

2010 WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE

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April 26 – May 1, 2010

To begin with, the question, “Who Wants To Recover Today” was asked. If your answer is yes, maybe service is a prime ingredient in your recovery. How Does Service Serve Us was the title of our forum presented by the Region Chairs. Points were made such as, Showing the Value of Service, Gratitude and a Privilege of service. How does service strengthen a meeting; is it fun. The more people in service the stronger the meeting and no people in service = the meetings will die. It is time to get out of yourself and into the we/service of the program!

My Committee assignment was the Twelfth Step Within Committee. The Purpose of this committee being:

1. To Carry OA’s message of recovery to those who still suffer within the OA Fellowship
2. To deal with relapse and issues of membership retention, offering the message of hope
3. To encourage OA members to maintain recovery and prevent relapse

The committee worked on 5 points throughout the year since the 2009 WSBC.

1. The Handbook, which I have and is available for purchase now
2. A Workshop which still needs work
3. Speakers List which is available through the World Service Office (WSO) and is updated at each WSBC
4. Ideas That Work is available at <http://www.oa.org/ww.oa.org>. Search Ideas That Work.
5. Promotions and Communications, the subcommittee that I am working on. We felt it was difficult for meetings to get this information, so we hope to address that problem this year. We will use Region Loops and intergroup (IG) loops, web sites, Lifeline, A Step Ahead and Newsletters. I am excited to be a part of this committee and I will work on this throughout the year.

On Thursday we gathered at 8:30 AM, all 15 trustees and 165 delegates from all over our OA world. The Serenity Prayer was lead first in German and then in English. It brings goose bumps to even this lady. We heard from our Managing Director who encouraged us to:

- please forward E-Lifeline to others
- also go to the <http://www.oa.org/> website, and use our new meeting format.
- WSO is researching the use of our literature on E-books.
- OA Cares is a program that reaches out to those incarcerated; this is done through the WSO.
- If you have a professional that would write something to support our program, the deadline for our **Courier** is October.
- A new radio PSA will be available in the spring.
- Our podcast received the Freddy Award, as one of the top four PSA’s in the country.

Hooray OA!

The motion on granting approval of pamphlet, **A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery** was defeated. Requests for stories from people of color and how they have overcome cultural

situations to recover from compulsive eating are needed to complete this pamphlet. We adjourned at 5:00 PM.

On Friday we convened with 180 voting members. The Serenity Prayer was lead in Hebrew in the morning and in French in the afternoon. The suggestion was made to make a podcast of these for others to hear the different languages. It really is awesome!

Motions for accepting Literature adoption of pamphlets “**Questions & Answers**”, “**Sponsoring Through the Twelve Steps**”, “**Tools of Recovery**”, “**To The Family of the Compulsive Eater**”, “**To the Teen**”, and “**Welcome Back**” were adopted. They will be available in about three or four months. They will be announced on “What’s New” at <http://www.oa.org/>

A motion to establish a Youth in OA Conference Committee was adopted. Also, the motion for service bodies willing to receive their Final Conference Report unless otherwise requested was adopted.

Again gathering on Saturday with 180 voting members, we heard the Serenity Prayer in Polish and English. It was announced that our **12 & 12** is now being offered in Japanese. It is the goal of body to offer more literature in other languages.

The proposal asking each group and IG wishing to register electronically with the WSO to provide one email contact and name with the WSO was adopted.

This is for use within the OA organization and will not be published.

The motion to strongly suggest meetings only display approved OA Conference and board approved literature, and locally produced OA literature was adopted. Local literature should be considered temporary and discontinued when OA literature for general use is available to cover the topic.

The motion **A Plan of Motion** was changed by the body to **Action Plan** and next year the conference will vote on its content.

Some questions and reminders that were announced:

- that we all need to use BCC when doing group emails to protect others anonymity
- Do you attend a fellowship meeting or an action meeting?
- Remember to use the word drawing not raffle because we are a non-profit organizations

I submit my conference notebook for your investigation. It has much more than you would want to read in this report. Being a part of the Conference is an honor that I appreciate and do not take lightly. If you have questions, please email, or call me, I would be happy to meet and talk with you. Questions pertaining to your committee or pet projects are special information that I would want to pass on to you.

In loving service,

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