

NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUPS WORLD SERVICE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JULY 26, 2008

Meeting was held by conference call. The meeting opened with a roll call followed by the Serenity Prayer at 8:02 PM, Eastern.

ROLL CALL 40 Present: Gigi, Trudi, Carol, Antonio, Darleen, Debbie, Diana, Judy, Rhenda, and Yuji.  
2 Absent: Cathy & Karen.

Gigi, the BoT Vice President, conducted the meeting due to Karen's absence. On Gigi's request, New Business items 2-4 and the Executive Committee Report were tabled until the October meeting, as these were placed on the agenda by Karen.

*MOTION PASSED: Moved by Rhenda and seconded by Antonio, to accept the minutes of May 5, 2008 meeting - 8 in favor, 2 abstained.*

TREASURER'S REPORT - Trudi explained that WSO records are not yet on an accrual basis. It was noted that some expenses from the August 2007 World Convention appear on the report for the first six months of 2008 because they were paid in 2008 and the records are kept on a cash basis. Trudi agreed to separate the reporting of donations from countries outside of the United States.

*MOTION PASSED: Moved by Carol and seconded by Gigi, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented -10 in favor, unanimous.*

Discussion regarding operating deficit incurred at the 2008 WSC. It was agreed that Trudi would post the details of the WSC income and expenses on WSO\_BoT for the Board's review.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Implementation of motion passed at WSC to raise literature prices by 15%:
  - o A suggestion was made to set a target date for the price increases and include a notice of the date in current orders so as many groups as possible will be informed in advance. Rhenda also suggested placing a notice in the Newsletter as well as sending a notice to all Delegates. Carol will contact Cathy to work out the details of the increases and which pieces of literature will be eligible for volume discounts.
- 2) Tradition 1 & 4 Reflection - Discussion of BoT:
  - o Brazil has accepted the 12 Concepts of Service
  - o SESH has been translated into Brazilian Portuguese and has been printed (3,000 copies) and distributed. It has been accepted by the Brazilian fellowship with a great deal of enthusiasm.
  - o Rhenda noted that resources needed to establish GSO in the US and Canada may not exist, so this may not be the right time to implement a plan of this nature.
  - o Antonio noted that Brazil did not send a delegate to the 2008 WSC due to financial constraints but we must still emphasize unity and encourage more representation at the WSC.
  - o Question about how NA is organized on GSO levels in the US and what the BoT can do to reach out to other countries. Diana has been actively doing this in Spanish speaking countries and Cathy has made efforts to restore relationships (with other countries) that were adversely affected by previous WSO leadership. It was also noted that geographic limitations impact some countries' ability to organize.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Announcement of Gretchen G. resignation:
  - o A letter dated June 13th was received from Gretchen stating that she was stepping down from the BoT and all committee positions for personal reasons. Gigi read the letter to the Board. If there are any resumes presently submitted for World Pool seats, they will be posted on WSO\_BoT for the Board to review. Voting for a new Trustee can then take place at the October meeting.

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- 2) Follow up to 2008 WSC:
  - o Minutes - Expanded minutes of the WSC have been posted for review by the BoT. Any comments should be posted to WSO\_BoT by August 2nd. After that, the minutes will be sent to the delegates.
  - o WSC Feedback Forms - Nine forms were submitted. Carol will compile the feedback in a chart.
  - o Format and status of WSC report/summary - tabled.
- 3) Suggestions for BoT/Nar-Anon fellowship to focus on. (tabled)
- 4) What are our challenges for the next two years? (tabled)
  - o Some discussion took place, although items 3 & 4 were tabled. Organizing more Regions, more participation from outside of the US, communication between BoT & Delegates, how to involve the members of the WSC (delegates & alternates) to help move the fellowship forward? A suggestion was to have a trustee serve as a liaison to the delegates between conferences. Another suggestion was to create a web forum for the delegates to facilitate better communication between conferences.
- 5) BoT approval for cross-talk document to go to Literature Committee:
  - o There is a question of originality to be researched before this piece can be used.
- 6) Re: Literature Committee:
  - o Yuji raised some concerns regarding translation of Nar-Anon s'12/12/12 Japan has translated parts of the 12/12/12 prior to conference-approval. Discussion regarding a suitable substitute with conference-approval, Al-Anon s Paths to Recovery. Yuji would have to research whether it has been translated to Japanese. Rhenda suggested that Japan make a decision guided by Tradition Four and the BoT should not vote on what Japan should do in this instance.
- 7) Re: Fundraising Committee:
  - o A flyer for a Nar-Anon cookbook fundraiser is being circulated. The flyer reads WSC fundraiser. There was also concern about printing and publishing, which should be done by WSO. Committees and sub-committees are WSO committees and should communicate with the BoT.
  - o Policy & Guidelines to include roles and responsibilities of committees in the Service Manual.
  - o As BoT secretary, Carol will email all committee chairs to provide them with the quarterly report template and request that potential projects be presented to Cathy for WSO review prior to implementation.
  - o As Chair of Literature committee, Rhenda will contact Fundraising committee to clarify the printing and publishing process.
- 8) HI/PI Committee Report:
  - o Gigi reported on long distance sponsorship and upcoming national conferences in Florida and Atlantic City, NJ. She stressed the need for better quality presentation materials for the fellowship to be taken seriously. It was noted that financial constraints have not made this possible.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 10:28 PM Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol C., Secretary