

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

Wednesday June 16, 2021

ROLL CALL

Amy B, Becky D, Beverly C, Clare R, Cynthia W, Debbie B,, Jennifer A, Jane M, Jo B, John D, Ken J, Kristin A, Ivania R, Lisa G, Nick N, Norman M, Kelly K, Teresa E, Wayne T

7:00pm - Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer - Amy B

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Six - Lisa G

Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept VI - Jo B

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

New GSR

- *None*

Visitors

- *Ivania R., Area 58 Temp Translation Chair*

7:10pm - 7:30pm Presentation - Ivania R., Area 58 Temp Translation Chair

The Translation / Interpretation Committee provides communication for the Spanish-speaking AA community for Oregon Area service related needs. The Committee consists of a Chairperson and a Co-Chairperson, appointed by the Oregon Area Chairperson. The Committee Chairperson will coordinate and facilitate all Oregon Area Spanish interpretation and translation needs and requests. The Co-Chairperson will assist with translation and interpretation needs at Oregon Area assemblies and help to maintain a pool of translators and interpreters for Area 58 needs. Length of service is one year for the Chairperson and one year for the Co-Chairperson with the Co-Chairperson rotating into the Chairperson position.

Purpose

- *The Translation/Interpretation Committee coordinates and facilitates translation of documents such as the Delegate's post-conference report, Oregon Area business meeting minutes, Area motions, Area assembly agendas, and other Area and district-related documents. Additionally, it organizes interpretation services to assist non-English-speaking AA members to understand discussion and participate at all levels of Area service. This includes Area assembly business meetings, GSR sharing sessions, district reports, standing committee and Area Officer workshops, among other sessions.*

Translation Requests

- *Please submit other translation requests by email to translation@aa-oregon.org. Attach a Word or Excel document with the text you want translated, and indicate a preferred due date. Please allow a minimum of 10 days for fulfillment of all translation requests.*
- *Documents that are not related to Area or district business may be translated at the discretion of the translation committee based on time available.*

Service Positions

- *Chair: Currently Open*
- *Co-Chair: Ramon S. – email translation-alt@aa-oregon.org*

COMMENTS:

Amy B - How exhausting is translating

Ivania R - It is exhausting as sometimes it gets confusing so after about an hour / an hour and a half I need to take breaks.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - *Nick N*

Corrections to last month minutes - *None*

Motion to Approve Minutes - *Wayne T*

Second - *John B*

Treasury's Report - *Kristin A*

- *Ending Balance* \$2,651.13
- *Income* \$ 92.38
- *Expenses* **\$ 217.29**
- *Prudent Reserve* **\$1,250.00**
- *Available Balance* \$1,401.13

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - *Wayne T*

Second - *Clare R*

DCM - *Terry C*

May was pretty busy and filled with lots of information.

The May Assembly provided a great opportunity to learn more about the service structure and the function, proposed budgets, conference actions and how vital communication is to the future of our program.

As your District 16 Officers, we chose to mirror the Area and develop a service structure with the focus on the GSR. The Post Assembly Sharing Session is a pilot program created to offer all GSR, and anyone else that may be interested in learning more about the AA service structure, the opportunity and space to discuss the Assembly and ask questions to become more useful and valuable to the homegroup and AA as a whole.

The Post Conference Delegates Report is another way to provide ultimate transparency to all members of AA. Our Area 58 Delegate Amber will be offering her report to many Districts within Area 58 and if you weren't able to attend our scheduled event others will be scheduled in other districts and if you wish to find out more about where and when please contact me or your delegate directly at delegate@aa-oregon.org

*The members of your groups are not aware of what is happening in AA as a whole if you are not communicating information to them. The role of the GSR carries a bit more weight and responsibility than Secretary or even Treasurer. Your role as GSR is to be a "conduit of information". **What you***

hear, what you see, what you feel - at Area Assemblies, Sharing Sessions, Delegate Reports, District meetings - are all vital opportunities to share with your members, information about the 'goings on' in AA. If you are uncertain about what your group wants to hear about, ask them. Maybe they just want to hear about events and workshops, maybe they want to hear about how the money is spent, maybe they don't care ... but my guess is, if they voted for you to be their group's GSR ... they are interested in whatever YOU think they need to hear. YOU are their Trusted Servant and their link to AA as a whole. Suggested reading - From the Pamphlet GSO General Service Representative

- *When you're a general service representative (G.S.R.) You are linking your home group with the whole of A.A. In 1950, a new type of trusted servant, "group representative," was suggested to help in the selection of delegates to the newly formed General Service Conference. By 1953, the job of group representative was also seen as a good means of exchanging up-to-date information between individual groups and "Headquarters" (now the General Service Office). That's still an important side of your work. But now, as general service representative, you have an even bigger responsibility: You transmit ideas and opinions, as well as facts; through you, the group conscience becomes a part of "the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship," as expressed in the General Service Conference. Like everything else in A.A., it works through a series of simple steps. (For the complete picture in detail, read The A.A. Service Manual.)*

I love this program and I know you do too ... these are small responsibilities we can undertake to help ensure it continues to be around for the still suffering alcoholic stumbling into the rooms.

Thank you for letting me be your trusted servant

LDCM-A (Ashland, Phoenix, Talent) - Open

- *No report*

GSR - Nick N / Crack of Dawn / Monday through Saturday 7am

- *Online and very healthy - please join us*
- *COD is honored to be hosting the SOSM this month*

GSR - Norm M / Ashland Siskiyou Group / Tuesday and Thursday 8pm

- *We are doing well*
- *Business meeting online tomorrow to discuss potentially meeting live soon or hybrid*
- *I made it to the May Assembly meeting my first one and it was awesome*

LDCM-B - (Medford) - Amy B

- *If you didn't make it to the Assembly or Post Assembly sharing session check out Oregon Area website for our Delegate's quick reference reports*

GSR - Ken J / Hole in the Wall / Monday 7pm

- *Meeting still online*
- *Business meeting next Monday to discuss the spirit of rotation*

GSR - Dee / Unity Church Nooners

- *Working with the church to start up the meetings again in July*
- *We currently are not meeting live or online*

GSR - Becky / Keeping it Simple / Wednesday at noon / Women

- *We are meeting in person in the park*
- *No longer hybrid or online*
- *Our next business meeting we will discuss finding an inside meeting place*

GSR - Wayne / Chippers / Tuesday 7pm

- *Meeting in person at Hoover School in the field*
- *Bring your own chair*
- *Central office and District 16 website have both been updated*

LDCM-C Report (Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate, MFG, DOTR) - Wayne T

- *Attended Medford fellowship business meeting last Monday night and passed along District info and SOSM info*
- *There are several vacant positions available*
- *The design for living meeting in Jacksonville Sunday night is becoming closer to becoming registered*

GSR - John D / Dog on the Roof / Wednesday night 7pm

- *Online only*
- *Well attended 50-60 members each Wednesday night*
- *Negotiating with our landlords to see when we can meet live again*

LDCM-D Report (Central Point, White City, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, Prospect, Gold Hill) - Jane M

- *Continuing to visit meetings in my territory*
- *Gold Hill did not have a meeting*

- *Eagle Point Thursday women's meeting are meeting in person and online*
- *Clare and I are splitting our duties tomorrow night I will be going to the live meeting and Clare will be online*

GSR - Clare / Eagle Point / Women Only / Thursday 6pm

- *Online and in person*
- *At our next business meeting we will be discussing meeting in person*

GSR - Lisa G / No Name Group / Fridays 7:30pm

- *In person only (no longer virtual hybrid)*
- *With a group conscience vote to meet inside each week at the First Presbyterian Church in Central Point at 456 W. Pine Street*
- *Sarah P is no longer serving as "co" GSR, and my term will be up at the end of the year, so I am rigorously recruiting a new GSR to take over after the November assembly*

GSR - Beverly / GSR Eagle Point Step Sisters / Monday Night 6pm

- *Online and in person meeting*
- *We had six to eight members at our live meeting*
- *Online meeting had three people the past few weeks*
- *At our next business meeting will be discussing ending the online meeting*

GSR - Jennifer / Ruch Groups

- *All is well here in Ruch*
- *We are discussing ending hybrid and online format*
- *I passed along the SOSM info to our Ruch members*

7:30pm Appointed Committee Reports: *(Please keep reports to 3 minutes. When the timer goes off you will be thanked and we will move to the next report. The full report will go into the months minutes.)*

Access Committee - Open

- *No report*

Archives - Jennifer A

- *All is well*

Assembly Committee - Michael M (not present)

- *No report*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFW) - Women: (open)

- *No report*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFM) - Men: (open)

- *No report*

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B

- *The two ARC facilities are still humming along. I have heard a “rumor” they are considering opening back up again to allow someone to come in from the outside; much less to allow us to take clients to meetings again. We will need driver’s who are licensed and have vehicle insurance to step to help with this kind to make that meeting into a hybrid meeting to allow other women to participate. Torstein has been doing a GREAT job in keeping the men’s meeting going with a Big Book Study. However, he has made it clear that once things open again, he wants to step down as secretary of this meeting. We will need a male to step up and be there for this Wednesday at 1:15pm closed meeting.*
- *As going forward, I have been “spurred” into looking at getting other facilities back in action as well. I am excited and encouraged to see who else we can get a meeting into their facility to help the still suffering alcoholic. Today I read the line “that the hardest step is going from the door of the treatment facility to an AA meeting”. We do have a program called “Bridging the Gap”. And that is how I see our program * bridging the gap into long term sobriety. If you have not done so yet, you can use the form that is on our District website to volunteer to be one of those people who helps bridge that threshold.*

Events - Lea W (not present)

- *All is well working on a few workshop ideas for July and August*
- *Excited about our up and coming SOSM*
- *If you would like to get involved please contact me @ events@medfordareaaa.org*

SOSM Sub Committee Cynthia W

- *We are all set for our Saturday, June 26th date. Here are the following details:*
 - *Host: Crack of Dawn, Willie Mc C, secretary*

- *Intro Speaker: Ira R.*
- *Main Speaker: Marion W, Boca Raton, FL / Home Group: Just For Now*
- *September 25th we have a main speaker but no home group or intro speaker yet finalized*
- *Please contact me if anyone has a group that would be willing to host September's SOSM*

Grapevine - (Open)

- *NEW AA books available at www.aagrapevine.org*
- *Carry the message project is still going*
- *<https://www.aagrapevine.org/2021-carry-message-project>*

Public Information/Cooperation w/the Professional Community (PI/CPC) - Kelly K

- *Email for Daniel / risk management company looking to get info event in his training room*

Schedules - (Open)

- *Nothing is being printed*
- *Our Central Office in Medford has endorsed a live meeting directory that is being circulating and is marketing via their home page and has printed to hand out when you walk into the office: This printable meeting schedule hyperlink goes to: <http://tiny.cc/AAinperson>*

Telephones - Robin P (not present)

- *Due to health issues I am unable to attend District tonight. The following is this month's report on calls that have come in:*
 - *Total calls 18*
 - *3 calls were 12 step calls which were dispatched to volunteers*

Technology Committee - Nick J (not present)

- *No report*

Central Office Liaison Report - Demetrius

- *All is well at Central Office*

YPAA Liaison Report - Garrison M (not present)

- *No report*

Al-anon Liaison Report - Laurie B (not present)

- *No report*

8:00pm - Business Discussion >> [Link to view Robert's Rules of Order](#)

Ongoing Old Business:

- *None*

Planned New Business:

- *None*

8:25pm - District 16 Announcements/What's happening next month:

AREA CHALLENGE HISTORY

Just in case you may have forgotten or have never heard about the Area Challenge – here is the scoop on the 2021 challenge and flyer for \$7.34 on 7/31!

*Five years ago the Oregon Area 58 delegate issued a challenge to Alaska Area 02 to encourage groups to send an extra contribution to GSO. The amount would cover **each member's share of GSO group services**. At that time the annual cost of providing services to groups was \$7.14. Just for fun, the challenge was for each Area to collect this amount from each member and send it to GSO before 7/14.*

Groups in Oregon and Alaska loved the idea. As flyers circulated, more groups joined in the fun. Other delegates asked for a flyer, and soon the Chairman of the General Service Board called and asked for permission to translate and send flyers to delegates of all the other areas. That first year almost \$20,000 was collected by groups.

By the next General Service Conference, even more attention was given to the Financial Report by delegates. They relayed to groups that the Challenge that year was \$7.27 on 7/27, and groups responded with \$76,829 in self support contributions to GSO.

Groups started asking their delegate “What's the Challenge date this year?” In 2018 it was \$7.40 on 7/04. The following year it was \$8.06 on 8/06. In the pandemic year of 2020, the cost of group services was not known in time to send out a flyer. But this year we know the cost is \$7.34 and the nearest date is 7/31.

I hope members in your Groups will continue to enjoy this innovative way to unite groups and unify them with Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

*Many members have found that it is easier now to make personal online contributions regularly rather than drop it in a separate can at their group, so individual contributions have increased as a result of the Challenge. That's a good thing, but let's remember that this started out as a **group recognition of services received** and, as a result, members took up the challenge to support their groups and GSO in a simple and fun way. And, because of the enthusiasm and discussions involved, **lots of A.A. members now know that when they receive services from GSO, they have an implied individual responsibility to their group to support those services.***

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ON7Lty1ShbLbZp7f9VzvCxsHfauFzMMb/view?usp=sharing>

Please begin announcing this Challenge at your meetings and providing this brief history of this fun way to contribute and support the works of GSO who in turn support the individuals and groups. Ensuring that AA keeps it's primary focus on our Primary Purpose.

- [PNC registration](#) is now open! This is such a fantastic opportunity to attend this amazing event since it will be virtual!! Register today! You won't want to miss this!

8:30pm - Call to Adjourn - Close meeting with the AA Responsibility Statement

Call to Adjourn - Clare

Second - Jennifer V

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/6/2021 Post Conference Delegate **Virtual** Report Hosted by District 12

6/10/2021 Post Conference Delegate **Hybrid** Report Hosted by District 1
(rm ID940 8931 0302 password 470633)

6/26/2021 [PNC](#) - (Opens Saturday 9am to Sunday 12pm)

6/26/2021 [Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting](#) and Virtual Sobriety Countdown Hosted by District 16 Events and SOSM Committee 7pm to 8:30pm

