

Finance - Val G

What this committee contributes to the fellowship:

As the 7th tradition states: "Every A.R.T.S. group ought to be self supporting through its own contributions".

The A.R.T.S. World Service Office (WSO) cannot carry the message to the still suffering artist without these contributions.

This committee will oversee the WSO finances, help create a budget, review quarterly reports, make suggestions for budget cuts if needed, and come up with new ideas to inspire more member and group contributions.

A.R.T.S. WSO needs to be able to pay its monthly expenses in order to serve the fellowship and carry the message to the artist who still suffers, this committee will do our best to see that this happens.

What actions this committee will take to address the group conscience of the Fellowship

There is now more financial transparency.

Quarterly reports are now listed on the website for all A.R.T.S members to see.

The 20% Royalty to our founder and the author of most of our literature is now listed in the quarterly report under royalties and literature sales.

Members can now see exactly what the WSO monthly expenses are and where the income is coming from, specifically.

What this committee hopes to achieve before the WSC?

The Finance committee of A.R.T.S. are members willing to be of service. Please join a monthly Zoom meeting to discuss A.R.T.S.' financial issues and look over quarterly reports.

Discuss the limit an individual A.R.T.S. member can contribute annually and bring it up for discussion at the World Service Board Conference in November.

Review of quarterly reports to see how the WSO money is spent.

Encourage A.R.T.S. meetings to elect a treasurer who will make the 7th tradition announcement at each meeting and collect meeting donations via PayPal or Venmo to make contributing easier.

Keep encouraging the office to consider setting up a PayPal/Venmo option (if possible) for the website donation page.

What sorts of Skills this committee is looking for in a potential member:

A.R.T.S. members who are willing to be of service.

Preferably members who are somewhat familiar with finance, although not required if someone has the willingness to learn. We are all learning together.

A.R.T.S. members who enjoy brainstorming and have ideas for inspiring more group and member donations.

What does this committee hope to achieve if voted in at WSC:

To inspire more month-to-month donors and more meetings donations

A solvent program

The ability for A.R.T.S. WSO to meet their monthly expenses

A prudent reserve

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A bit about me:

I've been a member of A.R.T.S since 1989. I was a Delegate at the conferences in the 1990s. Currently I'm a co-chair of the Monday Beginner's meeting, which I helped to create with a few other A.R.T.S members. We are now a thriving meeting thanks to our members and the rotation of service. We welcome newcomers weekly.

I'm also a singer/songwriter and thanks to A.R.T.S self produced 3 CD's, and spent many years playing my music in clubs around NYC. I'm still writing and playing thanks to my songwriter's action group. I own a summer property on Fire Island that I rent out on AIRBNB. I enjoy investing money in the stock market and enjoy trading stocks from my own account. I'm also a month-to-month donor, A.R.T.S. is extremely important to me and I will do whatever I can to be of service and help A.R.T.S. thrive. Please join me in this adventure.