

**MINUTES OF S-ANON 2010 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE (WSC)  
JULY 9, 2010**

1. **Opening.** The WSC was opened by the WSC Chair, with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.
2. **Welcome.** The WSC Chair gave a brief welcome to the attendees – the Area Delegates, World Service Office Executive Director, and Board of Trustees members in attendance. (List of Attendees is Attachment 1 to this document.) He spoke about the need for S- Anon to grow, given the prevalence of sexual addiction in our era.
3. **Credential Committee Report:** The BOT Secretary gave the Credential Committee Report. Twenty-one WSC members signed in; that means that 14 votes will constitute the 2/3rds required to pass a motion.
4. **Minutes of the 2009 World Service Conference:** The minutes were read by the BOT Chair and the BOT Secretary. They were approved with the following corrections, suggested by the Delegate from E. Canada:
  - p. 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> line, should read "The WSC Chair explained that WSC members took a group conscience as to what day members would prefer in accordance with the Traditions."
  - p. 2, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet under New Business, I. 10: "currant" should be spelled "current."
5. **Roll call and Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves and identified their area of responsibility (WSO staff, Delegate or Board member).
6. **Program Readings:** S-Anon 12 Steps read by the AZ Delegate; Traditions read by the CO Delegate; Concepts read by the MA Delegate.
7. **Board of Trustees Report (BOT Chair):** Briefly summarized the Chair's report, emphasizing the need for volunteers for service. Q.: Why do the terms of Trustees end in August, which means that the WSC is asked to approve a slate of Trustees, some of whom will be stepping down? A.: The BOT will look at making a switch to ending Trustee terms in June, so that the slate of Officers will be finalized in time for the WSC.
8. **World Service Office Report (Executive Director):** The Ex. Director gave a brief summary of the last year at the WSO, including the environmental hazard. There were no questions.
9. **Committee reports:** Each committee chair, or committee member, in the absence of a chair, gave a brief summary of the report that is contained in the "BOT Report to the World Service Conference," distributed prior to the meeting.
  - a. **Executive:** Q: Could we use a "virtual" administrative assistant, someone who could work remotely and would not have to be present in Nashville? A.: That may be a possibility in the future. Q.: Could we have a password protected website for exchanges of information and communication? A.: That may be possible in the future, but currently we are dealing with a widely differing range of technical capabilities on the BOT.
  - b. **Finance:** Highlighted the fact that S-Anon hasn't had a Treasurer for two years; the finance committee is doing what they can to make sure

that the legal requirements are met. S-Anon needs not only a Treasurer but others who have a background in finance and accounting to join the Finance Committee. There were no questions.

c. **Literature:** Q.: How much writing is needed for the Traditions? A.: We might have approximately 30% of what we need. Editors and Readers are not needed right now, but writers are needed. Q: What is the purpose of developing a pamphlet [on the Traditions] rather than a book? A: We would like to have both, but we already have the questions [for a pamphlet] because people are using their own questions and their own ways to study the Traditions.

d. **Convention:** There are two members, but no Chair, so we are not recruiting new members. Several upcoming conventions have been approved -- January 2011 in Irvine, CA, July 2011 in Portland, OR, and January 2012 in New York.

e. **World Service Conference:** This committee is without a Chair. We have decided not to produce a word-for-word transcript so that minutes will be available in a more timely fashion.

f. **PI&O:** None, Chair is vacant

g. **Archives:** We are soliciting information through requests of old timers and hopefully a questionnaire, focusing on 1983 – 1999. There were no questions.

h. **S-Ateen:** None, Chair is vacant

i. **Policy Study and Service Communications:** This is a new committee, currently composed of the committee chair and one other member. We will consider ideas and policies that would affect the fellowship as a whole, and provide information as to whether they are in line with the Traditions and Concepts. There were no questions.

10. **Report from the Delegates:** Delegates' report was read by the Delegate from MO. Delegates held an election in their morning session (the first Delegate Assembly of S-Anon); Chair (NC Delegate), Secretary (TN Delegate) and Group Representative (MO Delegate). They have been meeting monthly by conference call and have been active in communicating with each other and getting to know each other. Vision: Group Representative would act as a liaison; GR would participate in BOT conference calls if that is acceptable to the BOT. Work has begun on describing the Roles and Responsibilities of a Delegate. Goals for the future include holding additional Delegate conferences -- defining their purpose, clarifying their roles, identifying their structure.

11. **Short Break** was taken

12. **New Business [Note: Full text of Motions d, e, g, and h are available on the S-Anon website]:**

a. **Motion from the Floor:** Delegate from Missouri brought a motion to the floor, as follows:

“Move to remove Article 3, Section III from the Bylaws of the S-Anon International Family Groups Board of Trustees (BOT).” [This is the requirement that a person have 5 years in the S-Anon program in order to serve as a trusted servant (Trustee) on the Board.]

After some discussion, the Chair ruled the motion was out of order, since only the Board of Trustees can vote changes to the Bylaws of the BOT. The decision of the Chair was appealed, and a vote was taken as to whether to sustain or overturn the Chair's decision that the motion was out of order. There were 16 members in favor of sustaining the Chair's decision, and 4 in favor of overturning the Chair's decision. The Chair's decision was upheld. The WSC could recommend to the Board that they change the Bylaws at their next meeting.

- b. Motion to Confirm the S-Anon Board of Trustees:** Policy Committee Chair introduced corrections to the slate of officers being proposed, as follows: J. D-W is proposed to serve as Chair (term ending 2012); M. M. proposed as Co-Chair (term ending 2013). West Trustee: Position Vacant. Policy Committee Chair moved that the amended slate be approved by the WSC. Second by the MA Delegate. No discussion. 19 in favor; 1 opposed. Board was approved as corrected.
- c. Procedural Motion was made that we institute a Minority Opinion.** This would allow those who are in the minority after the vote is taken to restate their position (one speaker only). There would be no rebuttal, and then there would be a second vote. Motion was seconded. It was clarified that if enough people switched their votes, there would be a new Minority, and thus another Minority Opinion, followed by another vote. 10 in favor; 5 opposed. Motion failed.
- d. Motion 1: Amending Bylaws of the S-Anon International Family Groups, Inc.** It was clarified that only one of the changes was substantive -- the first change dealing with Article III, Section VI. The other changes were made to correct typos and inconsistencies. An amendment was proposed to deal with each change as a separate motion. The vote was 6 in favor, 10 opposed; the amendment failed. Discussion included the idea that there may be other major changes necessary, so we could change everything at one time if we waited. The concern regarding the change to Article III, Section VI was that even if the Office Manager or Executive Director was not a member of the program, they should have a voice *and* a vote. Vote on the original motion was taken: 12 in favor; 8 opposed. Motion failed.
- e. Motion 2: Clarification/Amendments to WSC Charter:** Clarification was offered that only the change to Section IX, Conference Meetings, is substantive, made because in the absence of a Chair for the World Service Conference Committee, Board members had to add this to their duties this year. The proposed change was amended twice, once to remove a sentence, and once to add a sentence, as shown below.

A. The Conference meets annually. **The Conference may vote to postpone its annual meeting for one year subject to the approval of 2/3 of the Conference members polled by telephone or e-mail.** ~~In addition, if the position of World Service Conference Committee Chairperson is not filled six months prior to the scheduled Conference, subject to the approval of 2/3s of the Board of Trustees, the Board may elect to postpone the full WSC for one year, or conduct an abbreviated WSC, providing an electronic report from the Board of Trustees.~~  
**ADDED: "In the event the World Service Conference Committee is without a Chair six months prior to the scheduled Conference, and a poll of the**

conference members indicates a desire to hold a WSC in that year, the responsibility will fall to the Delegates to make the arrangements for the WSC."

A number of people spoke in favor of the amendment to state that in the absence of a WSCC Chair, the responsibility would devolve upon the Delegates. It was clarified that the Delegates would get the same support from the WSO that the Board has gotten, if the Delegates had to coordinate the WSC. Vote on the second amendment to Section IX, Conference Meetings, was held: 20 were in favor. The rest of the motion remained as submitted. A vote was taken on the entire motion, as amended: 21 in favor, none opposed. The motion passed as amended.

f. **Motion was made and seconded to extend the WSC to 4:30**, rather than closing at 4:00. 18 in favor; 4 opposed. Motion passed.

g. **Motion 3. Amendment of WSC Charter to provide for a Delegate from phone meetings.** Motion maker introduced the motion, stating that there were several amendments. First Amendment would add "Item C." to Section II, Composition to read as follows:

"C. A Delegate to represent S-Anon members that participate in phone groups."

Other changes had to do with updating of statistics on phone groups. Questions were asked in relation to the following: how much contact the phone group delegate would have with their participants/constituents; how the phone groups would make regular contributions to the WSO; how a member who attends both would be represented, and why could they not be represented by their Area Delegate; how the phone groups deal with meetings that are not "registered groups," (like couples meetings); what needs the phone groups have that are not being met because they don't have a Delegate. After some discussion, a vote was held: 19 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstain. The motion passed.

h. **Motion 4. Regarding use of Sexaholics Anonymous (SA) literature as S-Anon Conference Approved Literature:** Literature Committee Chair introduced the motion, and clarified that it was coming from her as a member who is also the Literature Committee Chairperson. It was not a motion from the Literature Committee. Questions were asked related to why the motion was coming to the WSC again, having been defeated last year (8 in favor; 15 opposed); and why SA literature was being singled out and AA and AI-Anon literature being retained. The motion was tabled, as it was time to adjourn.

i. **Meeting was adjourned** at 4:30pm as previously decided, and the Serenity Prayer was said.

**Attachment 1**

**List of Attending WSC Members – July 2010 WSC**

1. Delegate from MA
2. Delegate from VA
3. Delegate from FL
4. Delegate from TN
5. BOT Chair
6. Delegate from SC
7. Archives Committee Chair & Trustee-at-Large
8. Delegate from MO
9. Delegate from N. CA
10. BOT Secretary
11. Policy Committee Chair & Trustee-at-Large
12. WSO Executive Director
13. Delegate from AZ
14. Delegate from CO
15. Alt Delegate from S. CA
16. Delegate from Eastern Canada
17. West Regional Trustee
18. Delegate from NC
19. Delegate from IL
20. Delegate from MI
21. Literature Committee Chair & Trustee-at-Large
22. Alt Delegate from MD