

Please note that below are not the AAWS, Inc., minutes of record. They have been condensed and edited by me. Joe S., Delegate P67/A47 CNY Contact me if you want the minutes of record.

Rich P., NERT: Notes on the minutes.

I would like you to notice on the Board minutes on a motion that the AAWS put forward and passed. It was a purchase of 6000.00\$ worth of Grapevine gift cards for GSO to use for 12th step work such as corrections, treatment and PI. It was a small gesture but to the AAWS board and myself it had great symbolic meaning to show we support of our magazine and the valuable service piece it can be. Truly we have entered a new era of love and cooperation between our two operating Corporations.

On another note, online contributions continue to grow we are up 12% over last year thru April. This is a reflection on you the NERD'S who work hard to spread the word about online contributions. If this continues self-support could become a reality.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, June 16, 2017

General Manager's report – Greg T.

We are engaged in the RFI process for the Communications Audit with the involvement of the Grapevine Executive Editor, Albin Z. and the General Manager, an ERP for our organization-wide systems, an HR system, website design, and French-language translation services. Albin Z. described for the board where we are with the development and standardization of the RFP process in order to have a unified manner to reach out to vendors. A template has been developed which includes a statement of purpose, scope of work, goals and outcomes, questions driven by specific projects, deadlines, and point of contact.

The Staff is involved in post Conference follow up and the implementation of advisory actions and the communications that have come with that. IT has hired a database administrator, Chis R. who attended NE Regional Forum. We want to invite more of the staff to be there as resources and for them to see A.A. in action.

Archives is seeing increasing number of requests for information/donations.

General Manager's travel since the March Board meeting which included: Cuba for the 18th Cuba General Service Conference, Fargo, N.D. for the 1st Fargo-Moorhead Intergroup Symposium, Bloomington, MN for the Gopher State Roundup XLIV, and Johannesburg, South Africa for the Sub-Saharan Africa Service Meeting. The International assignment is headed to Mongolia for the Asian-Oceania Service Meeting.

Staff report – Eva S.

Post conference all of the staff are busy with follow up procedures. G.S.O.'s Website Redesign committee has initiated the redesign process of aa.org, by sending R.F.I.s to multiple vendors in preparation for June presentations. In addition, research into the development of a new A.A.W.S. app is also underway. A new analytics software program, PiWik is being transitioned to replace our current analytic software.

The Conference Coordinator held a post conference sharing session and implementation meeting to make sure things don't fall through the cracks. At the American Counseling Association Exhibit in March, we experimented with digital lead retrieval and have used the analytics provided to contact 90 professionals from that event. We'll be evaluating the digital approach at the next Board Weekend.

On the Corrections assignment, an inmate wrote to the office on behalf of a blind inmate and we were allowed to send him books available on CD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TCS – Beau B., chair

The TCS Committee recommended the addition of the page, A.A. Around the World, to the A.A.W.S. website. The recommendation was approved.

Publishing – Homer M. chair

The Publishing Committee recommended that A.A.W.S. donate 5,000 unsold units of the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous* to A.A. Grapevine. The recommendation was approved.

Nominating Committee – Richard Boisvert

The A.A.W.S. Nominating Committee recommended that the resume of Beau B., be forwarded as the nominee of A.A.W.S. corporate board for the position of General Service Trustee, term beginning after the 2018 General Service Conference. The recommendation was approved.

Old Business

A.A.W.S. translation services

An RFI has been developed and sent to nine vendors to solicit new providers for contracted translation work. Sent to 9 vendors. Quality control for translations continues for the 2016 Final Conference Report, Advisory Action of AA, AA Service Manual, and the Twelve Concepts 2017-2018. These have been sent to an outside professional for evaluation. Publishing has also instituted another proofreading stage. Each French language title is sent out to a proofreader in Quebec for review. Corrections are included in the production cycle which has added time to the process. A letter was sent to French language customers alerting them to such delays. Once the procedure is standard, delays will ease.

Publishing has evaluated the issues with the Spanish translation of the Regional Forums brochures. The registrations forms have been updated and placed on the website. These brochures will now be routed through the Publishing department.

The General Manager and Publishing Director are working on the background translation project and have initiated the first of regular task force meetings. The initial phase requires the development of a multi-style guide for which the process has begun.

Safety Card -- Printing is set for June 19. The estimated date the card will be available to the Fellowship is two weeks after printing.

New Business

A motion was made that the A.A.W.S. Board of Directors create an ad hoc Committee on Self-Support reporting to the board through the Finance Committee, replacing the sub-committee to the Finance Committee previously constituted each year. The motion was approved. David N. will chair and will report to board and the Trustees' Committee on Finance.

A motion was made that A.A.W.S. purchase Grapevine gift cards totaling \$6,000 to be used by G.S.O. for 12th step work, without restriction on print versus digital medium or Grapevine Subscription's La Viña subscriptions. The motion was approved.

Archives makeover project – This was not included in the 11th floor renovation plan. It has become clear to us that we need to do some construction to expand space, fix some electrical issues and reconfigure work stations, new file cabinets and exhibit storage. Costs have been reviewed by Finance. The General Manager asked that the A.A.W.S. Board approve the archives construction for a total of \$65,000. The motion was then amended to include contingency for a total of \$70,000. The motion was approved.

The Board's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the General Service Office.