

**THE FAILED MOTIONS LISTED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE A FORM OF THE BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE WASHINGTON AREA 72 BEFORE THE CREATION OF WASHINGTON STATE EAST AREA 92. THEY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED “UNEDITED” IN ORDER FOR US IN WASHINGTON STATE EAST AREA 92 TO DOCUMENT WHERE WE CAME FROM SO WE CAN BETTER UNDESTAND THE PROCESS THAT BROUGHT US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY. THERE ARE SOME YEARS THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION FOR THEY INCLUDE YEARS 1963 THROUGH 1966-1968 THROUGH 1974 AND 1990.**

*1961 Area Assembly*

- District 5 moves that the Washington Area be divided into two Areas
- That the Alternate State Delegate automatically become the next State Delegate.

*1962 Area Assembly*

- That the Washington State Assembly pays the expenses of the General Service Representatives and the District Committeemen to the Washington State Assembly.

*1963 Through 1966 Area Assembly Missing*

*1967 Area Assembly*

- WW presented a proposal to this assembly requesting that we have our state meetings two years on the east side of the mountains and two years on the west; rather than alternating them.

*1968 Though 1974 Area Assembly Missing*

*1975 Area Assembly*

- (Bill K. finance chairman) made a motion to pay the expenses of the Alternate Delegate, Alternate Treasurer and Alternate Chairman retroactively for the year 1975 at 15 cents a mile to the three Committee Meetings and the Area Assembly.
- Bill K. made a motion that we pay the actual travel and prudent expenses to cover the six elected trusted servants and the two appointed secretaries (to include lodging if distance indicates.) These expenses to cover events approved by the Washington Area Assembly upon submission of receipts covering actual expenses. Co-Chairpersons to be paid only actual incurred costs. This would allow for change in our economy.
- That the prudent reserve of the Washington Area Assembly of AA be increased from the present \$1500 to \$3000.
- That the District Committee Member reports be made on Friday night on election years.

*1975 January Committee Meeting*

- That a committee is appointed by Joyce S. to draw up a set of guidelines of AA functions that the Delegate is required to attend and funded.

*1975 April Committee Meeting*

- That all questioned and unauthorized expenses be returned to the Treasury until the vote in October and her (Marietta N.) district questions checks #30 & 32, expenses to the Conference in Denver, also checks #5 & 7.

*1975 August Committee Meeting*

- That AA World Services, Inc. publish a handbook for study groups based on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.
- That all preceding funding legislation be voted out and the following method be voted in: that the Delegate expenses be paid for all authorized services rendered; Pacific Regional Service Assembly, three DCM meetings, the Area Assembly, the Delegate Conference in New York, and reporting back on it, plus the Pacific Northwest Conference expenses. The Chairman and elected State Service Personnel: three DCM meetings and the Area Assembly. Actual expenses that are occurred. (Died due to lack of second.)
- That the Washington Area authorizes our Delegate a discretionary fund of \$250.00 over and above those previously authorized, to be used as the Delegate feels appropriate, such expenses to be accounted for to the State Treasurer. (Died due to lack of second.)

*1976 January Committee Meeting*

- Be it resolved that district 16 moves that if a resolution is passed concerning expenses that affect officers, then the resolution not be effective until after the next change of officers. (Died due to lack of second.)
- Be it resolved that District 16 moves, that any new business brought upon the floor at the Washington Area Assembly must be taken back to the groups for group conscience and voted on at the next Assembly. (Died due to lack of second.)

*1976 April Committee Meeting*

- To eliminate oral reports of Co-Chairmen at Committee Meetings and that such reports be printed in the Newsletter.

*1976 August Committee Meeting*

- That the Third Legacy procedure be used in the in the election of state officers.\* (see [4] Jan Comm Meeting)

- That the outgoing Chairperson appoint the chairmen of the service committees....\* (see [5] Jan committee meeting)

*1976 Area Assembly*

- That the DCM's oral reports be excluded at the annual Assembly unless there is something so urgent that it warrants the oral report.
- That we instruct the elected servants to appoint Chairpersons for East and West, the expenses for one only to be paid to the Area Committee meetings and both be paid to the Area Assembly.
- That the Washington Area Assembly meeting in October 1976, reconsider the action on the prudent reserve of \$1500 figure to be raised to \$3000.
- Persons introducing motions and resolutions directly relate to financial matters to the Washington Area Assembly of AA shall consider and publish in the Newsletter and communicated to DCM's previous to Assembly the following, along with the proposal:
  1. A summary and the purpose of the proposed item.
  2. A statement of the approximate additional cost.
  3. The benefits to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.
- That there be appointed co-chairmen East and West, and that the Washington Area Assembly pay the actual expenses of the co-chairmen to three committee meetings when held in the section of the Area they serve. Also that all co-chairmen be funded to the Washington Area Assembly.
- That voting on trusted servants, resolutions and other issues be conducted by polling the DCMs.

*1977 January Committee Meeting*

- Harry B. gave a financial report on the Washington Area Assembly in Yakima, Washington on October 8,9 and 10, 1976. There was a surplus of money to be disbursed. Various ways and areas of distribution of funds were explored. Joyce S. then established the fact that precedent had been established for a seed fund of \$150, and any additional funds should be sent to New York. Claudette M. suggested that we are pricing people out of the Assembly and if we would cut costs we would not have surplus to disburse. There was agreement to this point. Harry B. of District #8 then spoke about the value opposed to the estimated charge, which would make the price lower. Fran P. then clarified the position of the Washington Area with regards to the money and its expenditure. Dick P of District 9 suggested the money be sent

directly to New York. The discussion continued. The motion was then made That excess monies should be transferred to the next Assembly to keep costs down.

- The DCM meeting hall expenses, including coffee, be taken from the Washington Area fund.
- Persons introducing motion and resolutions directly related to financial matters to the Washington Area Assembly of AA shall consider and publish in the Newsletter and communicate to DCM's if possible, prior to the Assembly the following along with the proposal
  1. A summary and purpose of the proposed item.
  2. A statement of approximate additional cost.
  3. Benefits to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

#### *1977 Washington Area Assembly*

- Those sufficient seats be provided at each districts table at the Washington Area Service Assembly for at least six alternate GSR's as well as the GSR's. This action would encourage alternates to attend Washington Area Service Assemblies, resulting hopefully, in better-trained alternates.
- That the Area Treasurer discontinue payment of the Area Delegates expenses to the Pacific Regional Conference and/or the Northwest Conference as no Area business is conducted at these meetings.
- So move that in the future only motions that have been presented at Committee Meetings during the year and brought back to the groups for their consideration be on the Assembly Agenda. Further than that new business shall be confined to matters relative to the function of the Assembly for the coming year.

#### *1978 Washington Area Assembly*

- That the money received from the sale of banquet and breakfast tickets (at the Washington Area Assembly) after expenses be split according to the ratio deemed possibly by the registration records of AA and Al-anon.
- That all Assemblies, Conferences, workshops and large gatherings serve hot decaffeinated coffee and endeavor to keep hot decaffeinated coffee at least as available as caffinated coffee.
- That we extend the preparation time for the Washington Area Assembly to two years.
- That further business meeting of the Washington State Assembly be conducted with a qualified parliamentarian being assigned.

#### *1979 Washington Area Assembly*

There were no failed motions to be found at this time.

*1980 Washington Area Assembly*

- That this body considers centralizing the location of the Committee Meeting and the Washington Area Assembly.
- Be it resolved that the Washington Area split into two Delegate Areas. With Districts #1, #5 & #6, and all Districts east of them to be made one Delegate Area named Inland Empire.
- Washington Area Assembly should be changed to Can-Wash-Ida Area Assembly

*1981 Area Assembly*

- That any motions, resolutions or amendment on matters on increased expenditures must have a group conscience.
- That the appointed Committee Chairpersons be allowed a vote on all issues both at the Assembly and at the DCM quarterly meetings.
- That because of shortage of time, that on voting years we eliminate the banquet and dance for the Washington Area Assembly in order to complete our business on Saturday.
- That beginning in 1983 the Washington Area Assembly shall adopt biannually, estimates and outlays authority needed to maintain its current Area services. This resolution shall be implemented by procedures that preserve the right of group participation in the budget process prior to each biannual consideration in the Washington Area Assembly. The Area Committee is directed to propose to the groups, prior to the 1982 Area Assembly, appropriate methods to implement this resolution subject to the conscience of the Washington Area Assembly.
- District 6 requests permission of the Assembly to divide into 2 districts. The dividing line to be Abatnum Ridge so that Kittatas County and that portion of Yakima County from Wapato southeast to Grandview and southwest to Goldendale and vicinity would be District 30.
- That the Washington Area Assembly's participation in the Pacific Conference be withdrawn.

*1982 Area Assembly*

- That the expenses of the WA Chairperson be paid to attend the Pacific Northwest Conference
- That the W.A. Committee shall not make any changes in the principles and policies passed by the W.A. Assembly. However, it shall be possible to poll at the DCM Meetings using the 75% of the voting GSR's at the last assembly.
- That motions and resolutions affecting principles and policies of the W.A.A. may only be adopted at meetings of the WA Committee if the Committee has polled those Assembly members eligible to vote at that time and only where the poll return shows that those voting on the issue equaled in number at least 75% of the number of members eligible to vote registered as attending the last meeting of the W.A.A.
- That a committee of GSR's be appointed or nominated by the Assembly for the purpose of looking into the idea of the process or guidelines by which the DCM's poll the groups.

#### *1983 Area Assembly*

- That we elect an alternate Secretary.
- That the Washington Area rename the Area Public Information Committee to the Public Information/Cooperation With the Professional Communities Committee (PI/CPC).
- That the 1982 W.A. Assembly motion, which reads that any actions established by the W.A. Assembly, cannot be changed except by W.A. Assembly action be rescinded.
- That the GSR Sharing Session be removed from the agenda of the business session on election years only and be held on Friday Night.
- That the Committee Chair people of Committees which are allocated annual budgets provide financial statements on how the money was used.
- That the Washington Area Newsletter be printed quarterly after each DCM Meeting and Area Assembly.
- That the Area Assembly cut the Al-anon and Ala teen speakers at the banquet keeping in mind that this is an AA service Assembly.
- That the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous include an index.
- That we hold the GSR sharing session from 7 to 8am every year.

#### *1984 Area Assembly*

- That we eliminate the banquet so that we may devote Saturday to conducting the business of the Assembly.
- That all Appointed Officers have a vote in the annual Assembly and at the quarterly meetings of the Area Committee in accordance with the Service Manual.
- That we fund the Area Chairperson to the Pacific Regional A. A. Service Assembly.
- The budget for the Archives Committee for 1985 will be \$500.00 to be spent at the discretion of the Archivist.
- That the Appointed positions of Grapevine and Literature Chairpersons East and West be eliminated and that the duties be assumed by the Alternate Delegate
- That we fund the Alternate Delegate yearly to the Pacific Regional Service Assembly.
- That any motion brought before the Washington Area Assembly be first submitted to, at least one DCM meetings and then published in the Area Newsletter.
- That all motions seconded at the Washington Area Assembly, except housekeeping motions such as to adjourn and to convene the Assembly shall be returned to the GSR's and the members for the group conscience. The acceptance or denial of these motions will be voted on at the next Washington Area Assembly. (failed due to lack of second)
- That a Motion Review Committee be formed to: 1) ensure that motions are clearly worded, and deal with only one issue. 2) Resolve discrepancies with the District that made the motion and 3) prepare a pro and con statement including any economic impact, for publication in the Area Newsletter. (failed for lack of a second)
- The Area Chairperson appoint a committee of Area Officers and DCM's to review the present funding systems of all Standing Committees and make recommendations at the next Area Assembly.
- That we change the current banquet provision to a buffet like the 1984 Area Assembly.

#### *1985 Area Assembly*

- That all housekeeping procedural motions presented at the annual Washington Area Assembly shall be decided by a simple majority of the eligible voters present at the time.
- To divide the Washington Area into two new Areas. The new Areas will be located geographically as follows: a) Western Washington Area - all Districts west of districts

5 & 7 of our current Area. b) Eastern Washington Area - all districts east of and including Districts 5 & 6 of our current Area.

- That the Chairpersons of the Washington Area Standing Committees and Appointed Area Officers be voting members of the annual Area Assembly and at the Area Quarterly Committee Meetings.
- That contributions to the Washington Area be used in the Washington Area (except by Assembly vote;) to encourage unity and better achieve our primary purpose. The financial procedures to achieve this will be developed by the Area Financial Committee and reported to the 1986 Assembly.
- That the actual expenses supported by vouchers be paid for the appointed Third Legacy Committee Chairpersons to the Quarterly Committee Meetings and the Area Assembly.
- That the Washington Area Chairperson appoint a committee to study the possibility of establishing a single Central Assembly location. Recommendations to be made at the July 1986 quarterly Committee meeting.

#### *1986 Area Assembly*

- That an Area Committee for the Cooperation for the Professional Community be established as a standing committee with East and West Chairpersons, and fully funded as a standing committee.
- The Washington Area adopt and implement a policy of no smoking during the business session of the annual fall assembly.
- That the GSR's only be allowed to vote at the Washington Area Assembly.
- That all Area committee and district reports to the Washington Area Assembly be reduced to writing, reproduced and distributed to all GSR's at the opening of the business session, and that only those area committee members and DCM's having information to share which may need action by the Assembly be asked to make oral reports.
- That the Wash Area buy the props for the 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy and to be made available through the PI Committee.
- That expenditures within each Standing Committee established credit line be determined by that Committee Chairperson and its members; however, any increases in the total amount of credit line be determined by GSR approval.
- That the Washington Area have no more than 20 groups in each of its districts to comply with the AA Service Manual. That we redistrict and/or establish new districts to obtain 20 or less groups in each of the districts.
- That all Washington Area Committee Chairpersons submit written reports at the Quarterly DIM Meetings so DCM's will have more time to discuss their district problems.

#### *1987 Area Assembly*

- That the Washington Alternate Delegate be funded the same as the Delegate to attend the Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly.
- In order that the Area be truly self-supporting, we move that the Area pay for 100% rather than 50% of our Delegates expenses to the General Service Conference.
- That only DCM<sup>1</sup>s and GSR<sup>1</sup>s be allowed to vote. They are the only ones who are elected by the groups.
- Motion made to change the allocation of funds to the appointed chair people so that each is allocated \$125.00 for communication expenses (postage, copies and long distance) over and above their present literature allocation. ---Moved to table this motion and defer to finance committee (failed, on both counts)
- That the hall rental costs at all business meetings for conducting the business of the Wash Area be the responsibility of the Wash Area.
- That the Wash Area Assembly invite an audio reproductive company to tape Banquet and Sunday Morning Spiritual Breakfast Speakers, and make available to those who wish to purchase.
- That the Area Committee and the host Committee for the 1988 Area Assembly be instructed to provide a smoke free atmosphere for the 1988 Area Assembly business meeting and meals.
- Those Canadian Monies be accepted at par value at the Washington Area Assembly for registration, etc.

#### *1988 Area Assembly*

- The Area Treasurer maintain excess funds from the sale of Our Stories disclosed, in a separate fund as seed money for future printing or editions of the book. Any disbursement of these funds be authorized by the Area Assembly.
- That the Committee known as Public Information be renamed to become The Committee for Public Information and Cooperation with the professional Community (PI/CPC.)
- That all Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs be full participating and voting members of the Area Committee and Assembly.
- That all communication expenses of the Wash Area appointed Chairpersons be reimbursed separately from Committee service credit lines.
- In order that we accommodate both those who want to smoke and those that want to breathe, moves: That the Washington Area Assembly hold future business meetings in an airplane hangar or similar structure that can be completely opened at both ends.

- Change from saying available or not available to yes or no. (This is to make it easier to hear when polling the Area candidates for Area officer positions.)
- In order to expedite business and help people listen, I move that the head platform be placed along the long wall of the room at future Assemblies.
- That all monies received by the Area be kept in a non-interest bearing account.
- At the 1989 Assembly there will be a 15-minute smoke break after every full hour on work. Was amended to 4 hours and failed.
- That audio recording of the Speakers meeting at the Washington Area Assembly be allowed without cost, liability or endorsement by the Washington Area Assembly.(lack of second)
- That the Committee to bring the Washington Area into compliance with Federal Tax Statutes be allowed to hire special workers as outlined in Tradition 8, as needed.

#### *1989 Area Assembly*

- That the Washington Area Assembly be financially responsible for all its quarterly meetings.
- That only DCM's and GSR's be allowed to vote at Area business meetings.
- To answer the objection that the Washington Area standing committee chairpersons are appointed and therefore should not vote at area business meetings, we move that they be elected by people they represent.
- That any amendments to motions raised on the floor at the Area Assembly, which are not housekeeping revisions not be brought up for a vote until circulated to all Area groups for their study and vote.
- That in all future years, the cost of the assembly to the groups not exceed \$100 that is to include: room, board and registration.
- That the Committee for the Split be given a one-year time limit to use to the best of their ability the opportunity to investigate our area's split and that a decision on the area split be made at the 1990 Area Assembly.
- It is strongly suggested that each AA group use washable cups and utensils or biodegradable cups and utensils whenever possible except when to do so would be an economic hardship on the group. this policy will be communicated throughout all AA.

- In order to comply with current tax laws, move that the Washington Area Assembly immediately proceed with the following process:
  1. Incorporate as a Washington nonprofit organization.
  2. Apply for the IRS tax exempt status required filing the appropriate tax returns.
- That the Washington Area Assembly take responsibility to pay the expenses of the Pacific Regional Trustee to the Assembly on Even years, our election years.
- That Washington Area Appointed and Standing Committee Chairpersons be given full voting, and therefore participation privileges, at area business meetings.
- That the Washington Area fund the Alternate Delegate to PRAASA.
- That no flags be flown at any Washington Area functions.
- That the Washington Area consider holding the assembly earlier, up through the second weekend in September, so that we can take advantage of less expensive sites such as university campuses.
- That we as an assembly take our inventory at the next non-voting assembly using the pamphlet, THE AA GROUP.

*1990 Area Assembly Missing*

*1991 Area Assembly*

- That the Washington Area be split into two Areas approximately divided by the Cascade Mountains. This split would become effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1994.
- That the Washington Area Assembly be held annually in Yakima beginning in 1995, with the Washington Area Alternate Chairperson co-chairing the Host Committee composed of members of the Washington Area Committee.
- That all motions from the floor, and amended motions, except housekeeping motions, passed at the Area Assembly be tabled for group ratification. The ratification process to include the polling of each DCM at the January Quarterly for the group votes of their district. At this time, if passed, the motion would become effective.
- Those all-new motions, except housekeeping, be tabled until the next WA Area Assembly for group ratification.
- That at all future Assemblies the agenda be changed to move Old/New Business to follow the Treasurers Report, with all remaining reports to follow as time allows.
- That the WA Area elected and appointed officer reports be given during the dinner on the Saturday night of the Assembly.
- Area level committees shall be funded by action of the WA Area Assembly. All monies for service work of the WA Area shall be forwarded to and dispersed by the WA Area Treasurer. Individual committees shall not have money collection

procedures which are outside the normal self-support structure. This motion specifically bans cans for collection of funds for service committees for the WA Area.

- WA Area Assemblies be limited to one-day business meeting. No banquets, no dances, no hotels.
- Date of Assembly to be moved to first weekend in September.
- That all Area trusted servants be required to stand in line at the mikes on the floor when stating an opinion, but may speak from the podium when asked by the GSR's for more information.
- That no WA Area funds be spent on literature that is not approved by the General Service Office.
- That our WA Area Delegate be directed to bring up idea of guidelines on Archives at the 1992 conference.

#### *1992 Area Assembly*

- That the WA Area Assembly be held sometime during the summer at a college campus, there by saving home groups a significant amount of money on lodging expenses.
- We move that all appointed Area Officers be allowed a vote at Area Committee meetings and Area Assembly.
- Move that the Area consider having Post-Conferences Assemblies, five in the Area, to replace the current practice of Delegate's Reports.
- Move that the Area have Post-Conference Assemblies, to enhance current practice of Delegate's Reports.
- Move that all the ballots for 1992 Assembly elections be automatically destroyed, unless otherwise requested, once the position is elected.
- That all motions, other than housekeeping, to be presented on the Assembly agenda as new business shall have been subject to review as the Area Committee Quarterly process prior to any action by the Area Assembly.
- That the Washington Area adopt a policy of providing funds necessary to accomplish assigned duties of all elected/appointed positions at the Washington Area Level.
- Move that only the GSR's would be allowed a vote at Area Assemblies.
- As a means of addressing the Areas growth, distance and expense in the Washington Area, be it proposed; That an ad-hoc committee be formed to investigate the formation of service regions within, and part of, the area to facilitate communication

between the Area and the groups, reduce expense, and provide for future growth of the Area.

- That all Area Officers, appointed or elected, be reimbursed for actual expenses only (gas, meals, lodging), when traveling on behalf of the Area.
- That the meals included in the Assembly Package be described as to what they are going to be, not just as “lunch”, “dinner” or “breakfast” in the Assembly registration fliers.
- Move the Washington Area adhere to the spiritual principals of the 12 Concepts of World Service and the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- To cut down on GSR’s expense, we propose that the Washington Area Assembly be an assembly only; no dances, banquets, workshops, etc. just a one day business meeting.

#### *1993 Area Assembly*

- Move that the following statement be incorporated in to paragraph 6 of the Washington Area Archives Policy: Monetary donations for special projects may be made directly to the Washington Area Treasurer and earmarked for its specific purpose.
- That all Area Trusted Servants be compensated for authorized travel at no more than the IRS Charitable Rate.
- That all individuals making themselves available for elected Area Officer positions be encouraged to submit resumes for publication in the August Washington Area Newsletter in election years.
- We move that the Washington Area go to two (2) Assemblies per year, one in April and one in October, with the October Assembly in the even years being an election Assembly with Old Business only.
- That the contribution to GSO not be made by the Washington Area this year in order to use any extra money to support the division of the treasury between the two areas.
- Recognizing the value of the fellowship of the new Alcoholics Anonymous Anonymity Statement from the General Service Conference and the spiritual principle from which it emanates, we humbly suggest the addition to the sentence of one word that will enhance and illuminate its meaning. We move that the GSC amend the Anonymity Statement to read as follows: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, please respect this trust and treat in confidence who you see and what you hear.

- We move that the Washington Area Delegate bring to the next General Service Conference a request to create a new pamphlet for hospital and treatment center clients. This pamphlet should explain to the client the purpose of the Bridging the Gap program from their perspective, and to include a form they can complete and mail or call to their AA contact area.
- Motion that the Washington Area Assembly, in the spirit of self-support, pay 100 percent of the delegate's expenses to the General Service Conference, beginning in April 1994.
- Move that the cost of adequate computer equipment be investigated in order to bring our Archives into the 21st century.

#### *1994 Area Assembly*

That the six appointed Washington Area Archives Steering Committee members (and the Archivist) be compensated for required travel to Steering Committee meetings at the same rate as other appointed Washington Area trusted servants.

- Move that the Washington Area underwrite the basic costs of the Area Quarterly's hall rental and coffee expenses. not to exceed \$500 per Area Quarterly meeting.
- The extended Hand Group moves that the Assembly begin discussion of business motions immediately following the Treasurer's Report.
- The Washington Area Archives Steering Committee be appointed by the Washington Area Committee (three members appointed on alternating years) to serve a two year term.

#### *1995 Area Assembly*

- With full awareness of the fact that all AA's have full access to the Area Archives within the suggested guidelines, and the recognition that this attitude needs to continue in Washington Area 72 and be relocated to Western Washington. The Area 72 committee will be happy to assist the new Area in building their Archives by sharing duplicate material and other material which may be specific to the East sides history.
- Since this Assembly is the last time both Areas in the state of Washington with part of surrounding territories will be meeting together as a governing body, we move that the Archives disposition be delegated to the current Archivist, Steering Committee and the new Archivist from the new Area and Steering Committee, if they create one. The disposition of the current Archives will be resolved by June, 1996.