

DELEGATE TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

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OPENING: The meeting was opened by Erin with the reading of the purpose of subcommittee, reading of the Commitment to Service and a quote from Bill D.

1. **Members present:** Erin D., Bob P. (Intergroup 70), Mary Ann (North Palm Beach), Jim R. (N.Y.), Laura (California), Jorge (Columbia), Moe D.
2. **Purpose and objectives:** *To serve as a resource to help educate Delegates and Alternate Delegates of groups and Intergroups to the Annual Business Conference by providing information on what is read prior to attending conference, as well as helping delegates be more informed in helping their members/groups practice traditions and concepts and holding group consciences*
 - **Objective 1:** *Create guidelines for conference delegates.*
 - **Objective 2:** *Reach out to past delegates to identify educational needs and deficits.*
 - **Objective 3:** *Review of BRB, OPPM and Bylaws for references to conference delegates; place all information in one document for further reference.*
 - **Objective 4:** *Create and promote educational materials.*
 - **Objective 5:** *Outreach to ComLine to establish an article to interest and educate the membership in serving as conference delegates.*
 - **Objective 6:** *Multi-Lingual Delegate Outreach to other parts of world and translation of delegate training materials, as needed.*

GROUP BUSINESS

1. **Trifold:** Discussion was held on creating a Tri-fold for distribution to group/intergroup delegates. Aaron volunteered to start working on preliminary creation of trifold. Bob proposed that we not get lost in the creation of a trifold, that we get something done that is 1-2 pages so that it can be ready for the next ABC, making mention that time is getting short. Jorge proposed that 1 page could be reviewed by the subcommittee at a future meeting and any objections, additions, omissions be discussed and action taken at that time.
2. **Mailings:** Laura raised the question of how to get a new tri-fold, once created, to groups/intergroups. Bob P. volunteered to contact WSO to find out if there is a way to do a mass email or any other way to get the new trifold out to groups/intergroups, provided that he was sent specific instructions on what, where, who he needed to contact to get this done.

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Mary Anne brought the fact that finding the contact person's name for a group/intergroup is not an easy process as well as very time consuming. Jim shared that his intergroup and group has their own email address that works well for them.

3. **Buddy System:** Bob P. stated that a "Buddy System" for new delegates is used in AA and that it is very helpful to new delegates. A new delegate is paired up with someone that has been to the ABC previously and gently guides them through the process.
4. **Committee Name:** Jim expressed feelings that maybe the name of the subcommittee be renamed, he felt that the present name sounds "authoritative". A motion was made that going forward the name of the subcommittee be changed to Delegate Support Subcommittee. After a short discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

En nuestra primera reunión una moción fue hecha, y pasó unánimemente en consenso, renombrar el Subcomité como "Subcomité de Apoyo a Delegados (SAD).

Concerns:

- Jim R raised concern that a lot of work and effort might go into getting this going and then being told "that it cannot be done".
- Bob P. volunteered to submit a definition "of what a delegate is" to the group for comment and discussion.

Next meeting: Erin brought up discussion of when we would meet again and it was decided that an email would go out asking members what date and time would be convenient for them so that it could be held when the majority of subcommittee would be available.

CLOSING: Erin closed the meeting with the ACA Serenity Prayer being recited by all.

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity

To accept the people I cannot change,

The courage to change the one I can

And the wisdom to know that one is me.