

World Service Conference Report – Special Session on August 2, 2025

Facilitators: Vickie D. and Erica L.

Notes by Allegra B.

Present:

- Eddie Ed O., Delegate, Culver City
- Marcie O., Delegate, Culver City
- Matt R., Alternate, Walk and Talk
- Mary K., Alternate, Galway A.R.T.S.
- Harvey D., Delegate, Surrender to Creativity
- Peggy B., Alternate Delegate, Silver Spring
- Amy C., Delegate, Walk and Talk
- Donna D., Delegate, PLAN
- Jane S., Delegate, Thursday Steps and Share
- Tracy F., Delegate, Galway A.R.T.S.
- Erica L., Delegate, Tuesday Steps 1-3
- Rose W., Delegate, Walk and Talk
- Ruth B., Delegate, Galway A.R.T.S.
- Paul G., Delegate, Saturday 2 pm ET
- Solange G., Delegate, A.R.T.S. Recovery NYC
- Voytech G., Delegate, Monday Beginners
- Rob H., Delegate, Silver Spring
- Sharon Emma, Delegate, 5-Alive for Writers
- Gina H., Alternate, Culver City
- Vickie D. Delegate, Board of Trustees
- Pat Q. Delegate, Board of Trustees
- Allegra B., Delegate, Board of Trustees
- Cindyann W., Delegate, Board of Trustees
- Jay M., Delegate, Board of Trustees

Opening:

- Serenity Prayer
- Concepts of Service were read
- Introductions were made, with name, art, position and meeting or service entity

- Guidelines for participation and safety were explained

Motion to accept the agenda as presented. So moved by Voytech, seconded by Amy C. 19 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Update from the Conference Recruiting and Nominating Committee. (presented by Voytech). This Committee is helping to get people involved in service to the World Service Conference. Seems that there is interest in volunteering, and the committee is wide open for new members on the Committee.

Update from the Conference Policies and Procedures Committee. (presented by Amy C.). This Committee was created by the World Service Conference in January 2025. It is currently developing a Service Manual for the Conference, with the idea of bringing it to the next Conference. Everyone is welcome to join this Committee.

Update from the Conference Service and Support Committee. (presented by Allegra B.) There are currently 5 members on the committee, and we could use more. This Committee is charged with organizing the Conference, including reviewing motions and topics and creating the agenda. It collaborates with the World Service Office and keeps the Conference Chair informed.

Announcements:

A Convention with the working title of “Recovery, ArtShares and Celebration” is scheduled for November 1, around the time of A.R.T.S. 41st Birthday. It is scheduled to begin at 7 am ET and end at midnight ET to invite participation from the global fellowship. Ideas for workshops and events include ARTShares, Step or Tradition writing workshops, Literature meetings, poetry-writing, the ideas are endless. A flyer is being created. This is also a FUNdraiser. Members interested in organizing this event and leading workshops and activities are encouraged to help make it happen.

Donations have gone up since June, and this is great news! Thank you to all who contribute! A.R.T.S. needs about \$2,000 in contributions from members and meetings to keep operating. **We are still short of the goal**, and expenses are anticipated to go up dramatically beginning in November. Please consider raising your monthly contribution or becoming a new donor.

Motion to elect Erica L. as Conference Chair made by Voytech, seconded by Jay M. Unanimously passed (22 votes).

Motion to elect Eddie Ed as Conference Vice-Chair made by Voytech, seconded by Jay M. 19 in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Meeting adjourned.