

# A.R.T.S. April Pre-Conference Minutes

**Time:** 16th April 2022 - **5:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Location:** via Registration

**Facilitator:** Matt B

**Minutes:** Tracey W

**Chat Box:** Allegra

**Present:** Chris A, Sue, Poet Brian (Delegate), Kerimera, Caroline P, James P, (Delegate), Rose (Delegate), Pat Q, Allegra, Vicki D, Matt B, Jay M, Donna D, Harvey D, Cindyann, Tracey W

These minutes have been formed from the Agenda created by the Fellowship and the A.R.T.S. Board at the Agenda Setting Meeting. This meeting is held two (2) weeks before every Pre-Conference Meeting.

## OPENING (5mins approx)

1. Serenity Prayer (30sec)
2. Facilitator welcomes members & introduces themselves (30sec)
3. **Housekeeping** (30sec) >>>
4. **Readings (2min)** >>>
5. All present to please put their names in the chat box for the minutes
6. Announcement re minutes.. If you really want your ideas captured, please try to plan what you are going to say, or at least keep it simple so it can be captured in real time.
7. **Introductions >>> (10sec each)** (approx 2min total)
8. START RECORDING (30sec)

### >>>Housekeeping

- We will use the raise hand feature for introductions
- Please use the chat for any technical difficulties or questions you have.
- 30 Second rule

### >>>Readings

- 12 Traditions (Secretary to share screen)
- 12 Concepts (P&P Committee to share screen)

### >>>Introductions

Members to introduce themselves by **name, art & service position** (if relevant)

MINS	Item	AGENDA ITEMS	MINUTES
15	1	<p>★ <b>Service Positions on Committees - Committee Coordinators (Tracey W.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Questions welcome from fellowship regarding these positions.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Signups at the meeting welcome</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Committee coordinators to leave their email addresses in the chat box</li> </ul>	<p><b>COMMITTEES</b></p> <p><u>By-Laws</u>  <b>What we do:</b> working on updating bylaws  <b>What we need:</b> people with experience in non-profit organizations  <b>When we meet:</b> Email shared in chat box</p> <p><u>Web-sight</u>  <b>What we do:</b> Developing new website; we meet fortnightly  <b>What we need:</b> TBA  <b>When we meet:</b> Thursday @ 5pm</p> <p><u>Literature</u>  <b>What we do:</b>  <b>What we need:</b> New Chair for the Literature committee; experience with publishing and developing plus experience in a 12 step program with these things; someone to go through the physical literature that is currently in boxes; a group to look at traits, talents, tools and steps.  <b>When we meet:</b> TBA. Email put in chat box</p> <p><u>Policies &amp; procedures</u>  <b>What we do:</b> Working on the 12 concepts; need draft for this pre-conference (will be getting voted on this upcoming conference)  <b>What we need:</b> input of the fellowship re the 12 concepts  <b>When we meet:</b> TBA</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(more committees on following page)</i></p>

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15	1	<p><i>(continued from previous page)</i></p> <p><b>Service Positions on Committees - Committee Coordinators (Tracey W.)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Outreach - Chris</u></b>  <b>What we do:</b> spread a message of recovery to the still suffering artist; we have various sub-committees; devising questionnaires to put out to fellowship; Forming another committee to reach out to other 12 step programs; looking to create a leaflet..  <b>What we need:</b> get board to check out questionnaire and approve; social media person required;  <b>When we meet:</b> Sunday nights once a month, 9pm (London).. date TBA..</p> <p><b>TABLED</b>  <b>Matt &amp; Tracey to share about their committees next pre-conference</b></p> <p><b>These areas to be addressed at next meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Matt &amp; Tracey to share the email for their committee in the chat box</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Time aside for questions from fellowship regarding these positions (5min question time)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tracey to wrap up with encouraging those who are interested in any of the committees to please email the committee you are interested in..</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tracey can collaborate the shares from each committee as shared in this meeting and quickly go over it before Matt &amp; Tracey to do their committee description &amp; needs.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(next item on following page)</i></p>

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20	2	<p>★ <b>How to get Motions on to the Conference</b>  <b>Agenda - Pat Q</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Present to appropriate Committee</p>	<p><b>QUESTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is there a place on the website where the motions will be.. (Cindyann)</li> <li>- Any indication that other meetings are paying attention regarding motions (Donna)</li> <li>- Let's start visiting meetings (Vicki)</li> <li>- Is there a 2 way communication setup between us and the meetings.. Let's step up our communication (Jay)</li> <li>- Carol volunteered to visit other Irish meetings and let them know... Committed to visit the other meetings and do this (Caroline P - Ireland)</li> <li>- Matt asked that Pat list the ways people can present a motion (Matt B). Response below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All members are welcome to submit possible motions for discussion at the World Service Business Conference. First, please feel free to present the idea to your group business meeting for your Delegate to bring to a Preconference meeting. Second, feel free to scan the list of committees on the ArtsAnonymous.org website and submit your motion to the Coordinator of the committee that deals with the content that pertains to your motion. Third, send your motion to Allegra or another Board member to select the appropriate committee and to forward the motion for you. All of these opportunities for other ARTS members to consider your motion will improve its chances for presentation at the World Service Business Conference. You are also welcome to attend the agenda-setting meetings to introduce your ideas as possible agenda items for the next Preconference meeting. For more questions, please contact me at <a href="mailto:PatOL@Yahoo.com">PatOL@Yahoo.com</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(next item on following page)</i></p>

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20	3	<p>★ <b>What is the role of the Committees? - Allegra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Do Coordinators get a vote</li> <li>● What is the relationship to the Board</li> <li>● Who is selected to be on Committees</li> <li>● Which Committees belong with the Board</li> </ul>	<p>Allegra shared a presentation.</p> <p><b>QUESTIONS &amp; COMMENTS</b></p> <p><b>COMMENT:</b> Need to figure out WHAT we are going to do.. And then HOW we are going to do it. Things will get clearer as we continue. Try to be patient with each other as we work out these processes (Pat)</p> <p><b>COMMENT:</b> it would be best if there was a board conference committee. It is too much just for the events committee (Tracey)</p> <p><b>COMMENT:</b> having conference committee separate from events responding for all things having to do with the conference (Vicki)</p> <p><b>QUESTION:</b> Do the Committee coordinators get a vote at the conference.. (Vicki) (NEXT AGENDA SETTING MEETING):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CHAIRPERSONS of board committees CAN vote. So if chairpersons are prepared to become board committees then they can vote.</li> </ul> <p><b>COMMENT:</b> Board Conference Committee needed (Tracey &amp; Matt).. Separate from the events committee.. But even if the events committee turns into the board conference committee for now..</p>

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20	4	<p>★ <b>P&amp;P COMMITTEE REPORT - Vicki D</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vicki to present draft 12 Concepts of Service, answer questions and ask for delegates (and informal reps) to read at meetings and get feedback.</li> </ul> <p>Conference Charter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What it is</li> <li>○ Why we have to make some decisions before we can draft a meaningful Charter</li> </ul> <p>Vicki to share link to the concepts</p> <p>**Allegra to have Chinu attach draft concepts to these minutes..</p>	<p>Vicki presented a draft of the 12 Concepts of Service</p> <p><b>COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● These concepts to be shared for people to walk away with, look at, study and then come back (Jay)</li> <li>● Can everyone spend time looking over the concepts, attending next pre-conference meeting for development of the concepts (Pat)</li> <li>● Please turn up at next meeting with questions about this document (Vicki)</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL 80min</b>			

## CLOSING

- Announcements
- Confirm **date** & time:
  - **Agenda setting meeting >>>**
  - **Pre-Conference Meeting >>>**
  - **Deadline for minutes to be approved & to go to Chinu for website >>>**
- Move to Adjourn by: Allegra
- Adjourned @ 6:57pm (ET) | 8:57am (AEST)
- Serenity Prayer

### **Agenda setting meeting**

Sat 7th May @ 5pm (ET)

### **Pre-Conference meeting:**

Sat 21st May @ 5pm (ET)

NEXT MEETING, TRACEY TO INCLUDE IN THE CLOSING SEGMENT THAT WE SET A **DATE & DEADLINE** FOR WHEN THESE MINUTES NEED TO GET APPROVED > GO TO CHINU