

# S-ANON 2011 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

## PORTLAND, OREGON

July 15, 2011

1. Sign in

2. **Opening.** The WSC was opened by the WSC Chair with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

3. **Welcome.** The WSC Chair gave a brief welcome to the attendees – the Area Delegates, and Board of Trustees members in attendance. (List of Attendees is Attachment 1 to this document.)

4. **Credential Committee Report:** BOT Secretary, gave the Credential Committee Report. Twenty-seven WSC members signed in which means that 18 votes will constitute the 2/3rds required to pass a motion.

5. **Adoption of the agenda**

The WSC Chair moved to adopt the agenda. The FL Delegate requested to add a motion from the floor to the agenda. An objection was made stating there is a section in the agenda to cover floor motions. No other objections. Agenda was accepted.

6. **Minutes of the 2010 World Service Conference:**

The FL Delegate made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by SW Trustee. Two corrections were noted.

- MI Delegate, was not present at the 2010 WSC.
- Representative from N CA was the Delegate not the Alternate.

Secretary made motion to accept minutes with those changes. Second was made by W Trustee. Minutes were accepted.

7. **Roll call and Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves and identified their area of responsibility (WSO staff, Delegate or Board member).

8. **Program Readings:** S-Anon 12 Steps was read by the GA Delegate. The S-Anon 12 Traditions was read by the ICC Chair. The S-Anon 12 Concepts was read by the FL Delegate.

9. **Board of Trustees Report:**

The BOT Chair briefly discussed the focus on increasing our communication at all levels. She also talked about being available to fellowship by enhancing our web site. It was noted that many changes are occurring at the WSO and the activity level has sharply increased without the benefit of additional staff. A phone tree was created to help with all the questions that now come through the WSO. There were no questions.

10. **Board of Trustees co-chair report:**

Part of this position's job description includes guardian of the by-laws. An example of recent activity included looking at the requirement for 5 years in the program to hold a Board position.

A question was asked on how the process has changed since the WSC last year. The BOT Co-Chair explained that a review of the Charter and By-Laws determined that a full vote of WSC was not needed to make a change to the By-Laws.

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**11. World Service Office Report (Executive Director position vacant):**

The BOT Secretary did report as member of Executive Committee.

Questions and concerns were raised around keeping contact information current and keeping track of permission to give out contact information within the organization.

**12. 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:**

This was previously covered under the Chair report and WSO report. There were no questions.

**b. Finance:**

The Finance Committee designee highlighted that the Finance committee's role is to shepherd the finances. It is owned by BOT. A budget is developed through BOT members. It is presented, discussed and approved. The Finance Committee facilitates tracking expenses and income.

No treasure for last 4 years. Progress – one new member has shown interest but wants learning curve. Always need members on committee – does not need finance experience or skills.

Questions and concerns around how we make budget decisions and a request for more info on the "other" expense category.

**c. Literature:** Presented by the Literature Committee Chair

Questions and Concerns

- For the Traditions book in progress, what is most needed for more writings on the Traditions book? Answer was #6 and #8.
- Concern from constituents expressed to Regional Trustee that original story will be reworded and no longer their own. How does the editing process work? The Literature Committee Chair explained the process.

**d. Convention:** Presented by the ICC Chair

The Committee is looking for additional members, especially with skills with electronic templates. Also looking at how we are cooperating with SA on Convention planning.

Question on how come we have so many conventions in Nashville. Answer is that Nashville is willing to host.

**e. World Service Conference:** Presented by the WSC Committee Chair

Goal accomplished was to get out motions earlier – and available on line anytime. Developing FAQ page for web site along with blank form

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No Questions.

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

g. **Archives:** Presented by the Archives Committee Chair

Lots of activity and many volunteers stepped up to help. We need a committee member who has access to the WSO in Nashville who can help with file and binder cleanup tasks and a member with electronic media skills to help with our traveling display.

There were no questions.

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

i. **Policy Study and Service Communications:** Presented by the PSSC Committee Chair

Currently have 3 issues they are looking at.

Question on who can submit request form. The PSSC Committee Chair answered that anyone could submit a request but in the past it was sent through a delegate. She also reiterated that the Committee does not make policy, only considers issues and makes recommendations.

### 13. **Report from the Delegates:**

Delegates' report was read by the Delegate from TN. She reported that recruitment is their number one priority.

No questions

### 14. **Short Break** was taken

### 15. **Unfinished Business**

**Motion 1:** Regarding use of Sexaholics Anonymous (SA) literature as Conference Approved Literature

An objection was made to the motion stating that SA literature is an outside issue and the motion as stated was not presented from the S-Anon point of view.

Chair ruled in agreement with objection

Question on point of order – can the motion be amended. Answer – at the end during “motions from the floor” if time permits, the motion can be reworded and presented.

### 16. **New Business**

**Motion to Confirm the S-Anon Board of Trustees:**

Motion was made and seconded. Board was approved.

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### **Motion 2:**

Hold a Fellowship wide Group Conscience to use only non-gender specific words in all our literature when referring to God

There was no second made to the motion so no vote was taken.

**Motion 3** (from WSC Floor): To change the World Service Conference Charter to clearly include representatives from other countries as members of the World Service Conference.

Motion made by the NC Delegate. There was much debate with numerous pros and cons presented. Many felt that a change to the charter was not necessary because the existing language was adequate. Motion did not pass with the 3/4 vote necessary to change the Charter and therefore the motion failed.

Motion made by W Trustee to take a group conscience to extend meeting time to 4:40 pm. A second was made by the GA Delegate and the motion passed.

**Motion 4** (from WSC Floor): To add paragraph D to Section II of the World Service Conference Charter: A Delegate to represent S-Anon members that participate in online meetings.

Motion made by the FL Delegate. After much discussion with numerous pros and cons presented, a "Call to Question" was made. A vote was taken and passed.

A vote on the motion was taken and failed.

**Motion to adjourn** was made and second. Motion passed.

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### **WSC VOTING MEMBERS** (in attendance)

#### **DELEGATES**

Missouri  
Florida  
North Carolina  
Tennessee  
Arizona  
Colorado  
Northern California  
Southern California  
Montana  
Oregon NO  
Georgia  
Washington  
Michigan  
Illinois

#### **ALTERNATE DELEGATES**

Alt. – South Carolina

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chairperson  
Co-Chairperson  
Secretary  
Midwestern Trustee  
Northwestern Trustee  
Southwestern Trustee  
Western Trustee  
Archives Committee Chairperson & Trustee-at-Large  
Convention Committee Chairperson & Trustee-at-Large  
Literature Committee Chairperson & Trustee-at-Large  
World Service Conference Committee Chairperson & Trustee-at-Large  
Policy Study and Service Communications Committee & Chairperson Trustee-at-Large

### **WSC OBSERVERS AND SPECIAL WORKERS**

#### **ALTERNATE DELEGATES**

Alt. – Southern California (observer because Delegate is in attendance) NO

Alt. – Oregon (observer because Delegate is in attendance)

#### **WSC SPECIAL WORKERS**

Secretary  
Parliamentarian  
Finance Committee Designee, Parliamentarian