



COMPULSIVE EATERS ANONYMOUS – HOW

MINUTES OF
WORLD SERVICE BUSINESS CONFERENCE
Anaheim, California
July 20-21, 2006

Call to Order

Eric R., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer and introduction of the Board.

Board members present:

Eric R.	Woody N.	Chris M.
Ruth L.	Bill P.	Shellee A.
Barb K.	Pamela K.	Rae Z.

Workshop – The 12 Concepts for World Service

Director Shellee A. and Board Secretary Pamela K. presented the delegate workshop on the 12 Concepts for World Service based on the Concepts Checklist from AA's General Service Office.

Workshop – Intergroup/Area Open Forum

The delegates discussed preparation and dissemination of public service announcements and the viability of television appearances, and establishment of a CEA-HOW bulletin board.

BUSINESS SESSION – DAY ONE

Roll Call

There were 38 members present. See Register of Attendance. Jason S. served as parliamentarian.

Approval of Standing Rules

The following amendments were made to the Standing Rules:

2. GENERAL AND COMMUNICATIONS: d. There will be no children under the age of 18 and no pets, except service animals assisting the disabled, in the business sessions. **[Approved: 35; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0]**
3. QUORUM: The quorum for all business sessions of the WSBC will be 2/3 of the delegates registered as defined at the opening of Business Session – Day One. **[Approved: 33; Opposed: 2; Abstentions: 0]**
8. ELECTIONS: b. A majority vote will elect. A majority is defined as a simple (51%) majority of the voting delegates present to decide upon and conduct business. **[Approved: 38; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0]**

The Standing Rules were approved as amended. **[Approved: 34; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0]**

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved with the correction of a typographical error.

Approval of 2005 WSBC Minutes

The Minutes of WSBC 2005 were unanimously approved as presented.

Reports

Rae Z., Co-Founder, Eric R., Board Chair, and Woody N., Corporate President, presented their reports to the Conference.

Board Committee reports were presented:

Executive Committee: Woody N.

Finance: Bill P., Treasurer, and Woody N., Co-Chair of Finance Committee

Literature: Ruth L.

Education: Shellee A. and Marian H.

Nominating: Bill P.

Conference/Convention: Eric R., who recognized the extraordinary service contribution of prior Chair Rosemary G.

WSBC Committee reports were presented:

Agenda: chaired by Maria D., submitted motions for inclusion on the WSBC Agenda

Finance: no member present

Literature: chaired by Connie, who submitted a written report of the Committee's work on the Traditions Workbook, which the Committee delivered to the Board Literature Committee.

Urgent New Business: chaired by Michael K., who announced all Urgent New Business motions must be submitted to the Urgent New Business Committee by 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2006.

Old Business

There was no Old Business carried over from WSBC 2005.

Business Session – Day One adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

[A Special Board Meeting followed adjournment of Business Session - Day One (see Minutes of Special Meeting, 7/20/06).]

BUSINESS SESSION – DAY TWO

The Conference reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

Election of WSBC Conference Committee

The following delegates were elected to the WSBC Conference Committee: Joan D., Adriana, Norma T., Anita (Area 3), Holly D.

New Business

Motions Submitted Prior to Conference

1. 12 Traditions Workbook: The Board Literature Committee moved that the 12 Traditions Workbook be given WSBC approval. **MOTION PASSED: APPROVED: 35; OPPOSED: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0**
Luz. Ma. and Maria D. will coordinate the Spanish translation.
2. Sugar and Flour Definitions: Motion submitted by Area 1 that "...the World Service Office [sic] Business Conference approve the inclusion of definitions of sugar and flour in all formats of all CEA-HOW food plans."
MOTION PASSED: APPROVED: 20; OPPOSED: 17; ABSTENTIONS: 0
The minority opinions were heard. Three votes in the majority were changed to vote with the minority.
A motion was made to rescind the approved motion. **MOTION PASSED: APPROVED: 26; OPPOSED: 9; ABSTENTIONS: 2**
The motion as originally submitted was again voted upon. **MOTION FAILED: OPPOSED: 23; APPROVED: 12; ABSTENTIONS: 0**

3. Guidelines for Meeting Formats: Motion submitted by Area 1 that "...the World Service Office [sic] Business Conference honor the recovery and creativity of its Fellowship by establishing minimum requirements for CEA-HOW meetings, and decline to endorse specific meeting formats."

Subsidiary motion: add to main motion: "The minimum requirements are 1) the HOW Concept, 2) the 12 Steps, 3) the 12 Traditions, and 4) the 7 Tools. **Subsidiary motion passed: Approved: 24; Opposed: 12; Abstentions: 0**

2d sub subsidiary motion: add to 1st subsidiary motion: "to be read aloud in their entirety at meetings." **2d subsidiary motion passed: Approved: 33; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 3**

3d subsidiary motion: Replace word "requirements" with "guidelines." **3d subsidiary motion failed: Opposed: 22; Approved: 9; Abstentions: 1**

MOTION AS AMENDED BY SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS 1 AND 2 PASSED: APPROVED: 27; OPPOSED: 5; ABSTENTIONS: 4

Final motion reads: The World Service Business Conference honors the recovery and creativity of its Fellowship by establishing minimum requirements for CEA-HOW meetings, and declines to endorse specific meeting formats. The minimum requirements are 1) the HOW Concept, 2) the 12 Steps, 3) the 12 Traditions, and 4) the 7 Tools be read aloud in their entirety at meetings.

4. Policy Motion submitted by Area 2: "Be it resolved that it is the policy of the World Service Business Conference that the only literature used during CEA-HOW meetings be CEA-HOW conference approved or AA conference approved materials, as determined by the presence of those organizations' logos."

Subsidiary motion: End motion at word "materials," deleting the remainder of the main motion. **Subsidiary motion passed: Approved: 26; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 6**

MOTION AS AMENDED BY SUBSIDIARY MOTION PASSED: APPROVED: 34; OPPOSED: 2; ABSTENTIONS: 0

Final motion reads: Be it resolved that it is the policy of the World Service Business Conference that the only literature used during CEA-HOW meetings be CEA-HOW conference approved or AA conference approved materials.

Urgent New Business

1. Motion submitted by Area 5: Whereas the annual International CEA-HOW Convention is of and for the CEA-HOW fellowship as a whole, BE IT RESOLVED that a new WSBC Committee be organized and formed at this Conference to be called the WSBC Convention Committee. The

Chair of this committee will liaise with the Chair of the World Service Board for the Conference/Convention Committee for any additional assistance needed.

Vote taken to allow this motion to come to the floor: **Approved: 34;**

Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0

MOTION PASSED AS SUBMITTED: APPROVED: 32; OPPOSED: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 0

Interested members must sign up for Committee at this Conference; Ann S. will chair the WSBC Convention Committee for Convention 2007.

2. Motion submitted by WSBC Education Committee: Be it resolved that an ad hoc Task Force of 3-5 members be established for the purpose of the development of a Service Manual, including members from the Board and the Education Committee, and that authority be delegated to the Task Force to invite additional members from Fellowships outside CEA-HOW whose experience and expertise will aid the Task Force in its work.
MOTION PASSED: APPROVED: 32; OPPOSED: 0; ABSTENTIONS: 1
Marian H., Chair, Education Committee, will spearhead the ad hoc Task Force.
3. A motion was made to form an *ad hoc* Public Information Committee under the direction of the Education Committee to create materials for outreach to the community. Marian H. was named Chair of this committee. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. A Motion was made to form an *ad hoc* committee under the direction of the Education Committee to develop a Sponsorship manual and a Sponsorship workshop. Ann S. is Chair of this committee. **MOTION PASSED.**

Executive Privilege

The Chair discussed motions which had been submitted but were not included on the WSBC Agenda: 1) WSO finances were dealt with separately through reports submitted; 2) separation of Conference and Convention is in process and will continue to evolve; 3) concrete goals of WSO were dealt with separately through reports submitted; 4) deleting sugar free gum from the tools was considered similar to Motion 2 included on the Agenda; 5) motions should be submitted to Board six months before WSBC and finalized three months before WSBC; and, 6) approval of teen meeting materials moot in view of legal constrictions on teen meetings (detailed letter will be sent to the Fellowship explaining legal issues).

Election of Board of Directors

Six seats on the Board were up for election; each seat was for a two-year term. Nominees were: Shellee A., Lois L., Woody N., Ruth L., John McK., Coco C.M., and Irish C.

Newly elected Board members for two-year terms were: Shellee A., Lois L., Woody N., Ruth L., Coco C.M., and Irish C.

Remaining on the Board were Rae Z., Co-Founder, and Eric R. and Bill P., who will complete the second year of their two-year terms.

WSBC Committee Assignments

Literature: Ofelia M., Eric D., Anita S., Judy K., Luz Ma., Leona

Agenda: Maria D., Holly D., Poly

Finance: Jean C., Maria D.

Urgent New Business: Lupita, Leona J., Rosemary G.

Education/Public Information: Marian H., Jane W., Cheryl A., Susyn B., Norma T.

Education on Sponsorship: Wendy F., Manny G., Carol J., Rosemary G., Ann S.

Conference Committees will elect their Chairs, who will provide all contact information to the Board.

Open Forum/Closing Comments

Adjournment

The 2006 World Service Business Conference adjourned at 4:12 p.m.