

COMPULSIVE EATERS ANONYMOUS – HOW  
**Minutes of the World Service Organization Business Conference 2001**  
**The Rio All Suite Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada**  
**July 26 - 27, 2001**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The annual World Service Business Conference was held July 26-27, 2001 at the Rio All Suite Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. Pamela J. called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., July 26 and led participants in the Serenity Prayer.

2. WORKSHOP – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Solveiga Unger, a professional parliamentarian, presented a workshop on parliamentary procedures. A handout was provided.

3. WORKSHOP – ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING

Martha S, Area 1 delegate, presented a workshop on organizational/strategic planning.

4. BUSINESS SESSION

a. CREDENTIALS REPORT

Wendy S. of the Registration Committee presented the count of conference participants as of 3:00 p.m., July 26: board members (10), area delegates (29), guests (3).

b. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken; there were 10 board members and 29 area delegates, for a total of 39 voting delegates.

c. APPROVAL OF STANDING RULES

By unanimous consent, the standing rules were approved as presented.

d. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the agenda was approved as amended.

e. REPORTS

1. CHAIR

Pamela J., WSO Board of Directors Chair, presented her report. Report filed.

2. PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Margee C., Board President, presented her report. Report filed.

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3. TREASURER

Rae Z., Treasurer, presented a report as of July 17, 2001. The general fund balance was \$13,710.70. Much of the balance will be spent when the convention bills are paid. Current accounts payable were \$3,117.67.

f. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Margee C.'s oral report highlighted actions by the board's Executive Committee. By meeting via email, the committee was able to address certain issues and take action in a timely manner or refer them to the next board meeting with substantive background to allow the board to make informed decisions. Committee members also responded to Program-related questions coming in to the WSO, with each member being assigned to the "answering post" for one month.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer Rae Z. discussed the financial report, noting that, for the first time, CEA-HOW ends the year in the black, with a year-end balance of \$2,814.63.

3. LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Jean C.'s oral report summarized the committee's work over the past year. The committee completed the substantive work on the universal food plan, as mandated by the 2000 Business Conference, and published in November 2000. Various publications (Young People's package, formats, FAME) are in stages of edit and/or revision and should be published by Fall 2001. Also as mandated at last year's conference, the committee has drafted a Literature Policy for action at this conference.

4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dorothea P. reported the committee revised applications for participating and nonparticipating directors. She noted that applicants for nomination for the 2001-2000 board should complete the revised form by close of business. We will be electing individuals to fill four board seats.

g. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Ruth L. reported that the committee met in October 2000. It was difficult to obtain complete geographic representation in each of the conference committees. The committee provided input on conference agenda/workshop themes to the board.

2. LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Maria D. reported that the committee reviewed the following pieces of literature submitted by Area 1, but is making no recommendations:

- An Introduction to Hospitals and Institutions Brochure
- Why an Intergroup Brochure
- Affirmation Meeting Format (with “Affirmation of Recovery,” and “the Affirmation Bookmark” - designed to use “As Bill Sees It”)
- Attitude Adjustment Meeting Format (including readings “Meditation,” “Big Book Reading,” “Freedom” and “Morning Prayer”)
- Writing Meeting Format
- A 30-page checklist designed as a tablet for the 1<sup>st</sup> 30 days

Because of the mandate from Business Conference 2000, no new literature may be approved until a Literature Policy is adopted. The committee is also reviewing the questions on “As Bill Sees It,” submitted by the Southern California Intergroup.

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee was not active this year.

4. URGENT NEW BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Ruth L. reported that the committee will meet on the last day of the Conference to review newly proposed motions of an urgent nature.

h. OLD BUSINESS

1. BYLAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Karen S. went over each proposed amendment to the WSO bylaws as proposed by the ad hoc committee. She noted that the Conference vote would be an advisory vote for the Board of Directors.

MOTION PASSED ON PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS: To approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws as presented during this conference. Y: 28, N: 0

2. WORLD SERVICE OFFICE LITERATURE POLICY

Jean C. requested that action on this agenda item be postponed until the next day, when she intended to bring a revised policy proposal before the conference.

MOTION TO POSTPONE DRAFT LITERATURE POLICY MOTION

The motion to postpone the agenda item to the next day was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF JULY 26 BUSINESS SESSION

The conference adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and resumed its business July 27 at 8:00 a.m. Roll call was taken; there were 10 board members and 30 area delegates, for a total of 40 voting delegates.

3. CONFERENCE LITERATURE POLICY (CONTINUED)

Jean C. presented the following revised policy for action:

**Compulsive Eaters Anonymous-HOW Literature Policy**

**Purpose.** To establish an orderly process by which CEA-HOW literature is developed and published. It is the intent of this policy that the will of the Fellowship be the ultimate authority in approval of our literature. For general purposes, the will of the Fellowship will lie with the CEA-HOW Business Conference. The two bodies primarily responsible for development and revision of our literature are the WSO Literature Committee and the Conference Literature Committee.

**Content.** CEA-HOW literature will support and enhance the recovery process from compulsive eating as the process is described in CEA-HOW's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Seven Tools, and CEA-HOW Concept and, more broadly, in the recovery program detailed in the big book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

**WSO Literature Committee.** Develops and revises Conference-approved recovery literature and evaluates literature needs. It may also assess the need for, and develop, audiovisual materials.

**Conference Literature Committee.** At the direction of the WSO Business Conference, reviews new literature and audiovisual needs, reviews existing pamphlets and new pamphlet drafts as they are prepared, and recommends action to the WSO Literature Committee. Obtains WSO Business Conference approval of draft literature before forwarding it to the WSO Board for final production, pricing, and distribution.

MOTION PASSED ON LITERATURE POLICY WITH A PROVISIO

That the revised Literature Policy (A) be adopted as presented with the proviso that the literature pending WSO publication be published no later than 6 months from today's date. Y: 32, N: 4

j. NEW BUSINESS

1. LITERATURE

The conference discussed the need to have a policy in place for ongoing review and revision of existing literature and the procedure to obtain the Conference approval.

FAILED MOTION ON DISPLAY OF CONFERENCE-APPROVED LITERATURE

A motion to limit display of literature at meetings to World Service Business Conference-approved literature only was not adopted.

MOTION FAILED ON LOCAL PUBLICATION OF LITERATURE

Until such time as proposed local literature receives WSO Conference approval, literature may be published by intergroups or areas as an interim solution. Y: 9, N: 20

MOTION PASSED AUTHORIZING A THIRD FOREVER ABSTINENT FORMAT

To authorize publication of a tri-fold format of the Forever Abstinent Food Plan printed on both sides of standard sized 8.5-inch by 11-inch paper. Y: 37, N: 1

k. ELECTION OF NEW WORLD SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS

The following new Board members were elected by secret ballots: Luretha B., Area 2; Kathy D., Area 1; Rosemary G., Area 5; Linda K., Area 1.

l. ELECTION OF NEW WSBC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Susan B. (Area 4) and Nona A. (Area 2) were elected by secret ballot to complete vacant terms on the WSBC Conference Committee.

m. URGENT NEW BUSINESS

MOTION PASSED ON CONFERENCE MINUTES

The WS Board will provide a hard copy of the WSBC minutes to all delegates at the conference in time to allow for review by all before the Board's October meeting. Y: 34, N: 0

FAILED MOTION ON FORMATION OF AD HOC FOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Move to establish an ad hoc WSBC Food Plan Committee to review, refine, and revise the food plan. Final recommendations will be given to the WSO and Conference Literature Committees for further consideration. The Ad Hoc Committee will present a final product for voting at the 2002 World Service Conference. Y: 10, N: 28

MOTION PASSED ON LITERATURE POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Be it resolved that the 2001 WSBC direct the Board of Directors to draft a policy for the 2002 WSBC regarding development, revision, and rescision of conference-approved literature. Y: 37, N: 1

5. ADJOURNMENT

The conference adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Maria D., Secretary

Board Approved on: October 20, 2001