

A.R.T.S. Anonymous Inc.

Conference Reports

1987

A.R.T.S. CONFERENCE at OCEAN GROVE, N.J.

Saturday, September 26, 1987

Stratford Hotel

Present: Chair: Pat D.  
Vice-Chair: Bruce G.  
Treasurer: Annie C.  
Archivist: Abigail B.  
12th Step Committee Chair: Harvey W.  
1987 Conference Committee Chair: Marilyn B.  
Representatives from Boston: Kate H., Jennifer M.  
Representative from Los Angeles: Harvey D.  
Representatives from New York City: Deborah L., Felix M.  
Representatives from Philadelphia: Mary Ann C., Mary Kate B.  
Recorder: Esme M.  
Also present: Mary D. from New York

Pat D. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

AGENDA (see Attachment #1)

Personal histories in A.R.T.S. and other 12-Step Programs were shared by Bruce, Annie and Abigail. All present introduced themselves and identified their art forms.

ARCHIVIST REPORT (Attachment #2)

Abigail presented an historical perspective of A.R.T.S. so that we may stay in touch with where we have come from.

READING OF 1986 CONFERENCE MINUTES

Minutes were read by Esme M. and Pat D. Acceptance was moved by Harvey D. and seconded by Abigail followed by unanimous approval.

CHAIR'S LETTER TO THE REGIONS OF JANUARY 1987 (Attachment #3)

Pat D. submitted copies of her letter to all present. It was not read.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Attachment #4)

Annie C. read a report from former Treasurer, Diane D., covering 7/86-1/87 and dated 4/27/87. She then presented her own report covering fiscal July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987. During the ensuing discussion, Abigail requested clarification. It was stated that Annie and Abigail have been working to separate New York A.R.T.S. Central (NYAC) funds and A.R.T.S. National funds. Abigail found a discrepancy which she said would be cleared up by the time those present receive the minutes. (See note)

Harvey D. moved that the final report be submitted to the Executive Committee and that they be empowered to accept it. Deborah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(Note: The revised Treasurer's Report was presented on November 1, 1987, to the Executive Board and unanimously accepted. See also Attachment #5, a letter of explanation and apology from Abigail B. clarifying the discrepancy.)

OLD BUSINESS

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT (PHILADELPHIA, PA) (Attachment #6)

Marilyn B. from Philadelphia presented her report stating that registration fees amounted to \$390.00 and that she was interested in hearing suggestions for next year's conference. Abigail moved acceptance and that we thank her for a wonderful job. Loud applause followed this motion which was seconded by Annie and unanimously approved.

Mary D. questioned expenses for the literature produced for the conference. Pat said this would be covered under new business.

Bruce asked if Philadelphia wanted to be re-imbursed for any extraordinary expenses. Marilyn replied that that should be decided here. Pat said that the issue will be discussed under new business.

TREASURY COMMITTEE REPORT (LOS ANGELES, CA)

Harvey D. reported that the treasury was formerly assigned to Los Angeles but that they felt it would be better to have it located in New York and it has been transferred back to New York.

NATIONAL BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT (LOS ANGELES, CA)

Harvey D. reported that the committee consists of himself and Varda in Los Angeles. They have experienced some delays largely due to illness; however, he expects that the By-Laws will be mailed to the Executive Committee within the next few months.

Abigail moved to accept Harvey's report; Annie seconded and it was unanimously accepted.

Harvey requested that during new business we discuss precisely what the By-Laws should contain. Pat so noted this on her agenda.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE REPORT (WESTPORT, CT)

Members of this committee, regionally assigned to the Connecticut area, were not present. Pat has tried to reach Susan and Ben but there has been no response. Abigail moved that we accept Pat's report on the situation with Westport, CT; Bruce seconded; it passed unanimously.

THE MUSE REPORT (BOSTON, MA)

Jennifer stated that Jane B. is now inactive in the program and little is now done on The Muse. Kate said that Boston meetings are small and publication of The Muse is temporarily suspended. Their report was accepted.

12TH STEP COMMITTEE REPORT (NEW YORK, NY)

Harvey W. reported that the committee is to act as a clearinghouse for people starting meetings internationally as well as nationally.

An A.R.T.S. Handbook has been compiled which includes statements on meeting formats and service boards as well as a directory. A rough draft is available today and copies were passed out to representatives of Boston, Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia regional areas. Copies will also be mailed to Boulder, Provincetown and San Francisco.

Expenses totalled \$77.96. Harvey reported that some areas need to be expanded with re-editing and additions made. He stated that requests for written material were coming in from Detroit, Alexandria (VA), Lancaster (PA), Syosset and Easthampton (NY).

Harvey expressed gratitude for the privilege of doing service. At Mary's suggestion, he was given a vigorous round of applause. Deborah moved, Felix seconded unanimous acceptance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT (NEW YORK, NY)

Abigail and Pat made a joint report stating that Phyllis O., the founder of the Boulder, CO, A.R.T.S. Chapter is a publicist who has produced an A.R.T.S. press release which might be used when dealing with the general public; a second piece is in the works.

Abigail indicated that she wants to ask Carol A. of New York to take on the task of P.I. Coordinator.

Marilyn moved acceptance of the report; Harvey D. seconded; acceptance was unanimous.

A.R.T.S. BROCHURE REPORT (NEW YORK, NY)

Pat reported that production of this brochure presented many problems; it's a slow process and work is incomplete. Abigail brought up the request from A.A. that we print A.A.'s version of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions along with the A.R.T.S. version. Mary said that if we become incorporated we would no longer have to use A.A.'s version - we could use A.R.T.S. own.

Felix said that it was important to acknowledge the debt we owe to A.A. for their 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Abigail read the letter from A.A. on this issue of acknowledgement when they first recognized us, giving us permission to adapt their program to ours and requesting that we print their original 12 Steps and 12 Traditions before our own adapted versions. Marilyn asked to know the date of the letter. Abigail said it was August 30, 1985, that this is their policy.

Marilyn proposed that perhaps A.A. could be approached again. Mary questioned date of approval from A.A. Abigail repeated the date. Harvey D. discussed A.A. policy on lending its name and material. Bruce contributed on this point. Abigail said that A.A. was due respect and acknowledgement for its pioneering work. Felix expressed agreement.

Mary D. thought that acknowledgement of AA in our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions would be sufficient. Mary Ann concurred with Mary D. Harvey D. concurred with Abigail and Felix. Abigail proposed that any action on copyrighted material be taken by the National Executive Committee and not a regional literature committee.

More discussion followed which this recorder could not keep up with. It was decided that this issue would be moved into "New Business." Bruce Made a motion that we accept the report of the A.R.T.S. Brochure Committee. Harvey seconded. Report was unanimously accepted.

### NEW BUSINESS

Pat D. presented the Agenda including items transferred from old business and asked if there were further additions. Marilyn suggested the addition of next year's conference location. Mary proposed a discussion of the name A.R.T.S. A discussion was held on the evolution of our name and it was finally decided that the By-Laws Committee would work on this topic, present it to the Executive Committee which would then take action on it.

Jennifer raised the issue of spreading the word about A.R.T.S. to other fellowships. Harvey W. said we had nothing formal. Mary said "How to Start a Meeting" is part of 12th-Step Committee work. Harvey D. suggested contacting the 12th Step Offices of other fellowships.

Bruce called a point of order: is this discussion off the topic of the Agenda per se? Discussion moved on to when New Business would be dealt with. Various options were discussed. It was finally resolved that we would continue our meeting tomorrow, Sunday, during the lunch break (11:30-1:00) and have our lunch during the meeting. The meeting would be held at the Manchester Hotel. Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Sunday, September 27, 1987

Manchester Hotel

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 A.M. by Pat D.

Present: Pat D., Bruce, Annie, Abigail, Esme, Harvey D., Mary Ann, Felix, Mary Kate, Kate, Marilyn, Mary D., Harvey W., Jennifer, Adam L. (replacing Deborah L.)

### REGIONAL MEETINGS

Pat inquired as to the state of the regional meetings:

Los Angeles: Harvey D. reported that the group is to hold an A.R.T.S. anniversary party in November.

Philadelphia: Mary Ann and Mary Kate reported that meetings were "going well." They have one meeting a week and have moved from a private home to a public meeting space.

We stood for the Serenity Prayer and Pat then presented the New Business Agenda, as revised.

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd.)

REGIONAL EXPENSES

The question was raised as to how the expenses incurred by regional groups attending to National A.R.T.S. business should be handled. Discussion involved policies of other 12-Step programs, feasibility of having responsibilities regionally assigned, and a clarification of Philadelphia's submitted expenses.

Marilyn stated the financial resources and expenses of the Philadelphia group regarding "extra-ordinary" expenses. Pat asked what Philadelphia wanted and Marilyn wanted to know what constituted extraordinary expense. Harvey asked whether the group had gone into debt. Marilyn said "no, then we're fine." The issue was closed.

FORMATION OF THE BY-LAWS

Harvey D., representative from Los Angeles, spoke on the By-Laws and Los Angeles' responsibility. He requested a sense of how A.R.T.S. wishes to evolve and presented various items to be considered, I.E. representation of various groups, meetings, a timetable, goals.

Mary D. raised the issue of a timetable - a plan for the growth of A.R.T.S. which would be included in the By-Laws. Discussion ensued. Abigail suggested that the National Executive Board create a standing committee which would have an outline prepared by next year.

Harvey D. stated that Varda, who is an experienced parliamentarian, would like to receive input from us into the process of writing the By-Laws.

Mary D. suggested that each A.R.T.S. member be afforded the opportunity to have input, that forms could be given to each member for suggestions. Abigail pointed out the manageability of the smaller standing committees and of elected boards. Harvey D. suggested that general service representatives be elected from each region, that this is a traditional process. Pat said that a lot depends upon the strength of individual regions and Abigail felt that individual regions didn't have to be strong.

Harvey D. spoke of another 12-Step program having problems between its national service board and the regional intergroups. Mary Ann pointed out that Philadelphia, as yet without a regional service board, was still a viable A.R.T.S. region.

Pat and Harvey D. presented the structure of the anonymous programs placing most importance on the individual meetings which are served by their intergroup which is served by the national service board. Harvey added that "we're very young, very tender."

Abigail said that individual meetings might send representatives to annual conventions. Harvey related how Los Angeles Debtors Anonymous groups sponsor representatives to national D.A. conferences.

Annie said "we're young, we'll gain strength and move along in Divine Order." Abigail moved that the Los Angeles region present a draft of the By-Laws to each region two (2) months before the next conference so that at the conference we'll devote a major portion of the time to discussion of A.R.T.S. By-Laws. Jennifer of Boston seconded the motion. Acceptance was unanimous.

Note: In writing the By-Laws, California will address the issue of not-for-profit status for A.R.T.S.

### LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

This responsibility had been assigned to Connecticut. Harvey D. reviewed last year's decision that this committee was to act as a central clearing house. Abigail felt that this duty could be assigned to a region, although Boston and Philadelphia aren't ready. Also, the 12th Step Committee which produced the handbook might handle the "stat" problem. A set of original "stats" of all our literature was to have been assigned to a region for safe-keeping, and that region would then distribute a good set of copies to other regions when their old sets wore out.

Harvey D. noted that literature is not labelled "Conference Approved." Bruce noted that Los Angeles and New York have different versions of the Traits. He added that preparation of "Conference Approved" literature and distribution are two separate functions. Harvey W. asked that literature distribution not be added to the 12th Step Committee's responsibilities.

Marilyn stated that more than one version of the Traits is confusing and that she'd like to see it simplified. Mary related how copies have been distributed. Felix suggested that the 12th Step Committee temporarily take on the distribution responsibility. Harvey W. questioned the term "temporary" and reiterated his request that further responsibilities not be added to the 12th Step Committee. Abigail made a motion that, 1) any region producing literature should have a tag line, i.e., "Philadelphia Literature Committee approved and the date"; and 2) also say "Not Conference Approved." Seconded, but not called to a vote.

Further discussion followed. The question arose as to whether "we are putting the cart before the horse?" Kate said that some regions don't have a literature committee. Bruce called a point a order: a national literature committee should be formed before we discuss "Conference Approved" literature and its distribution. Felix moved to table this discussion on distribution until we resolve the formation of the literature committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

### FORMATION OF A NATIONAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Bruce spoke on the formation of a literature committee saying that a lot a literature is coming in from New York and other regions. We will need a committee to review and evaluate to determine what meets our needs and standards. Mary questioned the form and content of the literature and proposed a national committee. Jennifer suggested a one-day conference for a literature group with a representative from each city.

Harvey D. felt that it would be a strong idea to have representatives or a service board member attend such a conference. He urged consistency. Felix suggested a meeting six months down the line. Harvey W. spoke on the value of a small, tightly knit group, centrally located; a larger area would be diffusive. New York was the most able-bodied area right now. Another New York committee could be formed. Abigail said New York has members but not leadership. Mary Ann supported Abigail's statement but felt that literature must come from all directions.

Harvey D. stated that Los Angeles has a literature committee which continues to function while the Intergroup shrunk and is now building up again. Bruce felt that the co-ordinator should be a member of the national board, rather than having the assignment go to a region. Marilyn said we need to sort out the functions. Harvey D. said the committee should be a clearing house, offering feedback on the quality of literature received.

Abigail felt that the literature committee should circulate literature for a time before it becomes "conference approved" literature. Jennifer and Harvey D. both offered options for distribution and production. Mary said some literature could be marked "Literature Committee Accepted" while it awaits conference approval.

Pat called for a motion. Abigail asked Bruce if he'd consider moving from Vice Chair to head of a Literature Committee. Harvey D. said it was possible to hold both positions concurrently. Bruce suggested that the position of Literature Chair could become a function of the Vice Chair. Harvey D. said the Chair can appoint someone to this position or assign the function to the Vice Chair or not.

Bruce felt the position should be permanent and on the Board. Harvey D. said it could be an outside appointment who then becomes a member of the Board in charge of literature. He also moved that we empower the executive committee to appoint someone to the Board who will be in charge of literature. Motion seconded and passed.

Bruce questioned the wording as indicating that someone who is currently on the Board can't be approved. Harvey D. clarified his motion to read that the executive board is empowered to appoint someone to head a literature committee. That person, if not already a member of the service board shall be appointed to the service board. Revised motion was seconded and approved.

#### PRINTING OF A.A. VERSIONS OF 12-STEPS AND 12-TRADITIONS ON A.R.T.S. LITERATURE

After considerable further discussion on this issue, it was moved, by Abigail, that the Literature Committee will clarify the matter with A.A. to determine whether or not we are obligated to print the original version each and every time we print our A.R.T.S. version. The motion was seconded and passed.



LAYING ON THE TABLE: THE ISSUE OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE

Abigail noted that there was a motion on the floor; she moved that two lines be placed on the literature stating that:

- 1) produced by.....with the date; and
- 2) A.R.T.S. Literature Committee accepted with the date.

There was much discussion regarding the designation of authorship, possibilities of form, and levels of acceptance to be printed on literature. The question was raised as to whether this was relevant to the distribution of literature. Abigail withdrew her motion. Harvey D. agreed to relay this concern to the By-Laws committee. The issue was tabled.

NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE

Abigail asked the Philadelphia region to be responsible for the conference again next year. Marilyn, of Philadelphia, asked if any other region wanted it. Harvey D. indicated that Los Angeles was not interested in hosting it.

Pat pointed out the ease of transportation to Ocean Grove for New Yorkers and Philadelphians. Mary Ann said it was not fair for the expenses to be borne by one region. Annie said there are two separate issues - one, a conference; two, a retreat. Annie suggested a separate day for conference business apart from the retreat, that some jobs can only be done by a region that has certain attributes, such as manpower. Mary Ann contributed to this point.

Mary D. suggested that funds from this year's registration fee could be used for next year's conference. Mary Ann asked about earlier expenses which might be incurred. Kate called for continuity for next year. Harvey D. said Philadelphia did not go broke. Philadelphia could also ask for budget money.

Marilyn expressed an interest in accepting for Philadelphia. There is some money; she wants Philadelphia to become stronger; she is unhappy about late registrations, because they cut into the involvement and enjoyment of her committee members in the opening ceremonies.

Felix said he was keeping a log of successes and problems of the weekend - this will help the planning of next year's convention. It should be available within a month.

Bruce suggested that the National Conference-Convention may eventually have to be funded nationally rather than regionally. He referred to the fact that while some regions will have no national responsibility others will find themselves with large national financial responsibilities.

Pat restated Marilyn's acceptance on behalf of the Philadelphia region accepting responsibility for next year's conference. Spontaneous applause greeted this pronouncement.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Abigail moved that we accept the current slate of officers for a second term: Chair; Pat D.

Vice Chair: Bruce G.

Treasurer: Annie C.

Archivist: Abigail B.

The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Again, Abigail moved that Esme be elected as Recorder. Seconded, approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Harvey D. requested that Los Angeles receive more communication from the National Committee.

Jennifer expressed a desire to reactivate The Muse stating that she is not a writer and can't see herself doing it. This was declared not a topic for general discussion by Pat.

Harvey W. expressed thanks to those willing to serve another year.

Pat expressed thanks to Harvey W. and the hard work his committee put in and to Mary D. and to Mary Ann and the Philadelphia group.

Bruce moved the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded and Pat declared the meeting adjourned. It was closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*ESME*

Esme M.  
Recorder

**ATTACHMENT #1**

1987 A.R.T.S. Conference  
Ocean Grove, New Jersey  
Saturday, September 26, 1987

A.R.T.S. Executive Committee:

Chair, Pat D.  
Vice Chair, Bruce G.  
Treasurer, Annie C.  
Archivist, Abigail B.

Agenda

Prayer

Introduction by Pat D.

Historical Perspective of A.R.T.S.  
May, 1985 - September, 1986  
by Abigail B. and Bruce G.

Reading of Last Year's Conference Minutes by Esme M.  
Reading of Chair's Letter to the Regions of January, 1987 by Pat D.

Treasurer's Report by Annie C.

Old Business

Reports from the Regions:

Conference Report, Philadelphia, PA by Marilyn B.  
By Laws, Los Angeles, CA by Harvey D.  
Literature Distribution, Darien, CT by Pat D.  
Muse, Boston, MA by Barry R.  
Twelfth-Step Work, New York, NY, by Harvey W.  
Public Information, New York, NY by Abigail B.  
A.R.T.S. Brochure, New York, NY by Pat D. & Abigail B.

New Business

Not-for-Profit Status by Abigail B.

Formation of Literature Committee by Bruce G.

Election of Officers by Pat D.

Adjournment

Prayer

From the Archivist

A.R.T.S. was conceived November 5, 1984, in New York City. I had invited about 12 artists who were in various other anonymous programs to my home to discuss if our needs as artists were being met by our other programs. At that meeting a few people stated flat out that they were powerless over their creativity. Being powerless over something is the cornerstone for the first step in all the 12-Step programs, so when I heard the first step applied directly to my art, I already knew that not doing my art was the gravest spiritual issue - for me, a life and death issue.

For the next two years I watched over A.R.T.S. like a mother hawk - whatever had to be done, I either saw that someone did it or if no one could or would, I did it myself. From the beginning I tried to get the fellowship to work as a team.

Throughout the first year, at every Monday A.R.T.S. meeting we would include a 15-minute business meeting. The following points have been extracted from these past minutes and my memory:

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| November 1984 | 1. To resolve who we were: a meeting of an existing program or our own program? We voted unanimously to be our own program.  |
| January 1985  | 2. Now that we had voted to be our own program, what would we call ourselves? Thanasi came up with "Artists Recovering Twelve Steps" - in other words, A.R.T.S. Anonymous.   |
|               | 3. Would we let in people who not only did not know what their art was but would not even way they were artists?...yes!  |
|               | 4. What words would we use in our preamble? These were exhilarating meetings as everyone validated their hopes and dreams for our program that would give them the artistic freedom they so yearned for.   |
|               | 5. Kathy came down from Boston and went back with our literature to start the first auxilliary chapter, Boston A.R.T.S.  |
| February      | 6. Would we have a bank account? Yes (but not until January 1987)  |
|               | 7. We wrote up the A.R.T.S version of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions from Alcoholics Anonymous.  |
| March         | 8. I went out to Los Angeles and was literally forced to qualify as the meeting's speaker in another program. I ended up qualifying about A.R.T.S. After the meeting eight people crowded round and demanded that I start A.R.T.S. there that week before I left Los Angeles. That was Sunday and on the next Wednesday A.R.T.S. was started in John D.'s home with about seven people. At their second A.R.T.S. meeting, 28 people showed up! |

- April 10 9. An L.A. A.R.T.S. member wrote about the program for the Los Angeles Times. For that article we gave the okay to print the long version of our name as "Artists Recovering Through the Twelve Steps."
- May 10 10. We created our first provisional service board, the General Service Operating Committee, made up of all past and present meeting officers.
11. Kathy from Boston sent us the attitudes and the first six A.R.T.S. traits.
12. The first of many A.R.T.S. literature committees begins in NYC to start adding to Kathy's traits. This committee met every week until April, 1985, before finishing the 12 Traits.
- August 13. We approached AA World Services for the right to become another 12-Step program using adaptations of their preamble and their 12-Steps and 12-Traditions.
- September 19 14. We were approved by AA World Services as our own 12-Step program.
- October 6 15. On October 6, 1985, the first regional conference of A.R.T.S. with representatives from Boston, Los Angeles, and New York met at my house.

As I look back to that year, remembering our process, I remain in awe at how fast A.R.T.S. came into being! Powerful gifts were given to A.R.T.S. from the beginning. A special Grace enveloped A.R.T.S. from the beginning. We hope one day to type up all the business minutes from these early meetings and to flush them out with many personal remembrances from those A.R.T.S. members whose contributions were so vital to the birth of our program.

However, one set of remembrances will be missing, those of Diane L. who passed away July 19, 1987 of stomach cancer. She played a vital role in the development of our program and she was a key member on our trait committee. I am sure as we put the early story together the rest of us will include her role too. I would like to suggest now that we dedicate it "To Diane - who passed away too soon - for her support, committment and vision to A.R.T.S. - we miss her dearly."

The Traits Literature Committee: By the Fall of '85, the A.R.T.S. Traits Committee made up of six core people (Abigail, Bruce, Diane L., Mary F., Mary D., and Howard) was meeting every Sunday from 10 AM until 1 PM. By the time the last of the changes were in place, the following April, we six were all exhausted and barely on speaking terms. But we had twelve fine Traits to show for our hard work.

A.R.T.S. Celebration: In November '85, an idea began to brew amongst some of the local members to show our art to each other through a performance. I decided, as Chairperson of G.S.O.C. to appoint one of our members who was multi-talented to chair a standing committee to produce our first A.R.T.S. evening showcase. It was a big job to organize in uncharted territory and she encountered lots of bumpy problems along the way. But in April of '86 we had our stellar evening performance and Brenda did a magnificent job.

Copy of Chairperson's letter sent out in January 1987.

Dear,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and I want to wish you the best for 1987. This letter is to bring you up to date on events since the meeting of the General Service Operating Committee national convention at Ocean Grove on September 28, 1986.

First let me say that Bill O. has stepped down from his elected office as chairperson and as vice chair I have succeeded him. This service comes to me at a good time in my recovery. I'm looking forward to getting to know you as we work together during the year.

As you may know, the office of treasury which was voted to Los Angeles at the G.S.O.C. convention held at Ocean Grove has now again become a function of the executive committee in New York. After consideration, L.A. felt it was more logical to have the treasury located with the chair. To carry out the function of this office, the executive committee appointed Diane D. the interim treasurer.

In order to maintain continuity with the national organization, I have been working closely with Abigail B., founder and elected archivist and have appointed Bruce G. as interim vice chair. He is a founding member and leader of the first literature committee. For the present, the four of us comprise the G.S.O.C. executive committee. We have been meeting weekly to put into practice the functions of the executive committee as they are evolving and as we understand them. Some issues we have addressed are the A.R.T.S. national treasury and bank account, the A.R.T.S. national post office box and the publication of a pamphlet approved at the September, 1986 G.S.O.C. national convention.

One of the issues that came up immediately was: "Who is responsible for what expenses." As you know each region has been voted specific national functions and will incur expenses in the carrying out of these functions. For example, New York Central is responsible for Twelve Step work and public information. Therefore N.Y.C. will bear any ordinary expense such as postage, phone, stationery, duplication and/or printing and any outside services deemed necessary by the group to perform these functions. Before any region incurs any extraordinary expenses which they feel should be shared by the other regions, they should contact the executive committee.

Expenses paid out of the A.R.T.S. national bank account will include the production of conference approved literature, the A.R.T.S. national post office box and phone, stationery and postage and bank and certain legal fees. The money for these expenses will come from contributions from individual meetings in keeping with Tradition Seven. We encourage each individual meeting to decide on a formula for making regular contributions. Contributions should be made payable to A.R.T.S. and sent to A.R.T.S. Anonymous, P.O. Box 175, Ansonia Station, N.Y., N.Y. 10023. You will shortly be receiving a statement on the national bank account from our treasurer, Diane D.

I look forward to your support and prayers in the months to come.

Sincerely,  
Pat O.

ATTACHMENT #4

A.R.T.S. NATIONAL TREASURY REPORT

Revised and presented by Annie C.  
to A.R.T.S. Executive Committee  
October 30, 1987.

FISCAL: July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987

Balance forward 7/1/86		\$ 67.14
Income		541.93
Expenses		
Postage	42.73	
Stationery, photocopies	85.89	
Telephone	92.29	
Legal fees	10.00	
Bank charges	32.18	
1986 Conference expenses	64.12	
A.R.T.S. Brochure	150.00	
Misc.	<u>4.60</u>	
		(481.73)
Balance forward 6/30/87		\$127.34

Dear Representatives:

Finally, after days and days and days of struggling with three different accounting systems we have wrestled all the expenses and income items down onto a fully balanced spread sheet. When Annie C. took over our treasury this past summer she she faced this daunting task of merging these different styles. I worked with her. First we balanced our checkbook and then we prepared a spread sheet covering only the past nine months or up to where Howard C.'s records left off.

Annie and I slaved away a week's time on this process and although we still could not get a perfect match from spreadsheet to checkbook, we believed our summaries to be accurate. Yet at Ocean Grove, I saw some discrepancies still between Diane's January expense categories and our prepared report. I want to acknowledge to you all how tough it was for Annie after all the days she and I went over and oave these figures trying to get them to match, to hear me say "no, something's still wrong."

Back in New York City after Ocean Grove, Pat D. joined us to work on the treasury and she said "lets begin again with a new spread sheet only this time take it from July 1, 1986." So we did and every month it balanced beautifully, matching perfectly to our checkbook. Perhaps you all are not aware that last year our national bank account was also carrying the New York A.R.T.S. Central region's treasury, and we had to have our spread sheet detail these two treasurys accurately for when we file for non-profit status.

I am writing this as an apology to Annie who through no fault of her own suddenly found her treasury report at Ocean Grove to be declared wrong by the very person who helped her make it - she felt betrayed and I felt awful, truly awful, for putting her in that position. As soon as I could, I told her how I knew she must have felt betrayed. Someone like Annie who is willing to tough out the work does not come along every day. We are very lucky to have her as our treasurer.

Love to you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. J. ...".



PHILADELPHIA, PA. HOSTA CONFERENCE REPORT.....1987

Letter of intent sent to all regional representatives known. Stated: Dates & place for conference (suggested) Asked for feedback on this and any PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES. also asked for conference workshop suggestions/people interested in leading. Only one reply.

Felix Montez & Marilyn Bader met in Ocean Grove to look at several hotels. Brought our findings and reccomendations back to NYC Planning Committee meeting. Manchester Hotel & Stratton Hall were decided.

Format for Registration form was drawn up at this meeting.

Registration form, with accompanying note asking that the Registration form be XEROXED and distributed, sent to all regional representatives known. It was noted that the deadline for registration be brought to the attention of members.

64 PAID registrations received by Sept 24, 1987 with approximatly 10 more expected to register at the hotel, in person.

Breakdown of Stats Represented to date: 9/24/87

- Phila..... 6
- Mass..... 4
- Calif..... 2
- N.J..... 1

*9/26 - 78 Paid REGISTRATIONS*

*# 390.00 registration fees paid*

All the rest are from NYC and suburbs

\* Suggestions for next year:

- Be sure that members are fully informed about what the conference is all about and what to expect. I found some people were confused on this issue.
- Registration forms should note: SMOKER/NON-SMOKER check-off  
 " " " " " If sharing a room, be sure to include full name and address/phone of that person  
 Also note the HOURS suitable to call the person in charge (I got calls at 7:15 & 7:30 am) the last few days.

This has been a great learning experience for me..about myself and other people. There is much truth to the rewards of doing/giving SERVICE and I am grateful for having had this opportunity.

BUDGET REPORT FOR PHILADELPHIA REGION: CONFERENCE EXPENSES \$87.90  
Submitted with love, AMOUNT LEFT IN OUR TREASURY 24.14

- \* ENCOURAGE STRONGER QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE TO AVOID TAKING CONFERENCE TIME DECIDING WORKSHOP CONTENT & LEADERS

*Marilyn*

*9/25/87*

*Phila. Conf. expenses as of 9/24/87*

10.36	+
9.45	+
9.45	+
14.00	+
3.03	+
1.87	+
1.84	+
6.22	+
9.80	+
21.83	+
<u>87.90</u>	*