

**Arizona Serenity in the Desert Intergroup
Finance Committee Report
April 17, 2010**

The Finance Committee (FC) met on April 10th to discuss the 2010-2011 budget draft. Our Intergroup Treasurer provided an analysis of the last three years' average income and expenditures in all budget areas and these formed the basis for the draft budget. Below is a summary of that analysis along with the FC's initial budget expectations for Income and Expenditures (the detailed spreadsheet is available from the FC chair).

Budget Summary

	Three-Year Average		2011 Budget	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Special Events	\$ 13,010.22	\$ 8,850.50	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Intergroup				
Board		\$ 258.77		\$ 300.00
Reps and Delegates	\$ 1,525.28	\$ 8,006.06	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
Committees		\$ 802.43		\$ 825.00
Operating	\$ 13,738.46	\$ 10,571.32	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 18,075.00
Office	\$ 16,210.43	\$ 13,541.12	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,100.00
TOTAL	\$ 44,484.38	\$ 42,030.19	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 56,300.00
(Income - Expenses)				\$ (11,800.00)

What is immediately apparent is that the forecasted expenses for 2011 exceed income expectations by \$11,800. Below is a list of the eight largest expenses in the budget and the larger category in which they reside. The FC Chair requests that the Intergroup have a conversation regarding these particular items and provide guidance to the FC as to their priority. The feedback provided by the Intergroup will allow the FC to make changes to the draft budget so that it is aligned with ASDI's stated priorities.

Eight Largest Expenses	2011 Budget Expenses
Rent & CAMS (Office)	\$ 12,000.00
Winter Retreat (Special Events)	\$ 11,000.00
Donations WSO (Operating)	\$ 6,000.00
Donations Region III (Operating)	\$ 4,000.00

Literature (Operating)	\$	5,000.00
Region III Assemblies (Reps & Del)	\$	5,000.00
WSO Business Conference (Reps & Del)	\$	3,000.00
Maintenance (Office)	\$	2,000.00
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Total	\$	48,000.00

Three Additional Items:

Prudent Reserve: The FC will bring a draft statement on the use of the ASDI's Prudent Reserve based on this conversation regarding the budget. It is critical that the Intergroup as well as the FC have a clear understanding of what the ASDI's priorities are in the use of those funds.

Air Conditioner: There is concern that the A/C unit in the office will need to be replaced this year and that the cost of that replacement falls to the Intergroup. Estimates range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The proposed budget has a \$2000 addition to Office Expenses to account for some of this and the Prudent Reserve may need to absorb the rest of this cost.

Office Lease: The lease for our office space is up in March of 2011 and the FC suggests that the Intergroup consider assembling a group or ad hoc committee to look into our options for new office space. It is clear that as our Fellowship flourishes, we are quickly outgrowing our limited space. The FC will need to be involved in this process so that proper budgeting can be done during this year in order to allow for a potential office move to take place.

Submitted by
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