

ANONYMITY PROTECTED

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Business Meeting Minutes July 19, 2015

Sunday, January 19 – Business meeting

Attendees	Present
Districts (1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30)	96
Chairs (Chronicler, Corrections, CPC, GFP, Lit, PI, Treatment, Web)	8
Officers (Chair, Alt Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Board Chair, Board Alt Chair, Delegate, Alt Delegate, KASO OM)	9
Total voting members	113

Opening: Mike H, Chair, opened the meeting with a reading of the Kansas Area Assembly Preamble. Alt. Chair Galen E then read the 12 Traditions.

Minutes: Secretary Dave R read the business portion of the minutes of the January, 2015 Assembly meeting.

Corrections: Pg. 3, Joe C is from District 5, not 6.

Motion to approve with corrections by: Tim D, GSR, Dist 23 **Second:** Dawn MS, GSR, Dist 8 **Approved**

KASO Report by: Heather G, Office Manager (OM)

- New office phone (OOMA) is 785-370-0745
- Heather shared that she is retiring as OM at the end of the year.
- Assembly gave her a standing ovation.

Treasurer's Report by: Ken D, Area Treasurer, reported on the 2nd quarter, 2015:
(See Financial Report as published and distributed for full details.)

Income	2 nd Quarter	Year to Date	State Conference		
Groups	\$5,570.87	\$12,703.24	Income	2nd Quarter	Yr to Date
Other	\$1,521.70	\$4,405.95		\$ 2,304.72	\$ 4,743.72
Conferences	\$ 0.00	\$1,894.59	Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 359.91
Total income	\$7,097.57	\$19,003.78	Net Gain/Loss	\$ 2,304.72	\$ 4,383.81
Expenses	\$7,230.12	\$20,286.96	State Conf. Balance Sheet		
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 137.55	\$ 1,283.18	Assets		\$ 7,383.81
			Liabilities&Equity		\$ 7,383.81
Balance Sheet					
Assets		\$28,593.34			
Liabilities&Equity		\$28,593.34			

Motion to accept by: Sam W, DCM Dist 22 **Second:** Traci, B, GSR, Dist. 8 Motion approved.

KAAAAI Report by: Tom H, Board Chair

- Board reviewed the standing agenda items:
 - 2015 budget & expenses to date
 - Conference contracts for 2015 & 2016
 - Budget committee composition guidelines.
- Board discussed the Office Manager's resignation, and two options:
 - Hire a new OM, move the office, and continue making 88,000 copies a year, OR

- Return most of the duties to the Area Chairs & Officers, contracting only for some financial work.
- The Board reached consensus to recommend the following to the Assembly:
 - Not to hire a new OM, but to return duties to Chairs & Officers
 - Have a 2 day Committee meeting in October to iron out details of a plan to be implemented in Jan, 2016.
 - Start transferring some of the duties *now* so it will be in place by then.
- The Board Chair asked everyone to keep Concepts 3 & 4 in mind as we move forward.

2015 Conference Report by: Sheri P, 2015 Conf. Chair

- We started the weekend with 229 pre-registered, and 69 rooms reserved.
- We now have 268 pre-registered, and 79.5 rooms reserved
- We started the weekend with income of \$5,147, took in \$780.
- Goal is to have 300 pre-registered, and 100 rooms reserved.
- Dates to be aware of: Pre-registration deadline is 9/12/15. Online registration deadline is 9/15/15 at midnight. Hotel reservation deadline is 9/4/15, after which the hotel lets the block & rates go up.
- Please sign up for greeter, volunteering in registration, hospitality & coffee areas.
- Help us make the weekend happen. Promote the conference. If we have 730 registered, we'll be fully self-supporting.

(note from the Secretary – at the end of the day, Sheri announced we had 285 pre-registered, and 96 rooms reserved!)

Delegate Report by: Don G, Panel 64

- Remodeling & co-location of offices at New York starts this month.
- Directories – currently GSO is working on these, so get correct information in ASAP
- New Archives exhibit – AA's 10th Anniversary – is on the AA website.
- A new audio is also there – Sister Ignatia addressing the 1960 International Convention, telling the story of Dr. Bob admitting the first alcoholic to the Akron hospital.
- Went over the financials for GSO
- Will be giving the Delegate's report at the following:
 - Montezuma – Aug 1
 - Blue Springs Group – Aug 9 (joint presentation with Western Mo Area delegate)
 - Wichita Round Robin – Aug 16
 - District 23 – Oct. 3

Alt. Delegate Report by: Bruce L, Panel 64

- Due to personal reasons, I am stepping down as of today.

Roll Call: Those present are noted above. There were 113 voting members present.

Old Business:

1) Ken D, Area Treasurer, discussed our need to rebuild our prudent reserve. No motion, no request, but things to consider that individuals, groups, and districts can do.

- Pass an extra basket on Founders Day.
- Declare August as Support Month, and have a "Support the Area" day.
- Hold workshops on services offered by Area 25. Area chairs & officers can help!
- Emphasize the Birthday Plan (send \$1 for each year sober on your sobriety anniversary date).

New Business:

Board Chair gave some background information about the 1st 3 items pertaining to the resignation of the OM.

- 2/3 of the Area budget is for employing an office manager
- We make 88,000 copies per year. Most of this could be handled on the Area web site.
- Current copier lease expires in September; a new lease will be a minimum of \$18,500 over 5 years.

- We can outsource copying & mailings for less money.
- We need to move to more electronic communications.
- This will require DCMs, Officers, & Chairs to be more active in communication – print off copies you need for your district, committee, etc.
- We can drop the bulk mailing permit if we quit sending out paper copies of the GFP.
- This change will require more involvement of more people – this will probably result in more participation, which is good.

1) Moved that the Area Chair appoint a Registrar.

(Registrar will take over duties of group records. See page S45 in the Service Manual for description of duties. This person will start working *now* with Heather to learn the New Vision software that GSO uses)

Moved: JC R, DCM, Dist 6. Second: Kat M, GSR Dist 23. Motion passed with 4 Nays. Minority opinion expressed that the membership at large needs to be involved because this is a structural change. No one in the majority wished to change their vote. **Motion carried. , Mike H, Area Chair, appointed Sam M, Dist 10, to serve as Registrar.**

2) To have a 2 day Area Committee meeting October 16-18, 2015. Approve the 2015 budget.

Moved: Traci B, GSR Dist 8. Second: Kim K, GSR Dist 9. Discussion noted this will allow 90 days for GSRs & DCMs to take the detailed plan to their groups/districts, so they can be informed for the Jan. 2016 Assembly. Motion passed with 1 Nay. Minority opinion expressed that, due to other obligations, they couldn't stay for a 2nd day in October. No one in the majority wished to change their vote. **Motion carried.**

3) That the Board continue developing plans for structural changes in the business office, to be presented in October:

Moved: Rita G, GSR Dist 9. Second: Randy K, GSR Dist 8. **Motion carried.**

4) Approve se of Mail Chimp by the Area for distributing flyers.

Moved: Kat M, GSR Dist 23 Second: Sam W, DCM Dist 22. Discussion focused on whether a person has to opt in to receive the mailings, and whether they can opt out. Motion passed with 6 Nays. Minority opinion expressed that "I want to decide for myself, not the Area." No one in the majority wished to change their vote. **Motion carried.**

5) Approve anonymity protected Grape Free Press and other correspondence from Area 25, whether on the web site or via email.

Moved: Sam W, DCM Dist. 22. Second: Kim K, GSR Dist 9. Discussion – JC R, DCM Dist 6, noted we already have it in the guidelines that the GFP is anonymity protected. Clarification that the version that is emailed to members has *not* been anonymous, just the version on the web site. **Motion carried.**

6) Elect a Delegate for Panel 66 (2016-17).

Standing: Sue N, GFP Editor; Ken D, Area Treasurer; Galen E, Alt. Chair; Ed M, Treasurer Dist 9; Sheri P, DCM Dist 8; Dave R, Area Secretary. **Sue N elected on 4th ballot.**

7) Elect an Alternate Delegate for Panel 66 (2016-17).

Standing: Galen E, Alt. Chair; Dave R, Area Secretary; Ken D, Area Treasurer; Sheri P, DCM Dist 8. **Dave R elected on 2 ballot. Mike H, Area Chair, asked the Assembly's approval for Dave to start serving now to fill the rest of Bruce's term. Approved.**

8) Elect an Area Chairperson for 2016-17.

Standing: Galen E, Alt. Chair; Ken D, Area Treasurer; Jerry W, Al-Anon Liaison; Sheri P, DCM Dist 8. After 4 ballots, it went to the hat. **Sheri P was drawn.**

9) Elect an Alt. Area Chairperson for 2016-17.

Standing: Rich Schmidtberger, PI Chair; Jerry W, Al-Anon Liaison; Ed M, Dist. 9 Treasurer; Jon R, past member of KAAAAl board & DCM. **Jon R was elected on the 2nd ballot.**

10) Elect a Treasurer for 2016-17.

Standing: Jerry W, Al-Anon Liaison; Ken S, Dist. 8 Treasurer; **Ken S was elected on the 3rd ballot.**

11) Elect an Alt. Treasurer for 2016-17.

Standing: Jerry W, Al-Anon Liaison. **Jerry W was elected by acclamation.**

12) Elect a Secretary for 2016-17.

Standing: Ed M, Dist 9 Treasurer. **Ed M was elected by acclamation.**

13) Elect an Alt. Secretary for 2016-17.

Standing: Dawn M-S, GSR, Dist 8; Andy K, GSR, Dist 10. **Andy K was elected on the 2nd ballot.**

Chair closed the meeting with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

David R
Area Secretary