

***SATURDAY NITE LIVE GROUP***  
***STEERING COMMITTEE AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES***  
***August 11, 2012***

- Group Chairperson opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer
- A member read the short form of the AA Traditions
- The Group Secretary called Steering Committee roll
- Group Secretary read last month's minutes, they were passed by the group & posted
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**GROUP CHAIRPERSON:** (Kristopher U.)

- We had three Steering Committee resignations: H&I, Facilities, Evening Meeting Coordinator
- Made switches at the bank to remove outgoing Group Chairperson (John H.) and add new Group Chairperson (Kris U.) along with Group Treasurer (Betsy)
- We have a number of proposals up for today

**GROUP SECRETARY:** (Sheila D.)

- No Report

**TREASURER and CO-TREASURER:** (Betsy and Fran)

- Income \$5468.64
- Expenses \$5618.98
- Difference \$150.34
- We were paying bills on line and accidentally payed two months of bills so next month it wont show up on our report
- We corrected accrual balances
- Donations of \$94.72 for coffee items
- Please use one envelop for each meeting

**FINANCE COORDINATOR:** (Colleen)

- No Report

**GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE (GSR):** (John C. and Jennifer)

- August 19th is Unity Day, 3 speakers are planned (one will be Manni from SNL)
- Summer Assembly going on today (English and Spanish)
- Congress has just acknowledged our Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, as shaping America and the world view of America.

**INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE (IRG):** (Sarah and KC)

- Flyers for events are in the room

**PUBLIC INFORMATION/COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL/  
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR (PI/CPC):** (Ramon)

- PI Chair is looking for members to assist with literature tables at events
- Tons of opportunities, please ask Coordinator for help with service

**HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTATIVE (H&I):** (David G....Resigned)

- No Report

**BIRTHDAY COORDINATOR:** (Crystal)

- No Report

**REFRESHMENTS COORDINATOR:** (Roman....Resigned)

- No Report

**EVENTS and ALT-EVENTS COORDINATORS:** (Lynn and Fran)

- No Report

**FACILITY COORDINATOR:** (Ken S.....Resigned)

- No Report

**GROUP ARCHIVIST:** (Shane)

- Still needs to go through archived financial records for past 7 years
- A member feels we should first let the group know what may decide to discard since some of those items may still be of use to the group. For example, we used those archived for writing our SNL book.
- A member suggested presenting a few items at a time each month to make some progress on cleaning things up since it's becoming a storage issue.
- Suggestion from members to get help from someone that was around when the book was written to review and suggest what can be discarded and what should be kept. As a trusted servant, members elected in positions are trusted to acquire assistance from others to help follow through with daunting tasks, this suggestion may help us start seeing some results. The group agreed with this suggestion.

**RECORDING COORDINATOR:** (Chris W.)

- No Report

**SPEAKER COORDINATOR:** (Tom H.)

- No Report

**LITERATURE COORDINATOR:** (Eric)

- Sold over 29 Big Books, most ever sold since I've been in service

- Also over 80 meeting guides
- It was heard that SNL doesn't make the newcomer feel welcome. This increase in our literature sales is proof to me that newcomers ARE welcome.

**ANNOUNCEMENT COORDINATOR:** (Rebekah)

- No Report

**SPONSORSHIP COORDINATORS:** (Breanna and Jason)

- Slip #s have gone down. It seems since the box has been moved from the back to the front of the room, #s have dropped. It may be harder for newcomers to make that walk to the front of the room.

**SECRETARY WORKSHOP COORDINATOR:** (Manny)

- No Report

**NOON MEETING COORDINATOR (8:30am, 10am, noon):** (John B.)

- Secretaries are doing a better job at starting with a topic for topic meetings
- A couple noon members who were very active in reaching out to people in the rooms have gotten jobs so we could use support from anyone interested in reaching out where others are no longer able to do so.

**6PM MEETING COORDINATOR (2pm, 3:30pm, 6pm, 6:30pm):** (Rob S.)

- Apologized for not being here at Business Meetings due to a new job
- Your're helping me learn to balance life better

**EVENING MEETING COORDINATOR (7pm, 8pm, 8:30pm):** (Marti....Resigned)

- No Report

**MIDNIGHT MEETING COORDINATOR (and marathon meetings):** (Caitlin)

- No Report

**WEBSITE COORDINATOR and ALTERNATE:** (Jake and ?)

- Apologize to the group for not being at Business Meetings due to life issues that have come up
- We're up-to-date from 2007 to June 30th for speaker CDs
- Updates are made monthly but I could use help since it's a really long process
  - Fran volunteered to help Jake
- Paid \$37 for internet server through July 2014. A receipt will be provided to the Treasurer
- Need \$108 by November for renewal of MP3 service
- With some shopping around, \$108 is a good price for the amount of giga bytes we receive
- Password for MPs is "Bigbook"....posted by the coffee kiosk garbage can at recording room
- We get an impressive # of hits on our site with traffic coming from not just this area, but around the world. That's a pretty impressive platform for providing a message at such a reasonable cost for service

- We have 100 giga bytes of storage for use on our site
- The site was made to be searchable to make it easy to find what you're looking for

**LIASON TO THE LANDLORD:** (Jimbo)

- No Report

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**OLD BUSINESS**

(No old Business)

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5 MINUTE BREAK

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**NEW BUSINESS**

5:30 PM Limit--automatic tabling deadline (IGCD 6.2.1, #10)

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Proposal #1

- Proposal to amend the IGCD (8.1 - Accounts)
- Purpose of the change is that most of our bills are now paid electronically without bank enforcement of two signatures
- This will require 2 passing votes of 2/3 at 2 consecutive Business Meetings

IGCD 8.1 currently reads:

"The group maintains an appropriate Prudent Reserve account and a checking account for group funds. Checks and withdrawals require two signatures, with two people authorized to sign. These two are the Group Treasurer and Group Chairperson."

Proposed change would read:

"The group maintains an appropriate Prudent Reserve account and a checking account for group funds. **Bills are paid electronically by the Group Treasurer. Checks issued will require two signatures: the Group Treasurer and the Group Chairperson.**"

- Discussion
  - Reimbursements are done by check and will still require two signatures
  - The electronic account is monitored by the two people with access: Treasurer and Group Chairperson
  - There's only one debit card (Refreshment Coord, \$600)
  - The bank knows that we are absolutely not allowed to receive another debit card
- Motion to vote made
- Second motion to vote made
- Vote.....Pass with 2/3
- Discussion/Minority Discussion.....None

- This will be voted on for a second time in September
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## Proposal #2

- Proposal from the Meeting Format Committee to edit all 12 topic meeting formats
- The purpose is to insure conformity to the Group Conscious (IGCD 4.3.2)
- This will require 1 passing vote since IGCD 4.1 reads as follows:

### 4.1 STARTING NEW MEETINGS

A new meeting is started by simply writing down a proposed format and submitting it to the Business Meeting. Existing formats are changed the same way. The Business Meeting acts as the group conscience in reviewing the format. Upon determination of conformity to the group conscience, the Business Meeting votes to approve the new format, or changes to an existing format. A single vote is sufficient to change the group 'conscience on meeting format changes and adding new meetings.

### IGCD 4.3.2 "Open Topic Discussion Meetings" currently reads:

Open Topic Discussion Meetings are meetings that focus on a variety of topics as they pertain to recovery from alcoholism. The intent is to keep the meeting recovery oriented and focused to the selected topic, which is stated at the beginning of the meeting. The meeting format will read along these lines: the format of this meeting is as follows: Chairpersons will open the meeting with a selected topic - sharing their experience, strength and hope, then open the meeting up for participation. *"This is a one hour or an hour and a half meeting.*

### Proposed change to formats would read: (Approved by Meeting Format Committee)

**"The Chairperson will select and announce a topic for discussion, then sharing their experience, strength and hope on that topic for ten to fifteen minutes. They will then open up the meeting for participation."**

- Discussion
  - I think that's ridiculous....just semantics
  - SNL started the whole topic discussion meetings format and we're lingering from our group conscious. We voted to stay on topics partly to avoid drunk-a-logs that can be found elsewhere.
  - This proposal just better supports what's already been voted on and put in the IGCD
- Motion to vote made
- Second motion to vote
- Vote.....Pass
- Minority Discussion.....
  - Nobody should tell someone in AA what to talk about, we tell our own experience, strength, and hope. This effects AA as a whole.
  - I don't want to decide what I'm talking about before I share. I want it to come to me when I talk.
- Motion to Revote....Pass

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- **Proposal #3**

- Proposal to amend the IGCD (4.2, 4)
- This will require 2 passing votes of 2/3 at 2 consecutive Business Meetings
- If passed, changes to each meeting format will be considered by the Meeting Format Committee

IGCD 4.2, 4 currently reads:

Seventh Tradition: We will now honor the Seventh Tradition. We have no dues or fees in AA, but we do pay our own way. Newcomers and non-AA members please do not contribute.

Proposed change would read:

Seventh Tradition: We will now honor the Seventh Tradition. We have no dues or fees in AA, but we do pay our own way. Newcomers and non-AA members please do not contribute.

**(After the Chairperson finishes pass the baskets again) We pass the Seventh Tradition baskets so that latecomers to the meeting are not excluded.**

- Discussion

- Don't think it needs to be changed in the IGCD, too formal. It can be done informally through the trusted servants in Secretaries Workshop and Meeting Coordinator positions
  - My concern with passing it again after the Chairperson speaks is that we need to continue to explain why we pass the basket each time we do so for anyone new or visiting so that they understands why it's passed. That's been a SNL tradition that I've always really liked.
  - Maybe we should just change all meetings to pass the basket after the chairperson
  - A longtimer said that passing the basket when we do (before the Chairperson) is a SNL tradition that many people really enjoy. It gives our lively group a chance to settle in, make noise with talk and change, and fellowship a little before being asked to really settle for the remainder of the meeting. Passing later could be distracting with our group.
  - I think it's fine how it is....I think changing it up is a sign of our group getting greedy
  - It would suggest thinking about the cost involved in this decision. It would cost the group \$2.50 to laminate every meeting format if we voted to change them all.
  - I think it's just frivolous and call be managed informally through our trusted servants: Meeting Coordinators, Secretaries Workshop Coordinator, and Secretaries
  - We're getting too structured where we should leave such items to our trusted servants
  - Putting it in the announcements in the past made a significant impact on contributions. Maybe we can consider other means such as that to make a difference.
- Motion to vote
  - Second motion to vote
  - Vote.....Unanimous No
  - Minority Discussion.....None

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- **Proposal #4**

- Proposal to amend the Refreshments and Supplies section of the Secretaries' Workshop addendum to the IGCD (5.5)
- This will require 2 passing votes of 2/3 at 2 consecutive Business Meetings

Secretaries Workshop: Refreshments and Supplies currently reads:

"Make sure that you arrive early enough to prepare the coffee and supplies so they are ready before the meeting starts. We encourage you to ask a member to remain in the coffee kiosk area for serving coffee during meetings and welcoming all attendees. Also, check to make sure the literature rack has pamphlets available. If the refreshments or literature supplies are getting low, or have run out contact your Meeting Coordinator or call the appropriate Steering Committee member. Phone numbers are on the board.

Proposed change would read:

"Make sure that you arrive early enough to prepare the coffee and supplies so they are ready before the meeting starts. **Meetings should have an EXACT amount of coffee for each specific meeting based on attendance. Coffee should run out at the very END of each meeting.** There should NOT be any coffee left over. ....

- Discussion
  - Again, seems to be an attempt to impart too much structure to our meetings and group
  - Meeting Coordinators should be handling this through communication with Secretaries
  - Personally, it's BS. This has been a 25-30 year battle. We need to really on trusted servants.
  - Agree that this is just another attempt to change things by throwing something written at it when our group has already made attempts to make a change in this area. Currently we have posting in large bold print directly next to the coffee makers and that has or hasn't had whatever effect since posting. Putting something in print that will hang on one small page in the IGCD on the wall isn't going to create change. I also feel we need to rely on our trusted servant to help in monitor coffee use. Writing wont make things change, action will.
  - We need to rely on our trusted servants to show up and be committed to making sure things discussed in our Business Meetings are followed up on
- Motion to vote
- Second motion to vote
- Vote.....Unanimous No
- Minority Discussion.....None

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**NEWLY ELECTED POSITIONS**

Steering Committee Election procedures.....(IGCD 7.3)

Secretary Election procedures.....(IGCD 5.4)

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name &amp; Phone #</i>
Female Sponsorship Coordinator	Ashley
Male Sponsorship Coordinator	Repost (apt Victor L.)
Midnite Meeting Coordinator (Temp)	Caitlin
Evening Meeting Coordinator (Temp)	Repost (apt. Jason H.)
Facilities Coordinator (Temp)	Johnny
H & I Coordinator (Temp)	Repost (apt. Jon B)
Sunday 10AM (Female)	Jonni
Sunday 3:30PM (Female)	Heather
Sunday 7PM	Jon B.
Monday 6PM	Jeff
Monday 8PM	Mark L.
Tuesday 8PM	Ken
Wednesday Midnite	Devon
Friday Noon	Ashley
Saturday 6:30PM	William H.
Saturday 8PM	James R.

### **WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**

- The extra chairs bug me, we need to make them disappear to make SNL look nicer. It's the 1st thing you see when you come in the room and it makes it hard to use the area.
- We want to rock and do Day on the Gravel. Beau got in touch with Lynn for a Sat. in Sept
  - Beau wants planning help but it shouldn't be the musicians planning it
- Why is the picnic being put off? Are we combining Day on the Gravel and Thank You Picnic
- Apology came from a member that acknowledged that her opinions during proposal discussion were disrespectful to the group.
- We're impressed with the things said during Steering Committee reports. We've really proven that SNL is doing just what we're here to do, carry the message especially to someone new or just really needing a message coming from our group. We have evidence that we're doing that really well here in SNL.



- It's disrespectful for a longtimer to speak out loud for people to go to other meetings if they don't like the formats voted on in this group. It's our job to embrace everyone as they think and act as they wish. This may be someones only meeting they come to, we need to embrace differences in opinion. Bill W. and Dr. Bob never told anyone to go somewhere else.
- You really need to be involved in service with SNL to know what it's about. I don't agree with a lot either but so what. Love and tolerance is our code. We need to let people share. We don't do it perfect. I love SNL and that's why I come back.
- Awesome to talk today about IGCD. Differences in opinion happen, we're just a group of people with defects and opinions who are trying to find a solution to those defects. Thank you for chance to have open and safe conversations here at SNL.
- Big Book Reading....no attitude of holier than thou. It seems to be a fear of retribution among people in general in society. The idea here is to have a place where newcomers can come and share their problems without being told what they need to do. We need to be patient with each other.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Sheila D.  
 Group Secretary ▲

### Business Meeting Attendance

Steering Committee Position	Contact	X.....Present E.....Excused
Chairperson	Kristopher U.	X
Secretary	Sheila D.	X
Treasurer Co-Treasurer	Betsy Fran	X X
Finance Coordinator	Colleen	A
General Service Rep. & Alternate	John C. Jennifer	A X
Intergroup Rep. & Alternate	Sarah KC	X X
PI/CPC Representative	Ramon A.	X
H & I Representative	David G. (?)	Resigned
Birthday Coordinator	Crystal	E
Refreshments Coordinator	Roman	A

<b>Steering Committee Position</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>X.....Present E.....Excused</b>
Events Coordinator & Alternate	Lynn Fran	E X
Facilities Coordinator	Ken (?)	Resigned
Group Archivist	Shane	X
Recording Coordinator	Chris W.	X
Speaker Coordinator	Tom	X
Literature Coordinator	Eric	X
Announcement Coordinator	Rebekah	E
Female Sponsorship Coord. Male Sponsorship Coord.	Breanna Jason	X E
Secretaries Workshop Coord.	Manny	X
Noon Meeting Coordinator	John B.	X
6PM Meeting Coordinator	Rob S.	X
Evening (8PM) Meeting Coordinator	Marti (?)	Resigned
Midnight Meeting Coord.	(?)	X
Website Coordinator Assistant Website Coordinator	Jake ?	X

(24 Positions total)

Quorum (50% + 1) = 13

### **6.1.2 STEERING COMMITTEE QUORUM**

Business Meetings require a quorum of the Steering Committee (50% + 1) present in order to conduct business. Lack of a quorum may cause the meeting to be terminated with respect to being an official function capable of making binding group decisions. This determination may or may not be made at the discretion of the Group Chairperson.

#### **6.2.1 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

1. Meeting begins at 3:30 PM.
2. Open the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.
3. One individual reads the Traditions, short form.
4. Group Secretary calls the roll of the Steering Committee and reads the Minutes.
5. The Seventh Traditions basket is passed.
6. Steering Committee business and reports.
7. Old Business.
8. A block of time, defined by the Group Chairperson, for General Service and/or for any Intergroup

issues from a group conscience session (*Scheduled only when needed*).

9. Five minute break.
10. New Business (5:30 PM limit-automatic tabling deadline).
11. Hold voice, hand, or count-off (not written ballot) vote, using the same amended Third Legacy Procedure as described in ¶ 7.3, for the election of Steering Committee positions.
12. Hold meeting secretary elections.
13. Open sharing session: What's on Your Mind?!?
14. Meeting ends with the Lord's Prayer.