

# ARIZONA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

*Saturday, 15 May 2010  
180 W. Magee Rd. Suite 134, Tucson*

**In attendance:** Wendy H., Jackson H., Steve F., Rebecca F., Russell R., Jack P., Erica D., Jay P., Kari R., Nils T., James C., Boomer H., Patrick F., Jonel M., Jason S., Mike S., Mark C., Rodney G.

Meeting opened at 10:27 AM with the Serenity Prayer, followed by introductions. Jackson read the Traditions, followed by Boomer reading Concepts 5 & 6. Call to establish quorum. Quorum established at 11, with 17 votes in attendance at opening of meeting. Sign-in sheet sent around, minutes from March 13 meeting reviewed. **Boomer makes motion, "to accept minutes as presented."** **Patrick seconds motion.** Vote: **Motion carries**, with one vote opposed, (Jackson).

## **Reports:**

**Treasurer: Jay** reports current account balance of \$6943.96. He now has an account ledger, and it actually reconciles with bank statement!! Inquires as to whether anyone needs to have checks written. Jay also inquires as to what the current financial obligation is with regard to the Area's Public Information Info line Committee's expenses. Jason explains that per a previously passed motion, Area is currently responsible for the cost of the ANGEL system only and that for the time being each district retains responsibility for their individual phone line cost. Jason also reports that SVI has been paying the ANGEL system bill, Area currently owes them for four months of payments. **Jay motions, "That Area pays two quarters,(6 months) worth of ANGEL system fees to SVI, that amount being \$719.70"** **Patrick seconds motion.** Discussion; **Patrick offers friendly amendment, "that all future payments (for the ANGEL system), be made quarterly."** **Jay accepts.** Vote: **Motion carries.** Jason suggests to Jay that the two of them look into getting the billing for the ANGEL system switched over to the Area.

Jay inquires whether there are any other requests for funds.

**Erica makes motion, "That the Area Service Committee makes seed money available to the 2010 AZ Area Convention Committee, not to exceed \$3000."** **Jason seconds.** Vote: **Motion carries.**

Jackson reports that our insurance policy premium is due the first of June; however we have not yet received a statement. After some discussion, **Jason makes motion, "That we approve payment by Treasurer of insurance premium upon receipt of bill, up to \$1300."** **Boomer seconds motion.** Vote: **Motion carries.**

Random discussion on current status of Area account, upcoming expenditures, anticipated income . . . general consensus, we'll be okay! **Boomer makes motion, "to accept the Treasurer's report."** **Erica seconds motion.** Vote: **Motion carries.**

**Nils (DSR /PHX), reports** that **SVI** currently is \$4092 under their prudent reserve. Area's delegate guidelines were presented some months back and were finally 'approved/ratified' this month. A motion was approved to rent a larger storage unit as the current unit could no longer satisfy our requirements. Announcements were made to "present nominations in July for an Advisor and a chairperson for the Structures & Bylaws Committee." The P.I. Committee needs help, it currently has no secretary. Numerous fundraising events coming up in support of 2010 AZ Area Convention as well as some in support of CAWS 2011. Taxes have been filed and SVI guidelines have been revised on the web site.

**Jason** reports that attendance at the May SVI business meeting was considerably greater than usual; there were a lot of new faces. Also, he needs to make Jay aware that as Area Treasurer he is responsible for certain yearly filings to the state. He will assist him in addressing these.

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**Mark C. (DSR & alt. del. /TUS)** reports for **CA of AZ**, finances looking good, current account balance exceeds their prudent reserve. The 4th Step Campout will be September 17 – 19 at Whitetail Campground on Mt. Lemmon, campgrounds 4 & 5. Tentatively, Jessie will be doing the Meditation workshop & Michael D. the 4<sup>th</sup> Step workshop. **Michael S.** reports that Tucson did in fact hold a “Celebrate around the World” event, a little fajitas in the park deal, in 40° weather, prior to the meeting. Wasn’t quite what they were hoping for, however they did raise \$120 towards offsetting delegate’s expenses for conference. Park meeting is considering doing their yearly, “Don’t be a weenie, eat a weenie” event and donating those proceeds towards conference expenses as well. Also selling some past event t-shirts at \$5 each to help raise funds for conference.

**Erica D. (Area Convention Chair/PHX)**, reporting on the **2010 Area Convention Committee**; registration forms are available; things are going well, currently meeting every two weeks now, till the convention. The speakers are going to be; Saturday- Ron W. of Los Angeles, CA. Sunday- Samantha M. of Phoenix, AZ. Monday- Steve S. of Florence, SC. Convention cost are reasonable, \$25 early registration, hotel rooms are only \$85 a night. Fundraising events coming up; the Crackhead Ransom Kidnapping will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>, pay \$20 to have someone kidnapped, and then they have to raise ransom to get out! June 19<sup>th</sup> will be an Art Auction, 6PM at SNL in Tempe, Julie D. will be speaking. Also have posters for the Convention for the Tucson district. **Boomer**, Convention registration chair wishes to point out that the registration form mistakenly listed ‘steak’ as a banquet choice; however there is no steak option, only chicken or vegetarian. Also, he made a pitch for help at registration!!

## **Delegates Reports:**

**Erica D. (del. /PHX)**, provided a written (printed) report (attached as final page of these minutes). Points she touched on from written report included more detailed information & explanation regarding referrals. She also touched on the request from CAWSO via our SWR Trustee, Randy G. that all flyers contain the ‘In the spirit of Tradition 6’ disclaimer. Additionally she reports that the delegates within the Phoenix district are working on their usual ‘Better Late than Never’ “Celebrate around the World” event.

**Steve F. (DSR & Area vice-chair /TUS)**, relating(?) to the disclaimer reports that many treatment facilities, judges, courts etc... are shying away from or not requiring attendance to 12 Step based programs meetings, something to do with a recent court opinion that these (12 Step programs) are religious in nature. Much discussion concerning this issue, primarily how it has affected the number of people we see at some meetings, attendance from treatment facilities, etc... Discussion leads towards opinion that more information is needed on this matter, that the delegates should confer with our Trustee on this issue.

**Mike S. (del. /TUS)**, been participating in monthly conference calls of the World Structures & Bylaws Committee, looks like things are going to be busy at conference this year, certain to be new referrals & the S&B Comm. still working on five from last year! Says he is looking forward to his last year at the conference.

**Jay P. (del. /PHX)**, reports that he will be attending the Finances Committee meeting while at the WS Convention in Milwaukee.

**Jackson H. (DSR & Area secretary /PHX)** reports on **Unity Day 2010**; the whole Unity Day thing has just kind of being hanging in Phoenix, & some of the DSRs have been discussing how they as a group could address this. We are hoping that the FOCA committee /DSRs can address the issue of electing committee officers when they meet on June 6<sup>th</sup>, and at that meeting elect a Unity Day committee chairperson as well. With that being accomplished, we shall begin work on planning an event that will hopefully occur during the usual September/October time frame.

**Structures & Bylaws: Jason S. (S&B Comm. Chair /PHX)** brings new DSRs up to date on S&B committee’s work to update the Area guidelines. Explaining that the Area Delegate portion of the guidelines were extremely thin in our current Area guidelines, while SVI’s District

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**Structures & Bylaws (continued):** guidelines were quite comprehensive in addressing Area delegates, & that in fact CA of AZ, (Tucson District) had another process that they utilized with regard to the Area delegate from their district. All this is due to the fact that we actually had Area delegates before we had an Area structure. Now that we have had an Area structure for some time, we're attempting to properly define their (delegates) role here at Area. To make a long story short, (Jay states, referring to Jason "He talks a lot!"), November 2009 first draft of Area Delegate guidelines were presented at Area meeting; January at Area, Tucson presented some concerns & changes that they had and would like to see addressed. Modifications were made at that meeting & the revised draft was distributed via email, carrier pigeon, a variety of old & new technologies, to all that were interested. (Patrick inquires, "Who had the pigeons?") Jason comes clean, "It was a duck." Anyway, last Thursday in a straw vote, SVI approved these draft guidelines! We are now at a juncture where we could approve these guidelines.

**Situation!!** Not enough copies!

**Motion made by Mike S. "to take a ten minute break to allow for additional copies of the draft to be made." Boomer seconds motion. Motion carries with substantial unanimity.**

Break commenced at 12:08 PM

Meeting resumed at 12:30 PM

Draft distributed. Result? Extensive discussion on issues we thought had been resolved led to the following; (Survey says?) Decision to form yet another **ad-hoc committee** to do what will hopefully be the "final work" on the Area's Delegate guidelines! Per all the discussion, specifically needing attention are items # 2, 3 & 4 on page 2 titled, "Procedures for Delegate/Alternate election."

**Jay P. (del. & CAWS 2011 vice-chair)** reports for the **CAWS 2011 Committee:** Next committee meeting is Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow). Fundraising events coming up soon; June 4-6 is the CA Campout @ Sharp's Creek Campground, east of Payson. Although this is a fundraiser, it is a FREE event!! Then there is the "Pass the Torch" event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at 2121 S. Rural. This is another CA first where we will simulcast the symbolic passing of the CAWS convention from Milwaukee to Phoenix, as well as the main speaker meeting. There will be food, etc... at this event. Again, this to is a FREE event. Also, go to the caarizona.com web site and find the hyperlink for the survey on the World Convention concerning memorabilia.

**Internet Committee: Jackson** reports that he has received a text from **Randall (Area Internet Comm. Chair-web servant /PHX)** that he overslept and it was too late to make it down for this meeting, (little did he know we'd still be here. As Jason put it, "Didn't he know I was going to make a report; there was plenty of time for him to get here!!") Some areas on the web site have outdated information; this is primarily due to the fact that the district internet liaisons are not supplying the webmaster with current information to be posted. Jackson asks that all DSRs stress at their next district meeting the necessity of getting accurate & useful information to the liaison to be forwarded to Randall. Discussion on how we might better supply Randall with accurate information in a timelier manner. Numerous possibilities being discussed result in; **Jason makes motion, "That the Area elects a DSR from each district to act as an Area-based Internet liaison." Jackson seconds motion.** Discussion: Jason, Jay, Jackson all state that this better serves the Area, the districts & the Internet committee. It falls more in line with the purpose & responsibilities of a DSR, rather than the current process of electing the liaison at the district level. Consensus is that this should be presented to the district to see how open they are to this idea. **Jay makes motion to table. Boomer seconds motion.** Vote: **Motion carries.**

**Public Information Committee: Wendy (Area chair & Area P.I. Committee Chair /PHX)** reminds us that last Area meeting the P.I. got Jonel to take on the position of Newsletter chair at the Area level, (no mention of this in March minutes however). This means Area will be producing a newsletter encompassing both districts, which in turn means we will need to have

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**Public Information Committee (continued):** a Newsletter liaison from each district! Currently P.I. comm. at SVI is going through some changes, not really certain where things stand with them right now. Until we know where they're at, Area still needs some one from Phoenix district to supply Jonel with information, additionally, we need to figure costs. Upon further discussion of the current status of SVI's P.I. committee and they're Newsletter sub-committee in particular, **Jason makes a motion, "To elect a DSR from each district to act as an Area-based Newsletter liaison."** **Jonel seconds motion.** After much discussion & little headway, **Jackson motions to table. Boomer seconds motion. Motion fails.** Return to discussion. Call to vote: **Motion carries.** Wendy reminds us that she will be relinquishing her position as Area P.I. Committee chair in July. Upon investigation it is recognized that there are no guideline addressing election of the Area P.I. Committee officers. It is therefore agreed that it should be announced at both districts' business meetings that interested candidates for the Chair & co-chair positions bring resumes to the July Area meeting where we will hold elections. **Rodney (DSR/ TUS)** has questions regarding Info line; how do we assure that when some one calls the info line (now that we've combined both districts on the Angel system), that the caller will connect with some one who can address their need? Much information exchanged about how we make sure that happens. A number of ideas that could help increase efficiency were discussed.

## **Old Business:**

**Delegate responsibilities;** Discussed at length in S&B report!

**Delegate voting procedures;** Also discussed during S&B report

**Unity Day guideline;** Jason states, "Don't have them yet." Wendy, "Will we have them for July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting?" Jason replies, "Yes-maybe!"

## **New Business:**

Nothing that anyone dares to mention!!

Next meeting will be @ 9 AM Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, AZ Area Convention, Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in the Augustine Room.

**Jackson makes motion, "September meeting to be Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM, Pima Alano Club 4415 E. Pima St. in Tucson."** **Boomer seconds motion. Motion carries.**

**Motion to close, made by James.**

**Motion seconded by Boomer. Motion carries**

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collected. \$

Meeting closed at 3:?? PM with Serenity prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

In Love & Service,

Jackson Hourihan, AZ Area Secretary