

**Compulsive Eaters Anonymous-H.O.W. Inc.  
Long Beach, California**

**World Service Board of Directors  
Minutes of the Regular Quarterly Meeting  
April 23, 2005**

**Call to Order**

Rosemary G. called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Roll Call**

Present at the meeting were:	Rosemary G.	Ann S.	Sandy C.
	Rae Z.	Michelle T.	Ruth L. (Appointed)
	Jay L.		
Absent excused were:	Cris M.	Allen C. (Resigned)	Karen R (Resigned)
	Marcia M. (Resigned)		
Minutes Recorder:	Maria D.		

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as amended.

**Welcome Newcomers and Visitors:** Rosemary welcomed Ruth L., newly appointed Board member and visitors. Visitors present were: Char L., Ted K., and Pat H.

**Approval of Board of Directors Minutes.** The minutes of January 22, 2005 were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report.** Rae Z. presented the financial reports for the third quarter of January through March 2005. Report accepted and filed. The balance sheet reflected that total current and fixed asset were \$30,366.19. Total liabilities were \$3,315.22. The profit and loss showed a total income of \$15,490.95. Total cost of goods was \$2,612.15, leaving a gross profit of \$12,878.80. Total expenses were \$18,130.29, leaving a net loss of \$5,251.49. Rae noted that this is the first time that the office has a full-time employee. Total contributions by Intergroup were \$7,156.08. Sales by Intergroup were \$6,827.

**President's Comments.** Ann S. presented the President's Report. Report accepted and filed. The report focused on the recent accomplishments of instituting the new travel policy for Board members, creating a format booklet, and a procedure manual for the fellowship, as well as, progress made on the conference and convention, and Web site services, and financial concerns. During this period, there were 18 new meetings registered, 12 closed meetings, and two new intergroups.

**Chair Comments.** Rosemary G. presented the Chair's report. The report was related to the conference and convention planning, lack of formal motions to present at the conference, and Board action taken to accept Ruth L. to fill the position left vacant by Karen R. The position for Marcia M. remains vacant.

**Old Business**

*Board of Directors Annual Calendar.* The monthly calendar was reviewed and accepted.

## Committee Reports

*Conference 2005, "A Vision for You" Workshop.* The Board discussed the conference workshop and agenda.

**Amended motion carried.** Ruth L. moved and Rae S. seconded to hire a parliamentarian to help the Chair at the conference and to do a workshop on parliamentarian procedures of 1 ½ our if possible. Motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

**Rescinded motion and not carried.** Ann S. moved and Ruth L. have a discussion at the business conference about the time of conference and separation of the conference and convention.

The Board agreed to have Ann S. head a sub-committee to investigate changing the structure of the business conference and work with the WSBC Conference Committee.

Rosemary G. read a letter from Area 3 to see if the concerns could be addressed at the conference. The concerns related to anonymity and privacy on E-mail communications and availability of food plans via the Web site. The Board felt these were issues of education. Rosemary will reply to these concerns.

*Convention 2005.* Ann S. reported that the Idaho Intergroup agreed to coordinate the fashion show. The Hollywood/San Fernando Intergroup will be in charge of registration tables. The Las Vegas Intergroup will coordinate the entertainment. There is still a need to finalize the contract with the tape, coordinate the centerpieces, gift baskets and raffles. The selection of workshop topics and leaders is still pending. So far only 15 registrations to the convention have been received.

The Board selected and priced the T-Shirts, bags, magnetic phone card, button, and pen to order for sale or to as give-away items for the convention.

Ann S. will explore the possibility of having a photographer from the fellowship to take pictures at convention as a fundraiser activity.

*Education.* Michelle T. presented the Education Committee Report. Report accepted and filed. She addressed the Web site, creating Area 4 and a new intergroup, and newsletter. Michelle is working with Nancy to re-design the Web page and present to the Board for approval soon.

*Finance.* Ann S. presented the Finance Committee Report. Report accepted and filed. Ann noted that Karen R., recently resigned from the Board. The Report discussed the financial audit of WSO, Wells Fargo banking, Internet banking, proposed budget for 2005-06, and concern with the accounting procedures in place. Ann S. recommended turning the Wells Fargo account as a business account. She also recommended seeking a financial advisor who can work close with Rae to prepare the budget.

*Literature* Rosemary addressed the literature. The Board received a listing of booklets, brochures, and pamphlets that were reviewed for content, clarity, and grammar corrections necessary prior to placing the printing order.

Ann S. presented three new meeting formats to consider placing for conference approval: Focus on Recovery Every Day (FRED) meeting, Finding the Willingness meeting, and Speaker/Beginning meeting.

Rosemary addressed the reprinting or sales of CEA-HOW to outside entities. The Board saw the need to classify literature that would be available for public information purposes. Michelle suggested that the Board come up with on a policy on conference approved literature with the disclaimer added that experience have shown the questions and food plan to only work with the help of a sponsor and if work with the Seven Tools of the program.

### **New Business**

*Spanish Literature, Maintenance Sponsor Guide, Brochures, etc.* The Spanish maintenance sponsor guide and food plan is being reviewed by Rureth A. and Maria D.

*Literature Sales by Intergroup.* Rosemary G. clarified with Ted K., Chair of the Southern California Intergroup the Board's response and concern on a recent letter sent from the Southern California Intergroup to all intergroups regarding literature sales (AA English/Spanish and other specialty items). The Board agreed that better communication between intergroups and the WSO Board is needed. Ted K. requested that WSO communicate any concerns directly the Executive Board of the Southern California Intergroup when addressing concerns of this nature.

*Motions from WSBC Committees for Consideration of the Conference 2005.* The deadline to submit motions was April 1; however Rosemary was considering up to yesterday.

*Selection of Keynote Speakers for 2005 Convention.* Keynote speakers were selected by ballot: Erick, Irish, Michael R., Mary Ann, and two international speakers (English and Spanish). Jay L. and Ann S. will submit to Rosemary the names of workshop leaders and topics.

*Current WSBOD Available for Election at 2005 Conference.* The Board discussed the Board seats that will be open to fill the positions left vacant of Marcia M., Rosemary G., Michelle T., and Sandy C. The following members will be running for election: Ruth L. and Jay L.

*Convention Board Expenses.* The Board discussed the process of booking hotel rooms.

**Amended motion carried.** Rae Z. moved and Jay L. seconded to pay two nights (Friday and Saturday) and convention registration for Maria D. and Rureth if planning to attend. Motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

*Date & Location of Next Quarterly BOD Meeting.* The next meeting will be after closing of the 2005 conference.

**Serenity Prayer and Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned with the Serenity Prayer at 4:45 p.m.

***Report of Action Items***

<b>Description</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>
Hire a parliamentarian.	April 2005	Rosemary G.
Head a sub-committee to investigate changing the structure of the business conference and work with the WSBC Conference Committee.	July 2005	Ann S.
Submit to Rosemary the names of workshop leaders and topics.	ASAP	Jay L./Ann S.
See the possibility of having a photographer from the fellowship to take pictures at convention as a fundraiser activity.	ASAP	Ann S.
Re-design the Web page and present to the Board for approval.	July 2005	Michelle T./Nancy

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