

A.R.T.S. Anonymous Inc.
Conference Reports
2009

2009 A.R.T.S. WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES

The meeting began at 10:00 AM, and was held in the dining room Manchester Inn, Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer.

Because the A.R.T.S. Chairperson could not be there until the afternoon session, Conference Delegate Trustee Mary F. gave the opening remarks. She explained who could vote and who could not vote even though they might be attending. We went round the room, each of stating our title, function, and home city and we filled in a sign-in sheet.

Voting:

Trustees: Trustees-At-Large, Sustaining, and Regional
A.R.T.S. Office Manager
World Service Standing Committee Members
WSMRs (World Service Meeting Representatives) and WSMR Alternates*

Non-voting Attendees:

Consultants and visitors
WSMR Alternates can only vote if they are the only representative from their meeting who is attending the conference.

Next we asked each WSMR to state the health of their meeting and gave them 2 minutes each.

At 10:40 Abigail B. gave her literature report. She handed out packets of pamphlet literature and we began to edit them. Up until 2PM the delegates operated as the A.R.T.S. literature committee, and we put forth our comments on how to make the presented literature better. The following edits were made:

- A.R.T.S. Preamble: to give initial capitals to “Creative Potential” in this sentence, “The only requirement for membership is a desire to fulfill our Creative Potential.”
- A.R.T.S. Third Tradition: the words ‘and fulfill’ were added and initial capitals given to Creative Potential. The sentence should now read: “The only requirement for A.R.T.S. membership is a desire to identify, express, and fulfill our Creative Potential.”
- A.R.T.S. Meeting Etiquette and Attitudes: Numbers 2 and 3 changed. This line from #3 was moved to #2: “We do not judge, criticize or argue.” Now #2 reads: “We do not name drop. We are not here to impress, compete, or compare. We do not judge, criticize, or argue.” And #3 now reads: “In speaking and responding to fellow members, we share our experience, strength, and hope.”
- Pamphlet “Worksheets.” It was agreed to drop most of the information in “Worksheets” except the “100 Things that I Love” which will now become its own stand alone pamphlet.
- Pamphlet P.L.A.N. W.I.T.H. A.R.T.S., there were a few copy changes to the last page and the changes are so noted by being in italics: “I *would like* the love *that* I receive from and give to my intimate relationships to *be* _____”; “I *would like* my family to _____”; and “I *would like* my creativity to _____”
- A.R.T.S. Tools: massive changes were made to the Tools (but that revised pamphlet is not yet done.)
- A.R.T.S. Talents: all the “I” references were changed to “we” and “my” to “our.” Also a few other changes were made to the copy, (but that pamphlet has not yet been revised either.)
- A.R.T.S. Traits: Lots of changes were made to the Traits, (but only the Step One Workbook has had those changes incorporated into it.)

Then the discussion revolved around content, editing and approval of a new pamphlet on The Creative Block (revised pamphlet copy attached), and revisions to pamphlet 100 Things That I Love, (not yet done because new covers are being planned with print runs of 500), which did away with everything in the pamphlet except the 100 Things That I Love.

At 2 PM Conference Trustee Mary F. opened the business meeting. The 2008 Conference Minutes and the day's agenda were approved. Because there was no corporate secretary to take the minutes, it was agreed that someone would just take down the motions and that the full conference report would be short.

Around 2 PM the A.R.T.S. Chairperson, Frank Lagerstedt, arrived and took over from Mary R.

At this point, the Trustees began giving their reports. Treasurer David P. presented the treasurer's report. The Special Events Trustee Eva was missing and her report was read. Conference Trustee Mary F. gave her report. Nominations Trustee Ed S. gave his report. Trustee-At-Large Margi Briggs-Lofton was not there. Office Manager Gary was not there. Their reports were read. At the end of the reports the delegates voted to approve the Treasurer's report. There was no old or new business.

The slate of Trustees was presented and approved by the delegates.

The conference closed with the Serenity Prayer.