



NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUPS WORLD SERVICE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 24, 2009

Meeting was held by conference call. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 7:02 PM, Eastern.

ROLL CALL - (9) Present (4) Absent; all absent trustees joined the meeting after roll call. All trustees were present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR - There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the July meeting as posted on WSO_BoT. A roll call vote was taken to accept the minutes as written. (9) In favor, unanimous.

The President thanked everyone for submitting their reports and for the responses to the motions for the CAR. There was no report from the Michigan delegate and although WSO has heard that there is a new delegate, written notice has not been received. The trustee mentor for the previous delegate asked who will mentor the new delegate. Mentors for new delegates can be addressed at the conference.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - The Exec. Director reported hiring a new part time office worker. He is a college student and seems to be catching on quickly. He will be on a 30 day probation period. The Exec. Director also reported there were some problems with the printing quality on the SESH re-order.

Due to the Treasurer's absence at this point in the meeting, a financial report was not presented.

OLD BUSINESS: A report on the World Convention in Barcelona is pending the financial information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Region fundraising for the WSC - discussed how NA finances their conference through regional fundraisers. A motion from the Board to develop a project plan to fund the conference will be submitted for this WSC. 11 trustees present, all in favor.

2) Unhealthy meetings - The executive committee had asked P&G to draft a letter for use by WSO in responding to complaints about unhealthy meetings. The P&G committee chair reported that the committee felt that the Guide to Local Services explains the process for bringing complaints through the service structure. To better understand what constitutes an unhealthy meeting, the Executive Director mentioned these key concerns - advice giving or therapy; use of outside literature; dominant personalities or rigidity - i.e. no service positions within a group. WSO will suggest to callers that they take concerns to their Area or Region first. A board member suggested developing a piece of literature on the topic; another suggestion was made to add it to the new group packet and include it with group inventory forms.

MOTION PASSED: To work with the literature committee to create a draft pamphlet about unhealthy meetings. (11) In favor, 1 not present, unanimous.

3) Complaints concerning WSO - Discussion took place concerning appropriate means of responding to complaints about WSO. The board reaffirmed the need for the BoT to be accessible to the fellowship with WSO email accounts for the board members as one means of accomplishing this. A suggestion was made to use a generic email account and post it on the website. Two trustees volunteered to monitor the emails.

4) Board's response to WSC motions: The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion and evaluation of 31 Regional motions submitted for the CAR for the 2010 WSC. Three members of the Executive Committee will meet on 11/1/09 to put the Board's recommendations on each motion in writing. Any additional discussion can be held on WSO-BoT during the coming week. The CAR will be released to the fellowship on 11/24/09. All motions from the board and responses to Regional motions are to be finalized at least 1 week prior to the CAR's release.

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 9:21 PM Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

January 3, 2010