

## Report of WSBC Delegate 2010

I attended the World Service Business Conference 2010 as your SWCT Intergroup Delegate on Monday, April 26 through Sunday, May 2, 2010.

It was a great opportunity to continue my work in the Unity with Diversity Committee, which I have attended the past two WSBC as a Delegate for another Service Body.

I was asked to lead and be a Keynote Speaker to the workshop: "Recovery is Contagious! 50 Years, 75 Countries and Counting". It was a well-attended workshop and was helped to lead it by a delegate from the UK.

I was privileged to be able to attend the following workshops: "Look Where We've Been and Where We're Going", "Smiles of Service: We Are Not a Glum Lot", "Youth in OA: Is Recovery Hereditary?" as well as the Forum: "How Does Service Serve us?" organized by the Region Chair's Committee. I also attended the Board of Trustees Meeting right after conference.

I chaired the Unity with Diversity Committee, and was happy to be a part of such a busy committee. We accomplished 90% of our 2009-2010 goals. I am not a chair of this committee for 2010-2011, since I was rotating out of service for having chaired for two consecutive years. The UWD Committee is formed by three subcommittees: Diversity in Working the Program, Cultural Diversity and Manifestations of the Disease Diversity. Formerly we had a fourth subcommittee, the Gender/Sexual Identity Subcommittee.

The conference Literature Committee has been very busy this year, and presented one new pamphlet, three rewrites and three revisions of pamphlets to be approved by the conference. I attended a Literature Q&A workshop where we could ask questions related to the pieces before voting on them at the Business Meetings. The following pamphlets have been revised and approved by conference: Questions & Answers, The Tools of Recovery, To the Family of the Compulsive Overeater. Sponsoring through the Twelve Steps will replace the Current Pamphlet A Guide to the Twelve Steps for you and your Sponsor. To the Teen and Welcome Back were also rewritten and approved at Conference. The new pamphlet "A Common Solution: Diversity and Recovery" was defeated. The CLC has received feedback from delegates, and hopefully they will present this great new pamphlet back at WSBC 2011.

**Proposal Item H** was amended and adopted as amended. It was the first time I saw a Unanimous motion pass at conference.

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**Proposal Item C** also passed with 92 votes in favor and 74 against. We have a Youth in OA conference Committee. It used to be a Board of Trustees' committee.

**Proposal Item E** was adopted as part of the Consent Agenda, which included AA Conference approved literature as well as OA approved literature for sale or display within the traditions.

**Proposal Item A** was withdrawn because its intent was to address the workshops prior to conference and the way it was written, it addressed the debate on how discussion was to be carried at the Business Meetings.

**Proposal Item D** was also adopted unanimously. It was complementing Proposal Item D.

I could not attend the Workshop about Monet matter in OA, because the motion that was proposed by my committee – **Proposal Item G** which addressed the change of Compulsive Eater for Compulsive Overeater- was being discussed at the reference Subcommittee at that time. We are glad to have attended reference and realized that this motion was going to hold up all the literature pieces and the work of our committee was going to negatively impact on the CLC committee. The decision was made to withdraw the Proposal Item G and this was approved by conference after a call for the Serenity Prayer.

**Proposal Item F** was amended to address only electronic registrations to require an email and was also adopted.

**Proposal Items B** addressed the Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature and was adopted, with a lot of debate and questions.

**Proposal Item I** was also adopted after amended by the Reference Subcommittee. Our Ninth Tool is Called “Action Plan” and was adopted by 90 votes in favor and 82 against. It needed 87 votes to be adopted, since it required a simple majority. We still do not have a proper definition for this tool. The CLC has asked us to fill a comments sheet on this tool that might help them come up with the wording to amend the “Tools of Recovery” pamphlet in 2011.

**Proposal Item 3** was adopted unanimously and it also helps us save money by allowing notices to be sent only to those IG that do not express that they do not want to receive them.

**Proposal Item 2 and 1** were adopted as part of the Consent Agenda. They changed the word beyond for above regarding references to service beyond the group level.

We barely had time to address all the motions, and had to give up the Strategic Planning presentation in order to do so.

I want to tell you that this has been the best conference I have attended in these last three years, and that I had to work all my character defects daily. If you really want a hands-on at working the program, this is the best way to do so; and with the privileged of being surrounded by people with a lot of recovery. And remember: **Recovery Is Contagious!**

I believe that I have to give back to OA at least a little of what I receive, and that doing service is the way of really “*walking the talk*” of being grateful to this program. I believe actions show more than words and I am immensely grateful to you for this privileged opportunity of being of service to myself, to you and to OA as a whole.

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