

Motions / Proposals and Senses of the Assembly

2015 Fall Assembly

Finance Committee: Carol B. Budget sheet in packet

Budget: line 6185 GSR Survival Guides, Ray G. moved to have Area 42 pay for this expense and no longer have GSRs pay for the GSR Survival Guide 2nd from floor. Discussion: James, groups should be self supporting and cover the expense. Carol, you can download this at aranevada42.org, **1st vote passed**, minority opinion; Janet, groups should be self supporting and cover the expense, Pam, you can download this at aranevada42.org. Ed. how much did you pay for your last drink, **2nd vote after minority opinion, 68 for 52 opposed, passed simple majority.**

Tom: Motion to have budget done at the March assembly John 2nd, **Did not pass only 3 for, no minority opinion**

Motion to approve budget, passed unanimously

AA GSC Agenda Item Proposal: Sue H., 2nd Wayne H. **Proposal:** That Endnote #4 of Warranty 6, Concept XII be removed from the book, "The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service" manual.

Endnote #4 reads as follows: "Bill here, apparently inadvertently, used the phrase "in action and spirit" instead of "in thought and action" that appears elsewhere in both the Conference Charter and the statement of Concept XII."

The sentence that the Endnote #4 in Warranty Six refers to reads as follows: "That though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in action and spirit."

Background: An ongoing A.A. Concept Study Group in Reno, NV, Area 42 (Nevada and parts of Eastern California) became concerned during discussion of Endnote #4. Specifically, the Study Group feels that Endnote #4 was added out of speculation as to what Bill meant to say. Furthermore, it is felt that since the endnote was added after Bill W.'s death, it cannot be confirmed or otherwise responded to by Bill himself. The Study Group proceeded with several inquiries about this matter with the help of Sophie K., Area 42 Delegate during this time, Tracy O., a staff person at GSO who has the service manual as one of her responsibilities, and Michele M., A.A. Archivist at GSO. The results are that no evidence can be found to indicate that Bill himself meant anything different from what he wrote in Warranty 6.

Additional Findings: The Study Group learned that Panel 63 Area Delegate George J. previously addressed and was pursuing this same concern in 2013. Unfortunately he died before he could complete the matter. Our communication with GSO did reveal that in 1972, while editing of the content of the Service Manual, an unknown person in the Publishing Department (at GSO) marked out the printed wording in Warranty 6 and wrote in their preferred personal handwritten changes. These changes were indicated for the changes to be made in the printing of the 1978 A.A. Service manual. This resulted in Endnote #4 being added. This all took place after Bill's death in 1971.

Conclusion and Requested Action: Because the content of Endnote #4 remains speculative in nature and because there is no clear historical evidence that Bill meant anything other than what he wrote, the Concept Study Group is requesting that Endnote #4 of Warranty 6, Concept XII be removed from the manual and printing of "The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service".

History of Actions Taken to Date:

2013: Concern about the endnote raised in Concept Study Group and discussed with Area 42 Delegate.

2014: Research on matter conducted by Concept Study Group with assistance of Area 42 Delegate, GSO staff and AA Archivist.

2015: Proposal accepted by unanimous vote of District 4, Area 42.

2015: Proposal accepted by unanimous vote of Area 42, Northern Areas General Service Committee

2015: September - Proposal to be presented to Area 42 Area Assembly.

Reference: 2014: Concept study group attendees: Cheryl E., Joyce Y., Merl C., Nancy W., Sober Sue
Passed unanimously

Proposal for Battle Mountain Group to move from District 10B to 10A: Ronnie D. Greetings from the Battle Mountain Fellowship Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. We would appreciate consideration of our request to move our fellowship from District 10B to District 10A. This request is made with good faith and for the following reasons:

1. The majority of our members do frequent business in Elko and take the time to attend meetings and activities at the Alano Club on River Street.
2. A good number of our members do have sponsors and sponsor newcomers in the Elko area.
3. The Battle Mountain Fellowship and Elko and Carlin Groups have a history of keeping in close contact and supporting each other by attending each's meetings and providing mutual service work activities at all locations.
4. Reception to the Battle Mountain request for movement of fellowship to District 10A have been favorable from two District 10A GSR's and various Elko fellowship members.

We do appreciate being part of District 10B while realizing our request is a logical choice considering the above reasons. Thank you for considering our most humble request.

It's up to the Districts