

A.R.T.S. Anonymous Inc.
General Service
Operating Committee
1986

A.R.T.S. GENERAL SERVICE OPERATING COMMITTEE--NATIONAL RETREAT
AT OCEAN GROVE, NEW JERSEY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1986

PRESENT: Adam L., NYC; Ben L., Danbury, CT; Bill O'N., NYC;
Bruce G., NYC; Charles, NYC; David G., NYC; Diane L.,
NYC; Eugene C., NYC; Harvey D., Los Angeles, CA; Jack G.,
NYC; Jane B., Boston; Marilyn, Philadelphia; Rissa, NYC;
Susan W., Westport, CT; Gretchen, NYC; Pat D., NYC;
Debra, NYC; Ed W., NYC; Thanasi, NYC;

Chairperson: Abigail B., NYC Recorder: Renee-Noelle F., NYC

MINUTES OF NEW YORK CITY G.S.O.C. MEETING

The Minutes of the New York City G.S.O.C. Meeting of June 23, 1986 were distributed to those present. The name of Howard C. was added to the list of those present. A motion was made and carried to the effect that the minutes not be read at this meeting, but at the next meeting of New York City G.S.O.C.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There is currently \$18.00 in checks and \$8.73 in cash in the treasury, making a total of \$26.73. There are some bills (amount unspecified) outstanding. This report, made by Abigail B. in the absence of Howard C., was accepted. She further reported that there is currently no bank account for either the NYC group or G.S.O.C., and funds have been received from groups outside of New York City, such as Paris' recent contribution of \$160.00.

POSSIBLE STRUCTURE FOR A.R.T.S.

Harvey talked about the structure of Debtors' Anonymous to give us an understanding of how national organizations form and work (or don't work). At present, local groups of D.A. are strong, but national is weak. There has been a lot of resentment built up at the local level because Intergroups are not integrated into the national structure. We should develop from the grass roots up; each meeting should elect a general services representative to build a national organization, which would give a sense of power to the local meetings. Harvey suggested that each representative serve for one year and attend a national convention next year. Also, that tasks be delegated to different regional groups until G.S.O.C. is financially strong enough to fund projects. A discussion of structure and literature possibilities followed.

We were reminded by Gretchen that this is a spiritual program and that our structure will develop in God's time, not ours.

Abigail spoke to the fact that we now have strong leadership in Boston, Westport, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. We also have both a local newsletter (Los Angeles Muse) and a national newsletter (Muse, published out of Boston) for all the regions to contribute to.

Harvey made a motion that we delegate certain national responsibilities to existing regional intergroups. These responsibilities may include, but are not limited to: Treasury; Literature; Newsletter; Twelve-Step Work ("carrying the message"); Public Information; Bylaws/Legal. This motion was carried unanimously.

After much discussion, the official titles of each of our regions, with the locals they cover, and their responsibilities for 1987, were assigned:

NEW YORK CENTRAL (based in New York City): New York City, Westchester County, Northern New Jersey and Long Island. Represented by: Diane L.

TWELVE-STEP WORK and PUBLIC INFORMATION

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND (based in Boston): Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine (and for individuals in Eastern Canada). Represented by: Jane B.

MUSE (newsletter)

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND (based in Westport): Connecticut, Rhode Island and Block Island. Represented by: Susan W.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (based in Los Angeles): Represented by: Harvey D.

BYLAWS/LEGAL and TREASURY

DELAWARE VALLEY (based in Philadelphia): Greater Philadelphia area; Southern New Jersey and Delaware. Represented by: Marilyn B.

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LITERATURE

Abigail presented a mock-up of a piece of literature to be used by all A.R.T.S. meetings. This piece, developed by the New York G.S.O.C., was discussed at length. It

was eventually decided to request that "Century Old Style" be substituted for the typeface now in use on the cover page, and that all A.R.T.S. literature be set in "Century Old Style."

It was decided that a stat of every piece of literature developed be submitted to the SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND group and distributed by stat to each region for printing according to their needs. Proposals for new literature would be communicated to SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND so that overlapping and duplication of literature be avoided.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The names of Pat D., Bill O. and Renee-Noelle F. were placed in nomination for the positions of Chair and Assistant Chair. After each candidate presented a brief biographical sketch, an election was held. Bill O. was elected Chair of G.S.O.C. for the upcoming year, and Pat D. Vice Chair. Bill J. of New York City has been appointed Recorder, and Abigail B. agreed to be Archivist.

FUNDING FOR INTERGROUP

A motion was made that monies collected at local meetings be allocated, after they have covered their rent, literature and any contingencies, as follows:

Sixty percent (60%) over and above operating expenses to the Local Intergroup...

Forty percent (40%) over and above operating expenses to the G.S.O.C.....

This motion was passed unanimously.

APPRECIATION EXTENDED

Those present wish to record their appreciation of Abigail B., first Chair of the General Service Operating Committee, and from New York City, for her vision in founding A.R.T.S.; for her perseverance in promoting her vision; for her devotion to the organization and its members; for her love of each of us; for her willingness to put A.R.T.S. and its needs above her own work and needs; for her encouragement of new A.R.T.S. leadership, and her understanding that the time has come for the banner to be carried by others.

CLOSURE

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

A.R.T.S. NATIONAL TREASURY REPORT

presented by

Annie C.

October 30, 1987

QUARTERLY: July 1, 1987 through October 30, 1987

Balance forward 7/1/87		\$127.34
Income	<u>371.71</u>	371.71
Expenses		
Stationery, copies	13.56	
Telephone	96.95	
Bank charges	4.00	
1987 Conference	<u>9.63</u>	
		(124.14)
Sub total		\$374.91
1988 Conference Advance	158.00	(158.99)
Balance forward 10/30/87		<u>\$216.91</u>