

NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUPS WORLD SERVICE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 31, 2010

Meeting was held by conference call. ROLL CALL - (11) Present: All trustees were present. The Executive Director was absent.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 7:05 PM, EST.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR - The minutes of the April 26, 2010 BoT meeting were accepted as corrected. Two changes made, to add reading of the 12 Concepts of Nar-Anon Service and to add response regarding posting minutes on nar-anon.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Reported two unusual expenses, about \$5,000 for remodeling WSO and \$3,000 for a computer purchase.
2. Literature sales increased c. \$25,000 in the 6-month comparison (June 2009 to June 2010).
3. Question whether a contribution was received from Brazil. Delegate reported turning in a check at the WSC in April but nothing was on FS. Treasurer to check with WSO.
4. Trustee reported that Japan donates two to three times a year. High transaction costs prevent them from donating more often.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. President reported on WSO staffing. Have some summer help but are in need of someone to work 32 hours per week. Adding a capable office manager to the staff would free the Exec Director from routine office work.
2. Possible need to retain an attorney. The secretary engaged for the WSC was not paid in full and is bringing this to the State Labor Board. Discussed other areas where we could utilize legal counsel, such as by-laws review and literature translation agreements. President will ask NA how they deal with international legal questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Revised by-laws.
 - a. Changes to Article 3.1, the Number and Qualifications of Trustees, as voted at the WSC, and a consequent change in Article 9.1.

Motion made and seconded, to approve by-laws as revised. 11 in favor –passed unanimously.
 - b. Revised by-laws to be included with the documents for the next WSC and otherwise available upon request.
2. Nar-Anon chips.
 - a. Two different plastic chips were made and are available from a recovery bookstore, not from WSO as erroneously reported in the Newsletter. One version has *Keep Coming Back* on the reverse and the other has (anniversary) years on the reverse. Both versions say NAR-ANON with a butterfly below it in a circle within a diamond on the face. A trial run in Florida showed they would be in demand. By the numbers sold, it appears a potentially profitable endeavor.
 - b. Discussion re: whether WSO could sell chips without violating traditions or guidelines or endangering the corporation's tax-exempt status. Should this be a local function instead?
 - c. Discussion about impact of including or excluding logo from chip design.
 - d. Discussion about Fundraising committee's planned project for a key tag and whether the committee should do the research on chip creation and sales.
 - e. Trustee volunteered to do the research/legwork for chip production on a volume basis. Further discussion was tabled.
3. Mission statement for Board of Trustees.
 - a. A proposed mission statement was discussed. No consensus was reached and discussion was tabled until more trustees have an opportunity to review the proposed wording.
4. Qualifications for Trustees.

Motion made and seconded, to approve document (posted on WSO-BoT) for use in Guide to World Services. 11 in favor –passed unanimously.
5. Brazil adoption of Nar-Anon changes.
 - a. Trustee reported concerns about the unwillingness of Brazil to adopt most of the decisions made at the last two conferences. They have not adopted the logo changes made in 2008. They have printed translated versions of SESH, but their conference voted overwhelmingly against paying anything to WSO.
 - b. Question as to whether a contract exists between WSO and ENSNAR in Brazil covering translation and printing of conference-approved literature. Agreements do exist with some international countries.
 - c. ENSNAR's position is that they never received an agreement to sign. A copy was given to their Delegate at the 2010 WSC. Discussed how to enforce, need for an attorney.
 - d. Suggestion was made to draft a letter to all international countries doing translations, including a copy of the contracts and reminding them of their obligation to comply with its terms.
 - e. President to follow up with Exec Director - how many countries have translation contracts?

Meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 9:05 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary
September 12, 2010