

**S-ANON 2017 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES**  
**Newark, New Jersey**  
**July 14, 2017**

- 1. Sign in, meet and greet**
- 2. Opening and welcome:** The World Service Conference Chairperson opened the 2017 World Service Conference (WSC) with the serenity prayer.
- 3. Credentials Committee report:** The Credentials Committee Spokesperson reported that 33 voting WSC members were present: 19 Delegates, 14 Board of Trustees. The number of votes needed to reach a quorum was 22 votes to constitute the 2/3 required to pass a motion. Attendance list is attached.
  - *Update:* 2 more Delegates joined the WSC. Number of voting members now present was 35. Number of votes needed to reach a quorum was now 23.
  - *Update:* 1 more BOT member joined the WSC. Number of voting members now present was 36. Number of votes needed to reach a quorum was now 24.
- 4. Roll call and introductions:** Everyone introduced himself or herself and identified their areas of responsibility (WSO staff, Delegate or Board member).
- 5. Adoption of the agenda:** The Georgia Delegate made a motion to adopt the agenda, as written, and the BOT/Executive Committee Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair seconded the motion. There was no discussion or objections. Motion to approve the agenda as written: Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Travel expense reimbursement guidelines:** The WSO Executive Director reviewed the travel expense reimbursement guidelines reminded everyone that the deadline to submit expenses is August 4, 2017.
- 7. Minutes of the 2016 World Service Conference:** The WSC Chair stated that the 2016 WSC Minutes had already been approved and were included in the WSC Packet as a point of reference.
- 8. Opening comments and program readings:** The Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts were read.
- 9. Board of Trustees (BOT) Chairperson's report:** The BOT Chair referred to the published report. One of the BOT's main goals was to fill the Executive Director position. It has been a smooth transition to the new Executive Director. Two new pieces of literature have been produced. We need to fill the Archive Committee Chair and Treasurer positions. The BOT Chair then asked for questions, but there weren't any.
- 10. BOT Co-Chairperson's report:** The BOT Co-Chair was not present during this portion of the WSC, but the report was included in the WSC Packet.

**11. World Service Office (WSO) report:** The Executive Director (ED) referenced the published report and briefly talked about staffing changes at the WSO. Some of the priorities include increasing the online presence of S-Anon with Google Analytics, starting a recovery blog and podcast, transitioning from Peachtree to QuickBooks accounting system, creating an online version of the service manual in Manula, and reprinting *Working the S-Anon Program* and *The Twelve Steps of S-Anon*. The ED also mentioned some of the accomplishments such as transitioning from a long time financial advisor to a CPA firm, expanding the eBook fulfillment, and digitizing the Spanish version of *Working the S-Anon Program*. Goals include exploring ways to expand financial viability and sustainability of the WSO.

**12. BOT Committee reports:**

- a. **Executive Committee (EC):** The BOT Chair referenced the published report and mentioned the Global Coordination Committee. The BOT Chair then asked for questions.

**Q:** Maryland Delegate: The EC report mentions database maintenance for group database and lone members. Can you tell us a little more about that—specifically, connecting men nationally and children of, as opposed to spouses? The Delegates want to know how we can best serve them as well as people who want to be sponsored in their own languages. Also, connecting those who are incarcerated would be helpful.

**A:** ED: The Lone Member/Lone Newcomer Database is for those who contact the WSO and there's not a group in their area but if one starts they are interested in knowing about it or they are interested in starting a group if there is interest from others. Also, we have a phone support list and languages spoken or specific areas like incarceration or children of or parents of are noted on that list.

**A:** BOT Chair: The Public Information and Outreach Committee has a subcommittee for Corrections Outreach to those who are incarcerated. The WSO refers people to the phone and Skype meetings that are in different languages.

**A:** ED: We don't actually know what inquirers are searching for when they contact the WSO so that's why those serving as phone support are asked to indicate the specific areas they are available for on the list.

**Q:** Georgia Delegate: Is there a database for all calls that can be used to report on lone members, Spanish-speaking inquiries, incarceration, need for sponsors, etc.?

**A:** ED: Members on the Long Distance Sponsor list indicate specifics such as languages or availability to sponsor men. We hope to increase the resources for lone members and those who need sponsors but it's really up to volunteer availability.

**Q:** Online Delegate: Our online group has come to the understanding that we are not holding people well because we are not structured well for our sponsorship offering. If you're looking for ways to build S-Anon's message, this is a critical piece and deserves the status of a committee.

**A: ED:** When inquirers contact the WSO they receive a newcomer welcome which describes how to participate in phone, Skype and online meetings, information about groups in their areas and the contact person, and a brief description of S-Anon. Until we're in a place to draw in volunteers to be sponsors and phone support, what the WSO can provide is limited. The WSO is not a hotline and we can't go into detail with people. So we relay the message of the available resources and redirect inquirers to members who have volunteered to be phone support and sponsors.

**Q: S-Ateen Committee Chair:** S-Ateen also needs sponsors but this is more challenging because our guidelines are that adult S-Ateen Group Sponsors don't sponsor individual teens and that the teens sponsor each other.

**A: BOT Chair:** We all have to participate and encourage members of our groups to start sponsoring and to carry the message.

**Q: Virginia Delegate:** The report mentions convention support and talks about conventions being held outside of North America and whether or not we would send the ED. We've talked in the past about SA wanting to have a convention outside of North America but that our Fellowship would not necessarily be able to do that for financial reasons so there was the thought of having separate conventions. Could someone clarify that? I also want to clarify if the Corrections Committee is for S-Anons who are incarcerated or for the spouses of those who are incarcerated?

**A: BOT Chair:** The ICC Chair will address the convention issues when that report is presented. As far as incarceration, it is for both.

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- b. **Finance Committee (FC):** The BOT/EC Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair referenced the published report. We are seeking additional membership and would like to have two or three more people join the FC with at least one being a Delegate. We're looking for people with a financial or accounting background. One of the key things we're working on this year with the WSO is the transition to QuickBooks. The Treasurer/FC Chair reminded everyone to submit a reimbursement request form even if our expenses are being covered by local groups or Intergroups and even if we are not requesting reimbursement. "WSO Updates" that go out three times a year include a section "From the Treasurer's Desk," and we encourage questions about finances. The Treasurer/FC Chair then shared highlights of the budget: 2016 finished favorable to budget \$26,000 due to good contributions and reduced spending. Our year-to-date funding for 2017 is down according to budget and according to our prior year on giving and sales, but mostly contributions. The Treasurer/FC Chair encouraged the WSC members to promote contributions and literature sales to their local areas and then asked for questions.

**Q: Online Delegate:** The Online Community has many members but no way to support the Online Delegate financially. I would like to request that you help us as an online community because the future is online.

**A:** FC Chair: You brought this up last year, and we did discuss this at the board level and on the FC. The way groups operate is that they are completely separate from the structure of the Fellowship as a whole. For example, my local group is part of an Intergroup. My Intergroup has a bank account, and we have volunteers that step up as Treasurer for the Intergroup to deposit money that is collected into the bank account.

**Q:** Online Delegate: Whose social security number do you use to open that bank account?

**A:** FC Chair: Whoever opens the account gets an FEIN (Federal Identification Number).

**Q:** Is it for non-profit?

**A:** FC Chair: Yes, absolutely. Isn't there a document that talks about how to structure an Intergroup?

**A:** ED: The Service Manual goes over how groups and Intergroups can open a bank account.

**Q:** Online Delegate: That's very helpful.

**A:** ED: A lot of groups don't have the resources to create a non-profit status so, people will put their personal social security numbers on bank accounts.

**A:** FC Chair: People can donate directly to the WSO. They can do it online, or they can get money orders if they're worried about anonymity. They send money orders or checks directly to the WSO. There are many ways to contribute, and it ought to be encouraged all the time. They can put their group number or name on the donation. The Online Group has a Group ID#. As far as you being the Delegate and getting reimbursed, that would be done through you setting up an Intergroup for your Progress Meeting. If you have a concentration of people in a specific state, then you might request a Treasurer in that local area, however that could easily bounce around because we change service positions.

**A:** New York Delegate: Our Intergroup gives donations through Square or you can do it online with PayPal.

**Q:** Online Delegate: Anonymity is the issue.

**A:** New York Delegate: Anonymity at the level of press, films, radio, TV and internet, but if we're giving money no one's going to go stalking, we hope.

The WSC Chair reminded WSC members to go to the microphone with questions or comments.

- c. **Literature Committee (LC):** The Literature Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large referenced the published report and stated that the LC has a lot going on right now. The big news is a new piece of Conference Approved Literature (CAL), *Traditions One, Two, and Three*, is published in booklet form and available for sale. The other Traditions work is ongoing and eventually will be part of a 12 & 12—*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. The LC is also working on a pamphlet, *Sharing Recovery with Your Children*. We have content ready for the next 15 months for the Blog Posting project. The sanon.org website is being revamped and will have two sections: the Newcomers site and the Members Only site. We'll post the contents for the blog when the new website is up and running. The LC is reviewing the green book,

*Working the S-Anon Program*, before it needs to be reprinted. We are also working on a pamphlet, "What is the S-Anon Point of View?", and hope to have that finished by the end of the year. We now have a sponsoring editor for *The Twelve Concepts* so that can start through the CAL process. We would like to begin work on the approved-in-concept booklet that will use existing writing from past *S-Anews* issues. The LC Chair stated that there are openings for readers and briefly went over what readers do. The LC Chair then asked for questions.

**Q:** ICC Chair: Will you be using information for the 12 & 12 directly from the blue book?

**A:** LC Chair: Originally the Traditions project was approved in concept to be similar to Al-Anon's 12 & 12, so that's the plan going forward. We're not there yet but that was the original approved-in-concept plan for the Traditions work.

**Q:** NY Delegate: You're reprinting the green book and the thought comes to mind about Motion Three on the agenda. What has the committee thought about that?

**A:** LC Chair: Yes, we have talked about it several times. I'll let the ED speak to that.

**A:** ED: The motion is to take a Fellowship-Wide Group Conscience because it would be a change to our Traditions. There's a further process that would need to take place to make those changes official, and that could take up to two years. We don't have time to wait for that process to be completed before we reprint.

d. **International Convention Committee (ICC):** The International Convention Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large shared that her term as the ICC Chair would end in a few weeks. The ICC Chair went over some of the things that the committee had accomplished over the previous year such as opening communications between the ICC and host committees. We are looking for new members. There is a possibility of an S-Anon-only convention January 2019 in Nashville. This would be a combined effort with the ICC, the WSO, and the local area. We are looking at how to handle the financial aspect of it since usually that falls on the host committee and there isn't an actual host committee. The ICC Chair then asked if there were any questions, but there weren't any.

e. **World Service Conference Committee (WSCC):** The World Service Conference Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large briefly reviewed what the WSCC does. We really need to have a Delegate on this committee because we want our communications with you all to be closer and more direct. In addition to preparing for the next WSC, this coming year we're going to be working on providing online orientation prior to attending the WSC. The WSCC Chair then asked if there were any questions.

**Q:** Illinois Delegate: It would be helpful for Delegates and the WSCC to have a conference call so questions can be answered.

**A:** WSCC Chair: That's a good idea. I did participate on one of the Delegate calls to be available for questions. We welcome your questions and any contact you'd like to have, but maybe doing a more organized overview of the motions would be helpful.

**A:** Northwest Regional Trustee: We very carefully gathered the responses from last year's WSC so that we could be, as a committee, responsive to you. So please fill out those feedback forms.

- f. **Public Information and Outreach Committee (PI&O):** The Public Information and Outreach Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large stated that they are looking for new members. The *Outreach Guide* is 90% finished and will be a service "how to." Suggestions on how to attract new members are welcome. The approval process has been expedited. Normally a piece of service literature gets written and then it goes to the LC readers and editors. What we are doing now is having a LC Editor edit the document in parts. The goal was to have this finished by July 2017, and that's not going to happen, but we're really picking up speed. Next steps are to format the whole thing. Formatting will depend on whether the guide will be a web-only document, a printed document, or a download. A member of the PI&O Committee prepared content for 15 months of the Blog Posting project. The content of the blog is pulled from *Reflections of Hope*, *S-Anon Twelve Steps*, and *Working the S-Anon Program*. Yesterday there was a panel discussion for healthcare helping professionals, and the S-Anon information was shared with them. They were thrilled to get this information. We are going to include a list of professional organizations in the hope that if one of those organizations has a convention or a conference in your area, you will know how to gather materials and take them to the event. Again, this is increasing the awareness of both S-Anon and S-Ateen. We would eventually like to have a "prepare for a conference in a box." We have a subcommittee for Corrections Outreach. We don't have anybody to lead that, so the subcommittee will go into limbo. The PI&O Chair asked those who might be interested in leading the Corrections Outreach Subcommittee to let her know and then asked if there were any questions.

The LC Chair commented that the Blog Posting project was going forward in collaboration with the PI&O Committee and expressed gratitude.

- g. **Archives Committee:** The WSC Chair announced that the Archives Committee is inactive and encouraged participation.
- h. **S-Ateen Committee:** The S-Ateen Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large recognized two former S-Ateen Committee Chairs. The report is long because we are a very active committee. Even though the S-Ateen Fellowship is relatively small, it is growing. The S-Ateen Committee has contributed information about S-Ateen for the IC Guidelines, the PI&O Outreach Guide, the Service Manual update, and the new website. The S-Ateen Online Community is the best way for S-Ateens to become involved because it's so difficult to get local face-to-face meetings started. As was mentioned in the Panel for Professionals last night, there's so much shame involved. That's why our S-Anon Fellowship remains small in comparison to Al-Anon and it's difficult for parents to have that conversation with their children to invite them to an S-Ateen meeting. The LC is working on a new piece of CAL, *Sharing Recovery with Our Children*, that will provide an opportunity to open up a conversation and give a

little more encouragement and courage to share more effectively. A local face-to-face S-Ateen meeting started in Jerusalem after the Israel International Convention. We'd like to follow that model and start a local meeting in the New Jersey area following this convention. The S-Ateen Chair spoke about the phone calls and emails from parents who are desperate to find help for their children. We currently have 26 Certified S-Ateen Group Sponsors and we've instituted a quarterly S-Ateen Group Sponsor call. It was amazing to hear on the last call how much they love the service work with the teens. On our S-Ateen Online Community we have live voice meetings weekly and a monthly Step Meeting. We have an opportunity to share what we gain here as a Fellowship with younger people because it does make a difference and they do appreciate it. The S-Ateen Committee Chair then asked if there were any questions.

**Q:** WA Delegate: At our local meeting we modify the meeting if a teen does walk in. Are there sharing guidelines that we can pull out easily if that were to happen?

**A:** S-Ateen Chair: We don't have a sharing guideline specifically. It's a great suggestion though. This is a question that a lot of people are raising. When it comes to sharing guidelines for when an S-Ateen member is in an S-Anon meeting, it is no different than an S-Anon in an S-Anon meeting. We do not encourage people to share any acting out details whether it's an S-Anon member or an S-Ateen member. That can be highly triggering and is why we have sponsors where we can share more intimately and in more detail.

**Q:** TX Delegate: How do we get in contact with the 26 Group Sponsors and develop the S-Ateen program at the upcoming International Convention?

**A:** S-Ateen Chair: Contact me. The S-Ateen Committee will provide all the breakouts for you. You give us the S-Anon program grid, and we plug in the S-Ateen meeting and breakout topics and help you find the S-Ateen Group Sponsors. We do recommend you solicit for at least two local volunteers to be certified as S-Ateen Group Sponsors. In Israel we had four who went through the certification process, which is not difficult or time consuming, and that allowed the local meeting to start after the convention. So we encourage the local host committee to have members participate in the weekend so then they have that relationship already established with the S-Ateens. If there is interest, then they start a local meeting.

**Q:** OR Delegate: One of the things we do in our groups is encourage reading the S-Ateen problem in the meeting. Even though we don't have teens there, we have people who have been affected as teens in that environment. So that might be an option for someone who is having teens in the meeting. I would concur that over sharing is not appropriate.

**A:** S-Ateen Chair: Yes, I love that suggestion. If you have not read the S-Ateen Problem, it is a very good statement. For people who are Adult Children of Sexaholics, they can really relate to the S-Ateen Problem.

**A:** BOT Chair: It's in the *Service Manual*.

**A:** S-Ateen Chair: If you go to the *S-Anon/S-Ateen Service Manual*, there is information in there about S-Ateens attending S-Anon meetings.

- i. **Policy and Service Communications Committee (PSCC) report:** The PSCC Chairperson/Trustee-at-Large stated that the committee has two main purposes: the examination of issues and questions that affect S-Anon as a whole and the review of service literature. The Policy Committee doesn't actually create policies. Standing committees alone don't make any decisions or create any policies that affect S-Anon as a whole—that all has to go to the BOT for a vote and if it's far-reaching then it has to come to the WSC. We're down to a couple of members and the committee is seeking membership. We study the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service and the *Service Manual* and run things through that filter. We get into some pretty detail-oriented things so knowledge of the Concepts is relevant. The Policy Committee worked on a flow chart the WSCC sent to us. We worked with the Corrections Committee on a document they are working on about how to bring an S-Anon meeting into a corrections facility. We responded to the Executive Committee when some questions came up as a result of a published letter to the editor. This is my fourth year as the chair of this committee, and I was asked to consider serving another term. So I now have two years left because terms of service are six years. The PSCC Chair encouraged Delegates to serve on at least one committee and then asked if there were any questions.

**Q:** VA Delegate: Could you give us some details about that letter to the editor situation you responded to?

**A:** PSCC Chair: Certainly. There was a member who wrote a letter to the editor in a newspaper publication, which is fine. What you do as an individual person you have every right to do. When it comes to our anonymity, however, at the level of radio, press, TV and film, we don't represent S-Anon as an individual. So that was not the issue. The person who wrote the letter to the editor did it anonymously, and that was fine. What we were asked to look at was: Is that a form of outreach? Is that something we want to encourage as a Fellowship to tell people to write letters to editors of papers for a way to spread the message of S-Anon? So that's specifically what we looked at, and it falls under the same guideline. You as an individual member of S-Anon are free to do what you choose, but you are not a representative of S-Anon as a whole. If you do want to submit something, please submit it anonymously.

**Q:** IL Delegate: Someone in my group asked if we could put the outreach poster in a coffee shop. Is it our policy to put that in public?

**A:** PSCC Chair: We're working on our Traditions for S-Anon right now, and so we rely on Al-Anon's Traditions. Under anonymity it tells us that the Fellowship itself is not meant to be anonymous, only individuals on the level of press, radio, TV and film. So any public space—yes, the answer is yes. The Fellowship itself is not meant to be anonymous.

**Q:** Maryland Delegate: An issue that came up in the Delegate meeting last night germane to your committee is rotation of service. There was discussion about having one person very, very long term in a position.



**A:** PSCC Chair: Thank you for the question. In the by-laws we have defined a six-year rotation for upper level service. Below that, it's a recommendation—we can't make anybody do anything. Rotation of service is in our Traditions. It is suggested that there is rotation for a number of reasons: one, so we don't have any dominating authorities and two, so that other people have the opportunity to do service. Service is actually a spiritual principle that allows us to grow.

The PSCC Chair clarified that she is also the Chair of the Content Team of the ad hoc Service Manual Revision Committee (the ED is Chair of the Delivery Team) and asked Delegates to consider joining.

**Q:** FL Delegate: Is there a requirement for the ad hoc committee in terms of having worked the Traditions?

**A:** PSCC Chair: Great question. No, there are no requirements at all.

**SHORT BREAK:** The WSC Chair announced that the recording disc had to be changed.

**13. Regional Trustee (RT) report:** The Regional Trustees Committee Chair/Northwest Regional Trustee recognized the West, Midwest, Southwest and Northeast Regional Trustees. The RT Chair briefly described that serving as a RT involves being there for groups and Intergroups in your area and sitting on the BOT. The WSO provides quarterly updates on meetings and lone members. The RT Chair asked Delegates to consider serving on committees and then asked for questions.

**Q:** NY Delegate: The redistricting regions popped out at me. The Northeast region has 82 meetings. How is the Northeast RT going to get to all of them?

**A:** RT Chair: That's an awfully big region for one RT to have to oversee. Discussion has been started about redistricting so that it is more manageable. I invite conversations and ideas. What would be the best committee to be on for that?

**A:** BOT Chair: It's the ad hoc Committee for the Redistribution of the Regions and right now it's dormant because there isn't a chair.

**14. Delegate report:** The Illinois Delegate shared on behalf of the Delegate Chair who was not present and referenced the published report. Delegates are now archiving minutes and reports in Google docs. It's important to look at the quarterly reports sent from the WSO that let us know how many groups are in our areas and to remind groups to send updates every year. One issue that came up was a group was using a prayer that was not conference approved. The Delegate asked the BOT which prayers are CAL and let the group know. It would be good to have a list of all the CAL prayers like this year's convention program has. As Delegates, we're trying to make things easier and more accessible. There's a constant flux of Delegates, so it's a challenge getting them acclimated.

PSCC Chair: When I joined the BOT I was given a mentor on the board, and it was tremendously helpful. I'd like to suggest that perhaps Delegates who have been in service a little bit long consider mentoring the new Delegates.

LC Chair: If a prayer is printed in literature that's conference approved for S-Anon—that's AA, Al-Anon, SA, and S-Anon—it's a CAL prayer.

The LC Chair informed everyone that the LC is starting to take the Twelve Concepts piece through the CAL process. The committee is soliciting member shares about the Concepts, similar to the way other recovery literature has member shares. The sponsoring editor has release forms for you to fill out if you are interested in providing shares about the Concepts.

The BOT Chair added that at the convention there is a tract on the Concepts. Many of those meetings are open, so if any of you have any experience, strength and hope in this area, bring it to one of these meetings. These meetings are going to be recorded and the hope is that we can give these recordings to the LC Chair for the use in the Concepts piece.

## LUNCH BREAK

### 15. New Business

#### a. Motion from floor to approve the slate of S-Anon Board of Trustees

Motion was made by the BOT Chair, and no second was required. The motion was open for discussion.

**Q:** Georgia Delegate: One Trustee and one Chairperson are rolling off in just a few weeks. Is it appropriate to be voting on those two positions?

**A:** BOT Chair: The Literature Committee Chair is serving one more term. The Northwest Regional Trustee position will be vacant.

Motion passed with 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

The Parliamentarian gave an overview of Robert's Rules.

**Q:** Online Delegate: Historically I thought there had to be so many Delegates and so many BOT and that the Delegates had to have a certain percentage of the vote potential. Is that still in place, or have we changed that?

**A:** WSC Chair: We considered that last year and voted not to have a fraction or a percentage.

#### b. Motion One:

*Move that the booklet "Recovering Together: Issues Faced by Couples" be reclassified as Service Literature and removed from the list of Conference Approved Literature.*

Motion was presented by the Policy and Service Communications Committee Chair. The BOT Chair seconded the motion.

Motion was open for discussion.

The Midwest Regional Trustee moved to amend the motion to read:  
*Move that the booklet "Recovering Together: Issues Faced by Couples" be revised which will include removing sharing from non-S-Anon members.*

The Parliamentarian called a point of order and asked that the amendment to the motion be restated to withdraw Motion One.

The Midwest Regional Trustee restated motion to read:  
*Move that Motion One be withdrawn and replaced with: Move that the booklet "Recovering Together: Issues Faced by Couples" be revised which will include removing sharing from non-S-Anon members.*

The Literature Committee Chair seconded the amendment to the motion.

The Parliamentarian clarified that a motion had been made to withdraw the original motion and to replace it. Now that motion had been seconded and we would be discussing and voting on whether to consider the original motion or the replacement motion.

After discussion, the question was called. Motion to consider the original motion instead of the replacement motion passed with 30 in favor, 4 opposed and 2 abstaining.

The WSC Chair announced that the original motion was now open for discussion:  
*Move that the booklet "Recovering Together: Issues Faced by Couples" be reclassified as Service Literature and removed from the list of Conference Approved Literature.*

After discussion, the question was called. Motion failed with 10 in favor, 26 opposed, 0 abstaining.

**c. Motion Two:**

*Move to approve the following updates and wording changes to the World Service Conference Charter.*

1) *Section II to read:*

- A. *Area Delegates or Alternate Area Delegates (to be seated for the current WSC only if the Area Delegate is unable to attend) from the United States and Canada elected by the Area or selected by the Area and registered with the World Service Office.*
- B. *The Board of Trustees (BOT) of S-Anon and WSO Executive Director.*
- C. *Representatives from other countries, when these countries as well as the Conference may be ready for their participation.*
- D. *A Delegate to represent S-Anon members that participate in phone groups.*
- E. *A Delegate to represent S-Anon members that participate in Progress Meeting online meetings.*

- F. Designated Areas with large S-Anon populations may petition the Conference to divide and send an additional Delegate to the Conference.*
- 2) *Section V: delete*
  - 3) *Section VI.B to become Section II.F (see above) and the rest of Section VI to be deleted.*
  - 4) *Section VII: delete*
  - 5) *Section VIII.A: Delete the first sentence and replace with “Delegates and Alternate Delegates are elected or selected by their area for a three-year term and may serve that area for two consecutive terms. Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position, after which it is suggested there be a minimum interval of one (1) year before they are eligible to serve in that position again.*
  - 6) *Section IX: Break into four parts to improve readability.*
  - 7) *Section X.A: Change the second sentence from “The Board elects its own successors...” to “The Board nominates its own successors...” and add this sentence to the end: “Elected Regional Trustees are seated without further approvals.”*
  - 8) *Section XI.B: Delete “Delegates and...”*
  - 9) *Section XI.E: Delete and replace with “A quorum of WSC members must be present in order for business to occur. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of all registered WSC members.”*
  - 10) *Section XI.F: Insert new text to read “In order to maintain substantial unanimity, two-thirds of the registered WSC members in attendance at the WSC must vote in favor of any decisions and/or motions for them to pass with the exception of those requiring a three-quarters vote.”*
  - 11) *Section XI.G: (formerly F): Replace “full report...” with “minutes from...”*
  - 12) *Section XI.H: (formerly G): Add “The Conference has decided by group conscience that...” to the last sentence.*

Motion was presented by the WSC Chair, and no second was required.

Motion was open for discussion.

**SHORT BREAK:** The WSC Chair announced that the recording disc had to be changed and then discussion continued.

The question was called and the motion passed with 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

**d. Motion Three:**

*Move to direct the World Service Conference to call for a Fellowship-Wide Group Conscience to remove all references in S-Anon literature and S-Anon writings specific to the group Sexaholics Anonymous (SA) and replace all references to “sexaholics” (which indicates members of that particular group) to more inclusive language “sexually addicted people.” Pertinent S-Anon Steps and Traditions would thus be changed to read...*

The Georgia Delegate presented the motion but did not read the proposed changes. Instead, the Georgia Delegate withdrew the motion and stated it would be replaced with a substitute motion:

*Move that the World Service Conference will approve the implementation of a Fellowship-Wide Group Conscience to remove all references to any outside programs found in the S-Anon Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and in S-Anon Conference Approved Literature and Service Literature.*

The Northwest Regional Trustee seconded the motion.

Motion was open for discussion.

The WSC Chair clarified that a vote would only be taken on the substitute motion as the original motion had been withdrawn. The Western Regional Trustee moved to amend the motion from the floor to read:

*Move that the World Service Conference will approve the implementation of a Fellowship-Wide Group Conscience to remove all references to any specific sexual addiction recovery program in the S-Anon Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and in S-Anon Conference Approved Literature, Service Literature, and S-Anon writings.*

The Public Information and Outreach Chair seconded the motion.

After discussion, the question was called on the amended motion from the floor. Motion failed with 16 in favor, 20 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

## **SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN**

### **e. Motion 4**

*Move that Couples in Recovery (CR) meetings no longer be a part of S-Anon.*

The BOT Co-Chair read the motion. The BOT Secretary seconded the motion.

Motion was open for discussion.

The WSC Chair announced that we were close to running out of time and asked if everyone was willing to stay past 5:00pm. The WSC members were in favor of staying until 5:10pm.

After discussion, the question was called. Motion failed with 17 in favor, 19 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

## **16. Adjournment with the Serenity Prayer**

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

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- BOT/Executive Committee Chair
- BOT/Executive Committee Co-Chair
- BOT/Executive Committee Secretary
- BOT/Executive Committee Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair
- Literature Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large
- International Conventions Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large
- World Service Conference Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large
- Public Information and Outreach Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large
- S-Ateen Committee Chair/Trustee-at-Large
- Policy and Service Communications Committee Chair/ Trustee-at-Large
- Midwest Regional Trustee
- Northeast Regional Trustee
- Northwest Regional Trustee
- Southwest Regional Trustee
- West Regional Trustee

### **DELEGATES**

- Arizona Delegate
- Northern California Delegate
- Southern California Delegate
- Colorado Delegate
- Florida Delegate
- Georgia Delegate
- Illinois Delegate
- Maryland Delegate
- Massachusetts Delegate
- Michigan Delegate
- Minnesota Delegate
- Missouri Delegate
- New Jersey Delegate
- New York Delegate
- Online Progress Meeting Delegate
- Oregon Delegate
- Tennessee Delegate
- Texas Delegate
- Utah Delegate
- Virginia Delegate
- Washington Delegate

**ALTERNATE/TEMPORARY DELEGATES**

- Arizona Alternate Delegate
- Michigan Alternate Delegate
- Missouri Alternate Delegate
- New Jersey Alternate Delegate

**WSC OBSERVERS AND SPECIAL WORKERS**

- Credentials Committee
- Parliamentarian
- Recording Secretary
- WSO Executive Director/Trustee-at-Large
- St Louis International Convention Chairperson