

# ARIZONA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

*Saturday, 3 July 2010*

*AZ Area Convention, Mission Palms Hotel, Tempe AZ.*

**In attendance:** Jackson H.; Wendy H.; Jay P.; Erica D.; Randy G.; Jack P.; Barbara M.; Jason S.; Michael H.; Colin B.; Kari R.; Randall O.; Mike S.; Mark C.; Steve F.; Rebecca F.; Boomer H.; Andy P.

Meeting opened at 9:12 AM with the Serenity Prayer, followed by introductions. Rebecca F. read Concept 7 & Barb M. read Concept 8, followed by Andy P. reading the Traditions. Call to establish quorum. Quorum established at 10, with 15 voting members in attendance at opening of meeting. Sign-in sheet sent around, minutes from May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed. **Motion by Randall O., “to accept May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented.” Colin B. seconds motion.** No discussion presented, **motion carries.**

## **Reports:**

**Treasurer: Jay P.** reports he doesn't have printed report available, however he will be constructing one. Ask that secretary (Jackson) forward to all committee members once he sends it to him. Jay reports current balance of the Area checking account is \$4536.36 and that he issued a check to the AZ Area Convention for \$1500 in seed money per the motion that carried at the last Area meeting. Additionally, he is writing the following checks; to Randall for reimbursement in the amount of \$118.50, for our yearly web site hosting fee; a \$56.57 check to Jackson for copies, (agendas, minutes & the SR14 referral packet) and a \$25.00 reimbursement to Jackson for payment to Auto-Owners Insurance of the fee for an additionally insured certificate on our insurance policy. Our current account balance is in line with the 2010 AZ Area Budget cash flow projections. Actual projection for July was \$3577, based on our sending CAWSO a \$1000 donation this month. That being said, **Jay P. motions, “to send a donation of \$1000 to CAWSO.” Barb M. seconds motion.** No discussion presented, **motion carries.** Jay states he has nothing more to report. **Stephen F. motions, “to accept treasurer's report.” Andy P. seconds motion.** No discussion presented, **motion carries.**

**SVI** report: **Jack P.** has no report, but believes he was there! **Barb M.** reports she knows she was there, but didn't take notes, (forgot we were to have an Area meeting!) However, she remembers SVI Public Information committee is revamping itself. She (Barb) has stepped up to be the PI committee chairperson again, they also have a secretary, and Rivka G. has come on board to put together the meeting list. Nominations were presented in June for Structures & Bylaws committee chairperson and for an Advisor position.

**CA of AZ** report: **Mark C.** reports that what he recalls from last month's meeting spotlighted the “Area Newsletter” issue and that there were a number of people “unhappy” that Area was “stealing” Tucson district's Newsletter chair. It was conveyed to those concerned that Area is attempting to promote a sense of unity by combining the efforts of both districts into a more inclusive “Area Newsletter.” In the end everyone seemed to a bit more receptive to the idea. **Rebecca F.** reports that Tucson's PI committee has updated their meeting list and they are currently being printed, should be out soon. (*Request from Randall, Jason & Wendy that this new meeting list be sent to them upon completion.*) More on the unrest of the natives regarding the Area's railroading of Jonel into the Area Newsletter Chair position, and the efforts of those from the Area committee to explain the thoughts behind this action. **Mark C.** adds that there is a new meeting on Wednesday night, a 12 x 12 Study @ 5968 E. Fairmont St.. Also, remind everyone of the 4th Step Camp-Out, Whitetail Campgrounds on Mt. Lemmon, September 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. And finally, the Tucson district's finances have started to rebound so they were able to send \$1000 to Area.

**Erica D.** reports on the **2010 Area Convention**; it's here, it's now . . . everything seems to be flowing smoothly. Financially, for going into the second day, things appear good. Attendance looks good, dollars for first day above average! **Jay P.** makes shameless plug for memorabilia. Effort made not to over-order, so make purchases soon, before it's too late!! **Mike H.** says we still need to sell a few more banquets.

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## **Delegates Reports:**

**Erica D.** presents packet of SR 14 referrals received in the most recent delegate's mailing. Defers to **Randy G.** so he can offer a brief explanation of SR (standing rule) 14. Nutshell, referrals that are likely to require large chunks of time on the conference floor, which may greatly affect CA as a whole, which warrant the necessity for the delegates to be able to present to the fellowship to obtain a more concise group conscience are to be submitted so they may be distributed to the delegates 60 days prior to conference. It is generally felt that this current 60 day time frame is extremely inadequate to get a truly reflective group conscience. Randy touched on what actions should be taken in the event that when this information is presented to the homegroups and concerns are voiced. Briefly running through the (29 pages) packet, the first 17 pages contain the Literature, Chips & Format (LCF) Committee's SR 14 packet. Most of this packet is small, minor housekeeping type of stuff, the exception being pages 15-17, the C.A. Book Approval Process. Essentially, Randy feels that this process should be looked at very carefully. The TEC election process is another referral that should be looked at as well as the #6388 referral regarding 'all C.A. literature being approved by the WS Conference only.'

Discussion on how we should proceed at this time in addressing this packet of referrals. **Michael H.** voices large concerns on certain issues and is uncertain as to whether we should address each referral or only specific ones. **Jason S. motions, "That we limit debate to the Book Process & the TEC Process referrals for now."** **Erica D. seconds motion.** Jason speaks to his motion citing the importance of these 2 issues to anyone who truly cares about Cocaine Anonymous. **Jay P. offers friendly amendment, "to add Referral #6388, 'all C.A. literature' for debate."** **Jason accepts.**

Discussion for motion, also concerns voiced as to limiting debate to just the 3 referrals addressed in the motion as opposed to looking at each individual referral in the packet. **Colin B., Stephen F. and Jason S.** offer further discussion. 45 minutes into Delegates reports, **Jackson H. calls for vote on the motion.** No discussion is allowed, **call to vote carries.** Vote to the motion, **motion carries.**

Debate opens with pages 15-17, LCF's 17 point Book Approval Process. **10:35 AM Chair calls 15 minute break to allow for bio-functions and for time to read the process. Meeting resumes 10:50 AM**

To summarize 45 minutes of debate, the general consensus of the body is that this process is flawed; it is felt that it should be referred back to committee. **Barb M. motions to "move debate forward to the TEC Process."** **Jack P. seconds motion.** No discussion presented. **Motion carries. Randall O.**

is recognized to open discussion on "TEC election process" (pages 20-22 of the packet) –submit for approval per SR14. Randall's concerns; 1) Referral is not submitted on proper form, a form created specifically to deter threats and personal opinions from being injected into the process. 2) The numerous statements included in this referral that directly violate those items mentioned in the previous concern, i.e. threats; placing condition on financial contributions to the CAWSO; personal opinions; "We feel that personalities rather than principles are at work here." 3) The apparent submission of not one, but three referral items within this one document. 4) The inappropriate inclusion again of personal opinion/observation of what someone believes happened within the TEC process over the last few years. Randall inquires, "Are we concerning ourselves with only the referrals, or also with the other 'stuff'?" **Randy G.** responds that Barry H. (author of the document of discussion) has been asked to submit this on the proper form. This "referral" is actually a copy of what Barry, representing the Oklahoma Area, submitted on the Trustee feedback form. The Trustees recognizing the time limitations felt it necessary to included this document in the SR14 delegate mailing, however in hindsight some of the content, (personal opinion, etc...) should probably have been removed. **Jason S.** offers that he has his own concerns regarding the TEC and the process, however he has no solution to offer. **Jay P.** states having sat on the TEC last year, he too feels that the process is flawed, maybe seriously flawed. However, utilizing that experience to address the points presented in this referral, he feels to make the process 'public and transparent' would only result in a sense of humiliation to some parties and it would limit the ability of the TEC members to discuss necessary issues openly and freely. **Randy G.** expanded on the intricacies involved with insuring that the WSBT is adequately comprised of members that can both work together and satisfy the requirements of skill sets in areas necessary to best fulfill the needs of our fellowship. **Jason S.** inquires as to "how many candidates are interviewed by the TEC per year on average?" **Randy** responds that this year they will be interviewing 14 candidates. **Jason** explains the reason he asks goes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> referral point in this document regarding **"All TEC interviews and voting processes**

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“; Jason feels this would present hardship to any conference sub-committee who has members sitting on the TEC. **Erica D.** inquires, (looking to gain a consensus of the body with regard to the referrals discussed,) as to what opinion, if any, anyone may have. **Randy G.** shares that as our SW Trustee he did investigate the ‘transparency’ referral with regard to violations of Traditions or Concepts and although understanding the reason why this process is conducted behind closed doors he found nothing within the Traditions or the Concepts to support the ‘closed session’ practice. That is not to say that conducting the process as a “closed session” is a violation, as this process was presented, voted on, debated and approved by the Conference. **Barb M. motions “To move debate forward from the TEC Process to Referral #6388.” Jay P. seconds.** No discussion presented.

**Motion carries.** **Jay P.** opens discussion voicing concerns of the verbiage used in this referral, specifically the word “all.” Currently much of what literature used in foreign countries is not, per definition, “C.A. approved” literature. To pass this referral could, to the fellowship of these countries, inadvertently render much of this truly necessary, yet technically ‘unapproved’ literature unavailable until it is presented to the WSC. General consensus on this referral appears to be that it is to broad-stroked, and not in the best interest of the fellowship as a whole. This ends the debate / discussion outlined in the original motion 1½ hours ago!

**Wendy H.** asks if the delegates have anything more to address. **Michael H.** makes request concerning obtaining funds, for accommodations, prior to leaving for conference. Random discussion concerning conference registration, conference funding for delegates, etc... **Wendy** presents Point of Information; per the Area’s Delegate guidelines, “Delegates expenses will be prepaid only when appropriate reservation’s paperwork is brought to an Area meeting.” **Colin B. makes “motion to suspend the rules.” Michael S. seconds.** No audible discussion. Upon vote, **motion carries.**

**Michael H.** reports on his Area funded trip to the WS Convention in Milwaukee. It was a great convention; he did however miss the SW Regional Caucus, twice. Made amends to committee for not checking the schedule, he arrived Friday night; Caucus was originally scheduled during the day on Friday. However, it was rescheduled for Saturday morning; unfortunately he was not made aware of this! He is glad to report that there was a lot of buzz concerning the WS Convention here in 2011. Revisiting the purpose behind the “motion to suspend the rules” **Erica D. presents a “Motion that delegates requesting advance for conference expenses that those funds are awarded upon submission of necessary paperwork.” Barb seconds.** No discussion. **Motion carries.**

**Jackson** reports for **Unity Day 2010**; FOCA committee of SVI to handle Unity Day, however he admits he dropped the ball and the committee has not yet elected a Unity Day Chair. We are still hoping to hold it in October.

**Structures & Bylaws:** **Jason S.** has nothing new to report, however there is some S&B items under old business.

**2011 WSC Committee:** **Jay P.** reports the committee is busy, that it is going to happen, that there is registration forms available at this Convention’s Registration table! There is also a sign-up sheet for the Volunteer Committee there as well. Upcoming fundraising events include the ‘Change for Change’ meeting September 18, hosted at SNL, and the We Treat II, October 1-3.

**Internet Committee:** **Randall O.** reports he is receiving information via phone calls and emails from a few sources, always looking for more info; it is always appreciated, though it would be nice if it could be provided per our designated sources and procedures. He has not been receiving the meetings minutes that are supposed to be posted however. Also, he will be paying the website registration fee which comes due August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Information Committee:** **Wendy H.** reports that at the May Area meeting it was announced that P.I. needed to elect new officers, as both Michael H. and her were rolling off the committee. It was requested that interested parties show up at this meeting with service resumes in hand. It appears that no one got that announcement, as no one is here with resume in hand!! Discussion ensued concerning current happenings within the P.I. committee that could suffer if we don’t keep the momentum until we find new bodies to fill these positions. The Info line and newsletter were immediately mentioned. **Jackson H.** inquires as to whether or not it would be inappropriate to ask Wendy H. and Michael H. to remain in their current positions on the P.I. Committee until we meet again in September. **Stephen F.** states he would like to open nominations, (for what position is unclear) and immediately **nominates Rebecca F. Jack P. seconds.** Rebecca states she needs more information on what is the position, the position’s requirements and duties are.

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**P.I. Committee (cont.) Jay P.** interjects that this is one of those moments we keep telling ourselves that were not going to do, but always end up doing it anyway. Though he appreciates Becca's willingness, the sense of "I'll do anything for C.A.", rather than railroad someone into a position, we should probably take it back out to the fellowship. **Michael H.** agrees with Jay, (not something that happens very often!) however, what are we going to do differently, that we haven't done over the last 2 ½ months to bring potential candidates to this meeting? It is essential that we convey the importance of this type of service work and the impact it has on the growth of our Fellowship. So, nominations and elections for P.I. officers will be at the September Area meeting. Get the word out!!! Area guidelines for the P.I committee can be found on the AZ Area yahoo group website.

## **Old Business:**

**Revisit March minutes; Jackson H.** reports that at our May meeting, while discussing the "Area-based internet liaisons," reference was made to Jonel's position as the Area Newsletter Committee Chairperson to which she was elected at the March Area meeting. However, upon reviewing the March minutes approved by this body, there is no reference to that election!! **Jackson** asks if anyone has any personal minutes from that meeting recording this election. Material found, **Jack P. motions "to amend minutes of March Area meeting to reflect the nomination and election of Jonel to the Area Newsletter Committee Chairperson position."** **Barb M. seconds.** No discussion, **motion carries.**

**Newsletter Liaisons;** Will be announcing position at SVI in August.

**Accept guidelines for Unity Day; Jason S.** generously offers that in the spirit of everything we've accomplished today, it would be good to review those the next time we meet. In essence, leave tabled!!

**Internet Liaisons;** Also left tabled!

**Area Delegate Guidelines;** Unfortunately the adhoc committee that was to address this failed to meet. Jackson, Jason and anyone who would care to join them WILL tackle this before our September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **New Business:**

None, everything already discussed.

## **Other:**

**Next meeting;** Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM; Pima Alano Club, 4415 E. Pima St.

**Following meeting;** \*Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM; Jason's office, 1626 S. Edward Dr. Tempe.

\*This is to be designated as one of our "FUN, Super Area" extended length meetings.

**Motion to close by Jay P.**

**Motion seconded by Jack P. Motion carries**

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected. \$

Meeting closed at 1:16 PM with Serenity prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
In Love & Service,  
Jackson Hourihan,  
AZ Area Secretary