the assistance of the 1968-70 World Service Conference members. They were first drafted by a committee, chaired by Lois, using the AA Twelve Concepts as a resource.
- In 1984 they were given the same stature as the Twelve Steps and Traditions, completing Al-Anon's three legacies.
- The version we value today is the fourth and final draft. (pg 101-102)

Out of the Service Manual:

- "The Al-Anon Concepts of Service record the "why" of our service structure in such a way that the valuable experience of the past and the lessons drawn from that experience can never be forgotten or lost.
- Concept principles that have become traditional but never clearly defined:
 - Right of Decision Right of Participation
 - Right of Appeal Right of Petition

Great emphasis is placed on the need for a high order of personal leadership, careful induction methods for all incoming personnel, and the best possible relations among those who work in our services. The Concepts portray a structure in which all may labor to good effect with minimum possibility of friction. This is accomplished by a fair and balanced relationship of our workers to their work and to one another." (SM pgs 166-167).

The Concepts were read individually and everyone was invited to share on a Concept that had influenced their growth in the Al-Anon program and in their personal lives.

Shared from the floor:

- *Concepts are spiritual based.*
- No concept carries more weight than any other. They work hand in hand.
- They bring about a balance between accountability and responsibility.

Oregon Area Handbook ad hoc Committee Report: Billie L, Alternate Delegate

- The ad hoc committee are reviewing AWSC position descriptions. The results are to be back to Billie by March 6th. Additional changes in the OAH will include the ATF mileage reimbursement from 20 to 25 cents and the Assembly Allowance increase to \$150. There will also be a new index with the new page numbers. These updates will be posted on the website by March Assembly.

DR Breakout: Marvalee

DR Breakout report back: Cindy E, Recorder

These topics were discussed. The complete report can be found on page 8

- Problems in Districts
 1. Getting GRs involved
 2. Service elections
 3. Problematic personalities
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Action Committee Report: Judy J

Action Committee Report Back

Recorder, Judy J, Past Delegate

We split into our Action Committee groups and read through the history and the structure chart. We felt it is time we review our guidelines and make some changes. It was agreed the structure chart needs to be in the Oregon Area Handbook, and the information on committee duties be kept in every AC notebook.

We talked about what the chairman, coordinators, recorders, and members of the committees' duties are. We changed some of the duties so it will hopefully flow better. We discussed how important it is to have the action committee notebook updated with agendas and minutes and brought to every assembly. We will have to have a system to see notebooks are passed on for the beginning of the next panel.

There was a suggestion to combine the Group Services and Membership Outreach committees because they seem to overlap. This will be discussed at the next AWSC.

Business Services felt it would be important to have GR representation and participation in that committee. Business Services will not be involved in the numbering off process at assembly, we will ask for 2-4 GRs to volunteer for that committee.

Judy and Bette will make the changes and bring updated copies to the next AWSC.

On-Going Motions: Bunny – tabled to the June AWSC meeting.

New Business

1. **Fellowship Communications Skit:** Bea J

A skit about working together as a district to save money for the Area by planning ahead for meals, working together to prepare food, carpooling, and room/house sharing.

2. **Coordinator notebooks for transition:**

Please begin/continue working on the Coordinator Notebooks to have them ready to pass along to the next panel of AWSC Coordinators.

SSM location selections discussion: Cindy E

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3. Cindy addressed the Oregon Area Handbook Section 6 – Page 14 #2 that recommends SSM be held in late March or early April. Cindy proposed a motion to have the date moved to May. Following a brief discussion this was tabled to the next AWSC for a motion to be presented and to have in place prior to the bid at the July Assembly.

4. **Flyer design and distribution discussion:** Roland

We will revisit this at the next AWSC with a possible solution.

Bette asked that she be contacted by anyone interested in being on an ad hoc committee.

5. **Alateen Safety Requirements:** Billie L, Alternate Delegate

Billie reported that Alateen Sponsors must have approval by the FBI through fingerprinting. Some women ages 45 and older are more difficult to finger print...If there is a failure to do an identification through fingerprinting, but there wasn't any negative reports in a search nation wide, with due diligence/preponderance of evidence shouldn't these women be approved to become Alateen Sponsors?....

Billie L will rewrite her motion so it is word specific, and bring it to the March Assembly for vote.

6. **Alateen Medical/Travel Form:** Loretta, Alateen Coordinator

Discussion: Portland AIS is involved in an Alateen event and are asking permission to use a form they have developed and have had reviewed by an Oregon attorney. The consensus of the AIS is the new form covers all that is included in the one distributed by WSO only not as lengthy. They would like to see Oregon Area create their own Alateen Medical/Travel Form. Because more information is needed it was agreed copies of this form will be brought back to the AWSC for more discussion.

A motion was made from the floor that because the activity is coming up soon, Portland AIS will be allowed to use this form on a one-time only basis. The motion carried.

July 2009 Assembly: Monica, DR District 8

- Theme: "By far the best proof is by experience."
- Date: July 17, 18 & 19, 2009
- Location: Azalea Middle School 505 Pacific Highway, Brookings
- Friday Night Sharing Meeting – Azalea Middle School
- Lodging and driving instructions listed on the flyer/available on the area website.

7. **March 2009 Assembly Agenda Suggestions:**

DR Breakout

Action Committees

Alateen motion

Skit on KBDM/education

New GR Orientation/Action Committee Breakout Saturday Morning Early

March 2010 Assembly Bid

DR Report

NW Delegate Report

GR Sharing at the microphone

Education Piece On the 7th Tradition For everyone to attend. Cindy E.

ASK-IT-BASKET-QUESTIONS

1. My home group GR has only served a year. So she will not be on the same rotation schedule as AWSC. This is group Conscience correct? Does she have to ask for another 3 year term in November?

Past Delegate: Eileen B

From the Service Manual on page 133: "The GR is elected by his group for a three year term by any election procedures it chooses." "If the GR resigns or proves to be inactive, the Alternate completes the term and may then be elected for a three-year term of his own."

2. Where can we find out more about what the charter is?

Past Delegate: Susan G.

In the Service Manual on pages 152 – 156 AI-Anon World Service Conference Charter. And it is reviewed again in the Service Manual on page 201 in Concept Twelve "The spiritual foundation for AI-Anon's world services is contained in the General Warranties of the conference, Article 12 of the Charter."

Paragraph 2's description: "Our Conference Charter is an informal agreement made between the AI-Anon groups and their Trustees in 1967 and is the basis upon which the World Service Conference operates. In general, the Charter is a flexible document, since its first eleven articles can be readily amended by the Conference at any time.

But Article 12 stands by itself. An amendment or cancellation of any of its vital Warranties would require the written consent of three-quarters of all *registered* AI-Anon groups." More information can be found by reading all of Concept Twelve (pages 201-203) and The Warranties beginning on page 203 – 212.

Respectfully Submitted
Colleen G
Oregon Area Secretary

AWSC REPORTS
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Delegate's Report – February 2009 AWSC

I looked over my Delegate's report for February 2007; I said I would do the best I could but made no promises – I was willing.

Last year at this time I was preparing for the March Assembly, the Northwest Regional Delegates' Meeting (NWRD Meeting) and The Conference – again I was willing – I was given a wonderful lesson on God's Will.

This year I am making or have made the same preparations. The difference, I have no expectations. Service provides me RECOVERY.

The Task Force I was on, "Non-member family members of AI-Anon members making contributions to AI-Anon in memory of deceased AI-Anon members", (is that a mouth full or what?) ended its work after approximately 14 months of e-mails and conference calls. The Trustee of our committee presented the Executive Committee our background information, our framing information, a power point presentation and a question to be presented to the World Service Conference. The information we prepared and presented was enough to end any further action and will not be taken to the Conference. This is the way of KBDM. After researching the original information from 1975; Conference material in 1984, '85 and '86 and examining the Traditions and Concepts/Warranties, the information as originally decided was concurred with.

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Roland C.
Oregon Area Delegate – Panel 47.

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Bakeless Bake Sale Donations.
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SSM 2009 Financial Report: Judy J.

We are now actively involved in collecting money for lunches and have five people paid up. We are having our Bakeless Bake sale and have so far made \$50 from not selling baked goods. We have been selling Dammit Dolls and various other items (calendars, T-shirts, notepads, and other items). We continue to sell Raffle Tickets for the raffle items we have available.

The \$1500 Oregon Area seed money we started with last May has been repaid. We have paid \$625 toward a total of \$2500 for the Milwaukie Center rental. We paid \$100 of the \$175 charge for the DJ for the dance. Our speaker expenses should come in well under the \$800 we have budgeted.

From the November Assembly in Newport, we made \$462 in raffle ticket sales; \$750 from District 5 as a contribution to the 2009 SSM; a whopping \$1,039.50 came from craft item sales; and finally, District 17 gave a contribution of 692.75 from our Pancake Breakfast. That one weekend brought in total of \$2944.25. We were most grateful to all for their generosity of items to sell and items to auction. It shows that the SSM truly is a statewide fundraiser.

We continue to enjoy wonderful support from many Districts around the state. Our most recent contribution received was \$600 from District 6. We appreciate ALL efforts to make the 2009 Happy, Joyous, & Free State Speakers Meeting a financial success.

We currently have a balance of \$5937.62 in our checking account.

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Cindy's petition reads: The SSM is held in May. When selecting a date, it is important to consider other fellowship events that may be planned. Although it may not be possible to avoid all conflicts, it is important to research potential conflict before scheduling a date.

DR BREAKOUT Report Back

Recorder: Cindy E - District 6

We had 12 District Reps present. Monica facilitated our meeting.
Our agenda items are:

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Problems in Districts:

1. Getting GRs involved
 - a. Last assembly Bunny gave a list of 121 ways to get a GR for every group.
 - b. Bring the new GR with you to the November Assembly.
 - c. Offer free food
 - d. Share assemblies' interactions as fellowship. We enjoy each other as we're doing service.
 - e. Explain we get to see a healthy business run.
 - f. KBDM presentation asks did you bring your program with you.
 - g. Concepts and Traditions learned at assembly.
2. Service elections
 - a. People stand for positions and do not follow through with actions.
 - b. Before the Alateen Requirements we didn't have say. Now we do.
 - c. Encourage people – offer support.
 - d. 2 pamphlets – *Joy of Service* and *When I Got Busy I Got Better*.
3. Problematic personalities
 - a. Sit next to them.
 - b. Ask them to lead a discussion.
 - c. Concept Four
 - d. Give everyone a chance to share and then call a vote.
 - e. Timer for 3 minutes.
 - f. Call on each quiet person to share.
 - g. Use paper ballots.
 - h. State people only get to talk once.
 - i. Add an education piece to teach or inform everyone of different perspectives.
4. Priorities of District vs. Oregon Area
 - o a. DRs can incorporate their Area information in their agenda time period.
 - o b. Email
 - o c. Copy and Mail
 - o d. break down agenda by time limits.
 - o e. Education piece value.
5. Donations to WSO
 - a. Several Districts do give monies to WSO.
 - b. Some people feel since members individually give and groups give, why should it be duplicated at the District level?

6. Finances

- a. Have county AIS have financial priority sheet. Portland AIS also has one.
- b. Budgets
 - Only 4 districts had a budget of some form – only 1 had a tracking report of money spent vs. money budgeted.
 - Treasurer and budget committee get together.
 - Districts have guidelines for groups obtaining District funds.
 - Getting money from groups to support District, send appeal letters, and lead a meeting on 7th Tradition.
- c. Concerns of job getting to technical to have anyone new step up.
 - 1. Encourage anyone to stand.
 - 2. Support and offer help.
 - 3. One District has this issue and it was resolved.

7. Fundraising

Quilt raffle
Baskets
LDC Excess funds
Speakers Meeting with a popular AA Speaker
Chili Cook-Offs
Spring Fling
Speakers Meetings
Ice Cream Social

Tea Social
Pancake Breakfast
Admission
Silent Auction
Raffle
White elephant Special
Recovery Fair
Raffling SSM attendance packages

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy E.