

*A.R.T.S. Anonymous Inc.
Conference Reports
2002*

A.R.T.S. Anonymous Inc.

2001-2002 World Service Business Conference
Beth Israel Hospital, New York City
January 18, 2003

MINUTES

MEETING CONVENED: 9:30 A.M.

I. INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES AND ROLL CALL

☞ **Trustees Present:**

- Frank Lagerstedt Trustee at Large, Board Chairperson
- Elena P. Trustee, Corporate Secretary
- Caryn B. Sustaining Trustee, Finance & Budget
- Ed S. Sustaining Trustee, Public Information
- Arlene A. Sustaining Trustee, Public Relations / Professional Community
- Don T. Regional Trustee, Eastern
- Patti P. Regional Trustee, Western

- Abigail B. Trustee Emeritus, Founder

☞ **Advisory Council Present:**

- David K. Advisory Council, Chairperson

☞ **WSMRs and Alternates Present:**

- Lois B. New Jersey—Monmouth
- Andy K. New York—Catskill Retreat
- Eva New York—Monday Double Winners
- David S. New York—Tuesday Step Workshop; Catskill Retreat (Alt.)
- Paul G. New York—Tuesday Step Workshop(Alt.)
- Annette New York—Wednesday P.L.A.N. (Alt.)
- Valerie G. New York—Thursday P.L.A.N.
- David K. New York—Thursday P.L.A.N. (Alt.)
- Jay M. New York—Friday E. Side Fellowship Feedback
- Diane C. New York—Friday E. Side Fellowship Feedback (Alt.)
- Joyce New York—Friday W. Side
- Jared P. New York—Sat. morning *Artist's Way*

☞ **Non A.R.T.S. Member Present:**

- Mark Borg, consultant from White Institute

☞ **Roll Call:** All attendees were given time to introduce themselves, and briefly speak about the health of the meeting they represented.

II. APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE AGENDA

☞ **Motion #1:** (Paul G.) (2nd)

2002 Conference start with the Serenity Prayer and read the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

Friendly amendment: (Abigail B.) (accepted)

2002 Conference start with the Serenity Prayer and read the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

Vote on Motion #1: = **Passed**

☞ **Motion #2:** (Elena P.) (2nd)

2002 Conference approved , with revisions, the Proposed Agenda of the A.R.T.S. Anonymous 2002 World Service Business Conference.

Discussion:

- ♣ Diane C., WSMR alternate (NY), read a comment to be entered into the minutes (see Attachment A).

Vote on Motion #2: Yes (11); No (0); Abst. (0) = **Passed**

☞ SERENITY PRAYER , READINGS OF 12 TRADITIONS AND 12 CONCEPTS

III. CORPORATE SECRETARY ASKS FOR APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE MINUTES

☞ **Motion #3:** (Jay M.) (2nd)

2002 Conference approved , with revisions, the minutes of the A.R.T.S. Anonymous 2001 World Service Business Conference.

Discussion: Typo was found and corrected on page 3.

Vote on Motion #3: Yes (15); No (0); Abst. (0) = **Passed**

☞ **Motion #4:** (Jay M.) (2nd)

Minutes from this conference will be finished and distributed no later than 6 months from today, Jan. 18, 2003.

Vote on Motion #4: Yes (15); No (0); Abst. (0) = **Passed**

∞ **Motion #5:** (David S.) (2nd)

The WSO shall see to it that the minutes of the previous Conference shall be sent to all attendees of said Conference within 6 months, along with a form letter, not a postcard, informing WSO of their intentions and availability regarding the next scheduled Conference. In addition, the minutes shall be sent to all registered WSMRs regardless of their attendance at said Conference. This will be in keeping with the proposed Charter Article #13, paragraph 4.

Friendly amendment: (Jay) (Accepted)

Included with the minutes and form letter will be a reminder that if a meeting's WSMR status changes during the year, that meeting should notify the WSO office by downloading a form from the Internet or making one up and sending it in. (David S.) Additionally, any information that the WSO wants to convey to the meeting reps can be included in this package, at the discretion of the Board.

Vote on Motion #5: Yes (14); No (0); Abst. (0) = **Passed**

∞ **Motion #6:** (Jay M.) (2nd)

The WSO Conference packets will be distributed to WSMRs no later than a month after the close of the fiscal year, and that the Conference take place no sooner than one month after the distribution of the packets.

Discussion:

- ♣ Meetings need at least a month because business meetings can occur throughout the month.

Vote on Motion #6: Yes (14); No (0); Abst. (1) = **Passed**

∞ **Motion #7:** (David S.) (2nd)

The WSO Conference packet and the financial report will be separated, and the Annual Report will go out to all registered WSMRs, whether or not they attended the previous Conference.

Discussion:

- ♣ The Conference Packet pertains just to the Conference itself and includes proposed agenda, lodging information, etc. The Annual Report includes the Financial Statements.
- ♣ Need for Trustees to have sufficient time to put together Annual Report
- ♣ There is no requirement as per the Bylaws that the meetings receive Annual Reports.

☞ **Motion #11:** (Eva.) (2nd)

Conference approval of revised literature will happen as follows: The Board will submit revised literature to all meetings through the WSMRs for a period of at least 3 months for comments and suggestions. From these comments and suggestions, revisions will be made by the Board. Revised literature will not be offered for sale until Conference approved. The Basic Pamphlet will revert to the previously approved version. This approval procedure is not required for revisions in A.R.T.S. contact information provided on the literature, i.e. address, phone number, web address, etc.

Vote on Motion #11: Yes (13); No (0); Abst. (2) = **Passed**

V. SLATE OF TRUSTEES

♣ Frank Lagerstedt	Trustee at Large, Board Chairperson
♣ Elena P.	Trustee, Corporate Secretary
♣ Caryn B.	Sustaining Trustee, Finance & Budget
♣ Ed S.	Sustaining Trustee, Public Information
♣ Arlene A.	Sustaining Trustee, Public Relations / Prof. Community
♣ Don T.	Regional Trustee, Eastern
♣ Patti P.	Regional Trustee, Western

Motion #12: (Jay M.) (2nd)

2001-2002 Conference cast vote of confidence for the slate of 2002 World Service Trustees.

Vote on Motion #12: Yes (5); No (0); Abst. (2) = **Passed**

Motion #13: (Paul G.) (2nd)

The Board will review the tabled motions that were sent back to the Board.

Vote on Motion #13: Yes (9); No (0); Abst. (2) = **Passed**

Attachment A

From Diane C., WSMR Alternate, East Side Friday Night Fellowship Feedback

I do not approve of the Conference Agenda submitted by Paul G., acting as liaison between the e-mail delegation and the Board. The initial proposed agenda and the subsequent proposed revised agenda were not received in a timely fashion, and they don't reflect the complete and current roster of fellowship concerns.