

Virtual Region Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2023 5:00 PM EDT. (8:00 PM UTC)

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STRATEGIC VISION: The function of the Virtual Region Board is to serve and support its committees, intergroups, meetings and members and to carry the message to those who still suffer.

Serenity prayer (All) & read Strategic Vision

Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2022 - No objections, approved Board Reports:

Chair: Spanish and French groups are pushing for more translated literature. VIG had their dashboard taken over and members information put into chat along with videos of members (including the chair).

Vice Chair: Not

Treasurer: Scholarships for WSBC

- Question about what the annual audit will look like - at this time nothing planned, waiting for after tax returns are filed.
- DSF scholarship for Valor Para Cambiar, an intergroup started post application period. The board voted to grant scholarships and to extend it to any Intergroup that doesn't have a representative.
- If someone credible shows up at WSBC and is, they will be welcome as a voting delegate (but may not have materials available to give them).
- OAUKB selected a delegate last night.
- Santa Alameda is interested in joining Virtual Region as an Intergroup.

Secretary: Report Stands update - WSO approved Copywritten use of materials for assembly.

Data : Report stands update Al S. who will take over our newsletter and training on Constant Contact.n

Digital Content Coordinator: Report Stands - Highlight paragraph regarding discussion on the flow of convention for next year.

- Question regarding set up of Help Desk. We have not discussed procedure or responsibilities, who does what. Response: Emails are triggered by admin and can be turned off, an individual can stop that. DCC and committee Chair are hoping to continue with the Help Desk. Charlotte committed to submit a proposal at the next board meeting.

Trustee: No report

5:35 PM Committee Reports/Updates

- o Finance - No report
- o Bylaws - Report stands
- o Convention - under New Business
- o Workshop - Suspended
- o TSW - No report

- o PIPO/UWD - Report stands
- o IGOR - Will be meeting Sunday at 1:00 pm EST
- o Digital Communications: Report stands

OLD BUSINESS

1. Digital Content Coordinator Description has been returned to Digital Communications Committee and they will turn it in when they vote on it Tuesday if possible, if not possible - next Assembly.
2. Scholarship Fund to support Intergroups in providing literature for TSW Step Studies: Anyone interested in this may make a proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Convention 2024: Postponed until Carol is back (except interpreter recordings)

- **2023 convention draft profit and loss:** \$9,975 net profit
Facebook: We can send out a response to everyone who responded cost \$525
- **Pick a date for the next convention** - Suggested March 1, 2 and 3rd, 2024, Convention committee can decide
- **Pick a date for the beginning of the convention planning season. 6 months? 7 months? ahead of the date** - Committee decides Saturday
- **Interpreter recordings for the Webinar and some of the other sessions**
 - o **Do we want to use them?**
 - o **Digital Committee is editing them. How do they handle editing for interpreting and where does budget to pay for it if we need to hire an individual(s).** Where no sharing was going on, that needs to be edited out, quiet doesn't need to be edited. Editing for violations for Traditions - no issue has been brought to our attention (someone may have said AA or pay-to-weigh groups).
 - People who have done it in the past might be willing to do this with Digital.
 - Suggestion to split recordings between Board Members.
 - Does it have to be reviewed twice or can we leave with our trusted servants?

2. Acceptance of Data Coordinators Resignation who has agreed to serve to the end of the month. Thank you Trisha for all you have done for the region.

3. Discussion of WSBC data information, PDF or Print Pack available for purchase.

4. Announcement of the availability of the Data Coordinator position to be sent out by the secretary and posted on the website.

5. Board Reference Manual - where to store it? Marie, Data Committee Member will make sure it is ready to go live, and she will manage it until the new Data Officer is ready to address it.

Motion: The board members, specifically Claire and Marie will work along with any others that might have information and bring it back next month's board meeting. For the board to determine it is as complete as possible and what we want to do with it.

6. Motion to assembly providing committee co-chairs voting rights at assembly. The motion was voted on and failed. The consensus was that two votes would cause an imbalance and is not a good idea. Motion failed.

7. How should the interrupters' recordings be addressed? After the traditions portion is finished, we can revisit this question.

8. Request to update translation strategies: Discussion on the different programs available DeepL and Google Translate. The Board Members voted to accept the "Bridge" Translate Press along with DeepL and Google API's.

9. Make.Com switching from Zapier: Discussion of Zapier vs Make.Com. Zapier is much more expensive and Make.Com allows multiple users. 90 day package for now until we know we will be happy with the product. No objection, Approved

Meeting ended 7:45 PM ET with the Serenity Prayer