

## **Oregon Area 58 Motion #2 May 2012**

**Submitted by: Attitude Adjustment, District 5**

As amended

### **Motion:**

- To send a suggestion to the Trustees Committee on Literature, to reformat and lengthen the "Service Sponsorship" section of the "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship" pamphlet to clarify and provide more information about service sponsorship in AA.

### **Intent/Purpose:**

- Service sponsorship is not widely acknowledged at the group level. While the current information is helpful, it is not as clearly explained and defined as it could be. Since this pamphlet may well be the first and only information received about service or service sponsorship by a member, that member would be better served to have a fuller and richer explanation of the definitions of service and service sponsorship.
- It is the hope that clarification of service and service sponsorship will stimulate discussion about both subjects as well as encouraging members to explore the many benefits of both.

### **Current Practice:**

- There is currently information available in the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship", but reformatting and adding more information to it may be useful to the fellowship.

### **Budgetary Impact:**

- Budgetary impact to be determined by the General Service Office.

Seconded by Jim, D13

### **Discussion:**

Ester, D22: My question is what exactly is in it (Sponsorship Pamphlet) now and what are we asking it be changed to? Are there any suggestions of what we are wanting it changed to?

Michelle, D5: It's our understanding through the GSO office that when asking for a large revision or to look at revising a whole section, that we don't tell them what to do. This is what they are trained to do, and we trust them to adjust it accordingly.

Keary D.: Service Sponsorship was the topic I was given for a panel presentation for PRAASA in Hawaii. In doing my research for this, I found there is very little information out there about

Service Sponsorship. That is why I am in support of this motion, by putting this information in the pamphlet we will have a clearer definition of what Service Sponsorship is.

Mitch S., D16: I would like to ask the motion maker to add some the language to this motion, which would state under the Motion portion; *"To send a suggestion to the Literature Committee at GSO"* to reformat and lengthen the "Service Sponsorship" section of the "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship" pamphlet to clarify and provide more information about service sponsorship in AA.

The reason for that is this could be confusing, and people that are new here may not realize that if this gets tabled and sent back to their Home Group they might think they are actually voting to change something that Oregon Area has no authority to change.

Skip A.: *The question has been asked of the motion maker if they wish to change the wording of their motion.*

Michelle, D5: Yes, I agree with that, thank you.

Chase B., Delegate: I would like to ask for a point of clarification: I would like to amend Mitch's amendment to the motion. The appropriate Committee would actually be the Trustee's Committee on Literature.

Skip A.: *Mitch, are you willing to change the amendment to Trustees Committee on Literature?*

Mitch S., D16: Yes.

Skip: *Is the motion maker willing to accept Trustees Committee in place of Literature Committee?*

Michelle, D5: Yes.

Skip A.: *Is Jim from Dist. 13 who seconded the motion willing to accept the amendment?*

Jim, D13: Yes.

*Secretary's note: Amended motion is re-read to the body (as shown above).*

Skip A.: *We will continue discussion on the revised motion.*

Joe S., D23: I pulled up the document and it's actually two and a half pages on Sponsorship of a 27 page pamphlet. Is that the pamphlet you are talking about lengthening?

Michelle, D5: Yes, that is the pamphlet and lengthening it is an option left up to the Trustees, as is reformatting it.

Mike, D31: My Group hands out the Sponsorship pamphlet to newcomers and as a newcomer if I thought I had to get a sponsor and a service sponsor I might still be drunk. Maybe there could be a separate pamphlet for a service sponsor.

Mike, D36: Are there any suggestions for changes or are we just going to have the service committee come up with modifications? Or do you have exact nomenclature you would like to present to that service committee and then have them adopt?

Michelle, D5: According to the General Service Office it is appropriate for us to make suggestions when asking for small changes, as in words or language. When we are asking for an entire section to be revamped, again we trust the people that are trained to do that and adjust it to make it better for all AA members.

Dean: I have not read the pamphlet, and any time I feel like I need to advise GSO, I would need to take it to my Group and see what they think and not make the decision on my own.

Bill B. Calls the question.  
Seconded by Dave K., D15

**Vote to end debate**  
**Debate ended**

Vote is taken to determine if the matter presented is Urgent and/or Administrative, or whether it should be tabled and sent back to the Groups.

**Vote is taken**  
**Motion is tabled**