

COMPULSIVE EATERS ANONYMOUS-HOW
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting
April 26, 2008. 7 a.m. PDT
Via Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 PDT

Serenity Prayer, Tradition 2, and ABSI reading p. 332

ROLL CALL

Present: Pamela K., Woody N., Irish C., Lois L., Coco M., Tom P., Jason S., Bill P.

Excused: John Mc. and Rae Z.,

Jason S. left the meeting at 9:30 a.m. PDT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA—the agenda approved as amended

APPROVAL OF MINUTES— the minutes of the Quarterly meeting of January 26, 2008 were approved. Notes from meetings of March 22 and April 5 are recorded but no formal minutes are submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT We operated in the red for the first time since 2006. Expenditures are very controlled but we need to be conservative about them. The report was approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS The report was accepted as submitted.

CHAIR COMMENTS --The office space offer from SCI was rescinded. The staffing issue for WSBC will be pursued by the Executive Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee—The building we're in is for sale and leases cannot be extended at this time. The leasing agent will continue to look for new space for WSO, possibly in an industrial building.

B. Convention Committee—Lois

a. Discussion of Convention Chair's reports —

The day and time of the Fashion show needs to be clarified.

Travel planner—there was a question concerning the registration fee of \$75 at the door. The rationale for this amount will need to be clarified and heavily pre-advertised.

Roommate matching—Lois will talk to Donna about setting up spreadsheet for roommate matching. Bill will check with the vendor to find out about last year's t-shirt orders in terms of quantities and sizes. We will request that Rureth provide a list of last year's literature sales to determine the amount and type of literature to make available for sale at Convention.

Lois will check with Donna about the Silent auction.

Hotel room rates will need to be extended before conference rather than have a block of rooms available.

Online registration—Rureth is setting up an account to keep online registration separate.

We will inform Donna that there are three keynote speakers and a keynote speaker is needed for Sunday morning.

C. Area 6—Coco

a. Report concerning Convention 2010 in Leon—

We need information on the finances of sending the Board to Leon as well as

Delegate costs.

Area 6 will send in a motion concerning holding Convention in Leon separate from WSBC.

There is a suggested bylaw change to take out “in the United States,” in Article 4, Section 5, b. 3.

b. Report from Jason re bilingual website—Jason is working on this and will have a report by Conference.

D. Education—Lois—no new updates at this time.

E. Finance—Bill—there was no new additions to the Financial report as presented. We need to talk about ideas for moving some of our money into CDs.

F. Literature—John—a list was sent to John with all the items in the literature pipeline.

G. Nominating—Jason—no report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Mentor program for new directors and leadership development proposal

a. Dissemination of 2007 Mentoring Guidelines was given —Item E. should be listed as Participating Director.

b. Description of service position duties and responsibilities.

All board members need to get descriptions into the office prior to our next called meeting. Descriptions will be sent to both the WSO office and the Chair. The job descriptions of the President and Education Chair have already been submitted.

Lois as Chair of Education committee will read descriptions of the duties of Directors, Board Committee Chairs, and corporate officers at WSBC so that potential nominees for open positions will be aware of what is required of them in terms of time, duties and responsibilities if they are elected.

B. Public information page on web regarding availability of public service announcements—this is in progress.

C. Use of “Just for Today” in meetings (non-AA or CEA-HOW Conference approved literature)

A letter will be sent to SCI by Pamela acknowledging the need for the Conference Literature committee to research all of our literature to determine what has or has not been conference-approved.

D. Compilation of FAQs from monthly Director Questions: Steve P. had prepared some FAQs and these will be sent out by Pamela to the Board for review. Lois will also direct Rosie to check through questions formerly answered by Board members and compile a list of FAQs.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PROPOSED WORLD-WIDE OUTREACH LIST

An individual member is preparing an outreach list. This is strictly voluntary for members to be a part of.

B. CONFERENCE 2008

a. Staffing—Conference staffing will be discussed at the Executive Board meeting.

b. Board expenses; room reservations—Rooms for Wednesday through Saturday will be provided to the Board, along with the meal package and meals for Conference and Convention registration. Non-board members who share rooms with Board members must pay half of the room expenses. **Woody needs roommate names by May 5 so that reservations can be made.**

c. Hiring parliamentarian—A \$500 fee was paid last year. **Jason will compile some names for this position and will email Pamela with suggestions within the next three days.** It was agreed that last year's education component was positive.

d. Waiver parameters—The guidelines from last year will be followed, which were: **“Pursuant to the Bylaws the Board will consider waivers of qualification for delegates to the World Service Business Conference in all categories except the abstinence requirement. Any waiver must be submitted in writing to the Board for consideration at least 15 days prior to Conference.” Tom will add this item to the Policy manual so that it does not need to be addressed each year.**

The Conference Support Committee—this is a volunteer committee. **It will be added to policy manual and added to the Bylaws of the Board. Tom will write this up. Pamela will let people know of opportunities for service on this committee.**

e. Delegate workshop—Last year was the first year this was offered on Wednesday evening, and it was decided to hold it on Wednesday evening again. This frees up more time for committee work during Conference. **Early prior notification will be sent. Donna will need to make sure there is a room available for use for Wednesday night.** It was decided to follow the format from last year of “Everything you Always Wanted to Know about Conference” with an added emphasis on committee work. **Lois and Tom will facilitate this workshop.**

f. Motions: It was suggested that in the future a history of the subject matter of the motion be included with all submitted motions. The motions submitted this year by Areas 1 and 2 will be circulated as submitted with no rationales included. The rationales

can then be presented at Conference as part of the “pros.” The following motions were reviewed and will be placed on the WSBC Agenda:

i. Phone Bridge as a new Area—**Pamela will resend this motion out to Board members for review.** This does not require the approval of the Board as it was already done last year.

ii. Amend Sponsor Guidelines re sponsoring.

iii. Just for Today

iv. Traditions workshop

v. Amend Sponsor Guidelines re Phone Bridge meetings

vi. Suggested 50/30/20 split of 7th Tradition.

vii. Bylaws—Editing revisions were discussed on several bylaws.

Several will be revisited and added to the next meeting. **Tom will go over all discussed so that all will be in readiness for the delegate packets.**

viii. Motion that all policy motions and bylaws approved at Conference supersede any motions already done—**this will be written up by the Chair and sent out for next meeting for review and vote by the Board.**

C. WSBC POLICY MANUAL—the Board went through these and there will be a few changes and then these will be sent out to the delegates.

D. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS—the remainder of the Bylaws amendments will be looked at when we have our next meeting. There will be a special meeting held on Saturday, June 7, 2008, 7:00 a.m. PDT to complete review of the proposed Bylaws amendments.

ADJOURNMENT—the meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. PDT.

Minutes submitted by Irish C.