

**2009 S-ANON WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE MINUTES
DENVER, COLORADO
JULY 10, 2009**

- The 6th Annual S-Anon World Service Conference was held on July 10 in Denver, Colorado. The Conference began at 9:30 A.M. with a welcome by C. V. O., Acting Interim Chair of the WSC Committee. C.V.O. spoke about her gratitude for the S-Anon Fellowship, the gift of serving the fellowship and the great need for service in our fellowship to continue. She also suggested that as we participate in the Conference we keep in mind the 12 Traditions of S-Anon, particularly, Tradition 2 and Tradition 12. Lastly, C.V.O. spoke about the importance of the role of the Delegates and the continued importance of the communication between the Trustees and the Delegates, looking forward to developing this relationship.
- C.V.O. led the WSC in the Serenity Prayer.
- The Credential Committee reported that there were 24 voting members signed in, registered and in attendance.
- S.S., a WSC committee member and Delegate from Eastern Canada, read the minutes from the 2008 WSC. The minutes were approved by general consent.
- Roll Call was taken. All 24 members present stating their name, position and area they represented in the S-Anon fellowship.
- B. P. read the 12 Steps of S-Anon.
- C.T. read the 12 Traditions of S-Anon.
- R.F. read the 12 Concepts of S-Anon.
- M.M. gave the Board of Trustees Report. M.M. spoke about all the wonderful accomplishments from the various committees and how the priorities list works with the BOT. Questions were asked by two Delegates regarding the sharing of the BOT monthly minutes. M.M. explained that in following other 12 step programs, the BOT minutes are not shared with the Delegates; however, Delegates are encouraged to join committees, which would have access to those committee reports. If the Delegates then had regular meetings together, they would then have all the pertinent information that was discussed on the BOT monthly calls. M.M. encouraged more conversation about this topic.
- C.W. gave the WSO Report. The importance of long distance sponsors was discussed. C.W. addressed the growing number of people on the phone meetings, a concern brought up by one of the Delegates. It was stated that the BOT is currently developing the guidelines for these meetings.

- M.M. gave the Executive Committee Report. M.M. spoke about the many hats she is wearing, as we still need members to step forward in many positions, particularly the Treasurer. Also, the working toward fully compensating special workers, according to our traditions.
- M. M. gave the Financial Committee Report. M.M. spoke about the 7th traditions being up this year. Also, M.M. asked about any S-Anon members who may have website skills, who might be willing to assist our Webmaster as we are looking for ways to enhance the S-Anon the website. Lastly, M.M. spoke about the need for a Treasurer.
- L. H. gave the Literature Report. L.H. talked about the ongoing revisions to the S-Anon Green Book. D.C. a contributing editor for the Literature Committee talked about the need for a Graphic Designer to be able to work with the current software used by the committee.
- S.S. read the International Convention Committee Report. S.S. mentioned future convention sites and encouraged volunteers to ask for assistance from previous convention hosts with any questions.
- C.V.O. gave the WSC Committee Report. C.V.O. spoke about the rise in Delegates from more areas being represented and encouraged more areas to join the WSC. It was mentioned by one of the Delegates that the minutes from the last WSC came out very late. C.V.O. explained that S-Anon volunteers do the WSC tape transcripts. The minutes cannot go out until the transcripts are done. C.V.O. encouraged any member here today to volunteer and to get the transcripts done in a timely manner so that the minutes may go out the members earlier. A member asked how the time and date for the WSC was decided. C.V.O. explained that the WSC members, as to what day, took a group conscience and time members would prefer in accordance to the Traditions. A member asked about how motions are decided to go to a committee for consideration. C.V.O. explained that if a motion is presented that pertains to a particular idea and a committee exists with regards to that idea, the motion is then sent to that committee for consideration first. M.M. clarified that does not mean that the motion does not come back to the WSC for voting, but that it first goes to the committee, they make any recommendations and then it is either sent back to the motion maker or to the WSC Committee for the following year. J.T., Parliamentarian pointed out that the S-Anon Service Manual has all the information about making motions and the procedure and for all the members to take a look at the service manual for specifics. It was also suggested by a few members that the motions go out to the Delegates earlier so they may have more time to get the group conscience from their area.
- M.W. gave the Public Outreach and Information report. M.W. spoke about many ideas the committee has to reach the public. One major accomplishment has been the S-Anon Poster, which has been printed and was added, is only a beginning, as well as a new table tent for our entire meeting regarding anonymity. M.W. also shared the ongoing work on a S-

Anon media kit, which would further explain the disease of S-Anon for the public and medical professionals.

- No S-Ateen report was given the S-Ateen Committee Chair is vacant.
- R. M. gave the Archives report. R.M. spoke about her excitement at getting the earliest information about S-Anon and all of her gratitude for the hard work members have done to create our program. She also encouraged anyone who has any information regarding the early years of S-Anon to contribute to the Archives. The next phase will include information from other members of S-Anon.
- A group conscience was taken to extend the WSC from 1:00pm to 1:30pm. It was unanimously approved.
- Ten Minute Break was taken.

New Business

- C.V. O. led the WSC in the Serenity Prayer.
- The Rules, according to Roberts Rules of Order, were explained to the WSC members, by J.T., parliamentarian.
- A motion was made to approve the Board of Trustees. 2 corrections were made to the information in the packet regarding the titles of the WSC members. All 24 members present approved the motion unanimously.
- The Archives Committee Chair presented the 2nd Motion. : Reference would be made, in the S-Anon/S-Ateen Service Manual, regarding couples meetings, as an example of a meeting which does not meet the requirements of Tradition Three. Couples meetings would no longer be referred to as special meetings in our Service Manual. As is the current policy, couples meetings would not be registered nor have voting privileges or representation. In addition, the WSO would not refer these meetings or accept Seventh Tradition donations from them. The World Service Office policy would not have an opinion regarding couples meetings. Anyone wishing to start to start a couples meeting would no longer have to have a local group to sponsor it. References to couples meetings shall be limited to; the *S-Anon/S-Ateen Service Manuel*, along with vague references in other publications for the sole purpose of S-Anon members sharing their experience, strength and hope. Any currant mention of couples meetings in literature other than in terms of S-Anon experience, strength and hope will be phased out as publications are updated.
- A second was given.

- After much discussion, the motion failed: 8 members voted for the motion and 16 voted against the motion.
- A group conscience was taken to limit the discussion per member per motion to 2 minutes from 3 so we might end by 1:30pm. The vote was passed unanimously.
- The 3rd Motion was presented. R.M. presented the motion: Minority groups of S-Anon members may form meetings such as: Men, Gay/Lesbian, and Adult Children of Sexaholic's etc. These meetings would be listed as Special Focus Groups. They function the same as any S-Anon meeting even though the meeting may be listed, for instance, for (Men) with a focus on the effects of sexaholism as a man. This type of group may be registered with the WSO, and have the same voting rights and representation as other regular groups; provided that Tradition Three is practiced and a fostering of good will towards anyone not fitting the description of the focus of the special focus of the meeting is made evident. In the spirit of practicing Tradition Three, these meetings would not be listed as Men's Only, but as a Men's Meeting.
- A second was received for this motion.
- After much discussion, the motion failed: 7 for, 16 against.
- A group conscience was taken to extend the WSC to 2:00pm. All were in favor.
- Motion 4 was presented by the Delegate from North Carolina: The S-Anon International Family Groups no longer consider Sexaholics Anonymous literature as S-Anon Conference Approved Literature. Therefore, all mention of SA literature would be eliminated, at the time of the next reprinting, from any SIFG published literature regarding SIFG CAL. The intent is by removing SA literature from our CAL list, we become more independent, taking a step closer towards defining our fellowship as separate and autonomous from the SA Fellowship. We would be taking a great giant step towards practicing the Seventh Tradition as a fellowship.
- A Second was given for the motion.
- After much discussion, the motion did not pass: 8 in favor, 15 against.
- C.V. O. thanked everyone for his or her service and closed with the Serenity Prayer.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm
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Addendum:

A full transcript of the 2009 WSC is on file at the WSC and with the WSO.

All the WSC Committee Reports are available in full and were handed out to the WSC members.

Respectfully submitted by:

C.V. O.

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