

P&P MINUTES Sat. 5/4/24 1-3 pm ET Article 6

Present: Alexandra, Allegra, Amy, Donna D, Paul, Rita G, Vickie (Special welcome to Rita G YAY RITA!)

Chair: Amy

Secretary: Donna

Start: 1:05pm, Serenity Prayer

Amy asked for the April '24 minutes to be read

Donna read the minutes from last meeting

We began by reading Article 3 where we had left off in April.

Corrections on the text of the charter were mentioned

-ratify/approve, not **elect** future other committee...

-apostrophe after ARTS non profit

Was decided to not deal with this but make note of it for a future committee to deal with such

Our purpose here is to see if any procedures are needed to carry out the policies in the charter.

-like, how does the conference do _____ something listed in the charter? What is the procedure?

Motion 1 by Vicki, 2nd Donna

Set up a P&P committee for ARTS members to express their views on all vital matters of policy.

Passed unanimously.

As we began to read Article 3 where we had left off in April, it became apparent that we had too many questions about the content to be unable to accept the charter as written. We embarked on a new path and came up with the following draft policy based on the discussions that arose. We are not sure where this will fit into the charter if at all but we worked hard. Vickie, chair of P&P, Policy and Procedure, and knows about all of this, seemed excited that we had accomplished this. She wrote this document as we discussed it and changed it as we changed the language.

Motion 2: The Conference will also be the vehicle by which A.R.T.S. members express their views upon all vital matters of policy. By Vicki 2nd Amy Passed unanimously

Delegates 'Role in the Conference: The Conference will act for A.R.T.S. in the perpetuation and guidance of its world services, and it will also be the vehicle by which A.R.T.S. members express their views upon all vital matters of policy and all potentially hazardous deviations from the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service in A.R.T.S. Anonymous. At the Conference, GSRs, as trusted servants, consult with the members they represent and are free to vote as their conscience dictates; they are also free to decide what questions should be taken to the group level. Delegates vote on issues affecting the entire Fellowship. They elect Trustees, approve literature, provide guidance for public outreach, establish policies and procedures, and maintain the integrity of the foundational documents*. Delegates may serve on committees. The group conscience as expressed at the WSC, is binding by program tradition, as long as it does not interfere with A.R.T.S. nonprofit corporate status.

Delegates role:

Before the Conference,

- Delegates discuss at their meetings motions in the delegate packet that will be addressed at the upcoming Conference, and solicit guidance on how they should vote.
- The GSR is the link between group conscience meetings and the Conference. How do groups propose motions for consideration by the Conference.
 - It is recommended that motions be submitted by delegates after a group conscience in their meeting.
 - Individuals may also submit motions which may be considered for inclusion in the Delegate packet.
 - The following group conscience platforms are responsible submitting motions to the Conference for consideration at the Conference.
 - A.R.T.S Board
 - Board committees
 - Conference committees.
 - The Conference Planning meeting.
- Motions proposed for the Conference should be submitted to the World Service Office through the form available on the website.
- The following service platforms may, by group conscience, submit motions to the Conference Planning Committee:
 - A.R.T.S Board
 - Board committees
 - Conference committees.
 - The Conference Planning meeting.
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- There will be a deadline set by the Conference Planning Committee so that the motion may be formulated with Background and Rationale for the Delegate packet.
 - Proposed motions will be referred to the appropriate committee.
 - If the committee needs further clarification, they will communicate with the proposer.

During the Conference

- As debate and discussion unfolds at the Conference, Delegates are free to vote their conscience.

After the Conference

- After the Conference, Delegates report to their meetings about group conscience decisions made at the Conference.

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Present: Alexandra, Allegra, Donna D., Eddie Ed, Erica, Jay, Marcie, Vickie,

Temp Chair: Donna D

Start: Serenity Prayer, Steps

Motion 1: Alexandra, 2nd Jay Add to the Delegate Packet definition of terms, Passed unanimously

Terms to define:

World Service Office

World Services

Conference Planning Meetings

etc

Motion 2: Vickie, 2nd Jay Set agenda for today, Passed unanimously

Ideas

-structures for electing conf chair

-revising the delegate packet

-add to voting procedures

-review current P&P guidelines

-review current policies

-conf chair 2 or 3 year term

-need a chair elect / co-chair

-Trustees currently serve 3 year terms

Motion 3: Vickie, no 2nd? Tabled

Elect the conf chair to a 2 year term with optional 3rd year

And elect every year a chair elect/co-chair to replace the chair at the end of the term, will serve in that position for 2 years and then become chair at the the end of those 2 years.

-Who Chooses the optional 3rd year?

- When is the chair elect elected?

Tabled

Motion 4: Vickie, 2nd Alexandra Go around using Round Robin on Motion 3, Passed unanimously

-Who elects chair?

-how long is the term and why 2 or 3 years?

-Chair elected at Conference meeting?

-whatever is proposed here has to be approved by the conference

-Matt, current Conf Chair, will have a 3rd year

-Optional 3rd year probably needs to have conference ratify a 3rd year if chair chooses to continue

-chair Elect is a way to have leadership continue smoothly

-3 year is a way to help develop the chair elect

- this position is a big responsibility. 2 years is a long time

-how do other programs do this?

**job: -Vickie volunteered to look into this

Motion 5: Vickie 2nd Donna Table this topic for research by Vickie Passed unanimously

I think this was sent to us before the April 6, 2024 Article 6 meeting.

Review of “DRAFT Policies & Procedures P&P, document ARTS World Service Conference, Article 6

(material already adopted by the conference, the Pre-conference and the Conference Planning committee)

Suggestions: -read each policy, then discuss what procedures are needed for each
-start with Charter as passed in 2022

Procedures:

Article 1: 2 committees are in effect
1 Conference Planning Committee
2 Article 6 of the Conference Policy & Procedure document
-How is a motion brought to a conference
-Need a procedure for this

Article 2: -qualifications for delegates?
-terms for delegates
-items in delegate packet
-delegate training, possible video
-delegate alternate and delegate may both be present, not just substitute
when delegate is absent

-What does “Attend the conference mean”?
-What does “to be Present” mean?
-D.A. has a film that shows how to use the website to find information
regarding service and being a delegate.

-An ARTS video must have accurate information

-Define:

-what is qualifies as an ARTS group
-gets to be represented by a GSR
-follows traditions
-is listed on the website
-has regular business meetings
-example, 5 Alive meetings are actually sessions

Motion 6: End now, about 3:10p, and next time continue beginning of Article 4 Passed unanimously