OCCA Regular GSO Meeting minutes

august 12th, 2023

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* **Chairperson:** called the meeting to order, requesting all cell phones be turned off or silenced.
* **Chairperson:** read “CA Preamble”.

Cocaine Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from their addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free from cocaine and all other mind-altering substances, and to help others achieve the same freedom.

* **Chairperson:** called on an addict to read: **“The Twelve Traditions”.** 
  + Mackenzie read the traditions.
* **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition #8.
  + Nolan O. reports on tradition 8 in the place of Art W. Tradition 8 sates: “Cocaine Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”
* **Chairperson:** called on an addict to give a report on the 8th Concept.
  + Steve C. reports on behalf of Trevor on Concept #8 which states “The Trustees of the World Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of overall policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all Directors of these entities.”
* **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 9th Tradition for next month.
  + Chris W. volunteered.
* **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 9th Concept for next month.
* Tess M. volunteered.
* **Chairperson: Committees Statement of Purpose**: as per Nick request, we will ask Committee Chair’s to read their statement of purpose at the time of their report.

**Remaining GSO Meeting 2023 Dates:** Sep 9th, Oct 7th, Nov 4th, and Dec 2nd

**Location:** Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church

2845 Mesa Verde Dr. E Costa Mesa CA, 92627 Suite 8

# ARE THERE AUGUST SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS? Nick B. August 4th for 8 years.

* **Chairperson:** entertained a motion to affirm the new GSRs or confirm a new meeting, if any, as Directors of OCCA and arrange for them to receive a new GSRs packet.

**New Meetings Petitioning to Join Area:**  None

**New GSRs:** John C. for “Spiritual Lines”

* **Steve C. makes a motion to accept John C. as GSR to “Spiritual Lines” to this body.**

**Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

* **Chairperson:** read **GSR Duties** for new GSRs.

**GSR Duties:** The G.S.R. (General Service Representative) is a very important position. One year of sobriety is required to hold this position and it is a one-year commitment. The G.S.R. is required to attend the monthly business meeting, the G.S.O. (General Service Organization) to get chips, literature, schedules, flyers, and any other pertinent info, to bring back to the meeting.

* **Secretary:** prepares to call role and reminds members that “During Roll Call, when you hear your name, announce “Present”, your current Position (if carrying more than one, state positions following this precedent: Officer, Delegate/Alternate, Committee Chairperson, GSR.) and if you are carrying a Proxy vote. If you are a proxy, please announce your principal for the record.”
* **Secretary:** called the roll and announced that we meet quorum.
  + - **Present:** Frank P., Nick B., Melanie R.G., Donovan B., Chris J., Steve C., Frankie A., Dan S., Nolan O., Carlo P., Mathew M., Tess M., Ron D., Doc E., Matt A., Laura R., Jose A., Russell, Jannik S., John C., Mackenzie C., Angel M., and Stacy (Sub).
    - **Absent:** Jason S., Joshua B., Dreia M., and Evan L.
* **Secretary:** Passed the Master Contact list for any changes or updates to the Roll, Schedule, and Website.
* **Chairperson:** entertained a motion to accept the minutes for the last GSO meeting.
  + **Steve C. makes a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**
* **Parliamentarian:** reminds members to “State your name and highest position for the record after being recognized by the Chair, and before engaging in debate or making a motion. To keep things orderly, when wishing to engage in debate/make motions, you will be placed on a list after being acknowledged by the chair, it will then be your turn to debate or make motions when you are called upon relative to your spot on the list. When in debate, please state if you are in favor, not in favor, or asking a question. For any questions of procedure, call for a Point of Parliamentary Inquiry (waiting till someone is done speaking) to ask the Parliamentarian directly.**”**

## BOARD OFFICER’S REPORTS

* **Chairperson’s Report** - Frank P.- 714.514.4150

Report:

* Update on Meeting of the Month (Change for Change).
  + - Nolan O. reports that the Change for Change events were a success and brought in substantial donations of around $1,500 with more to be counted out of the change bucket. Nolan adds that we will start them up again at the beginning of the year. T-shirts are included in the donation amount. In response to

Frank P. ‘s question about the span in which they take place, Nolan O. explains that we were doing the meeting of the month, but Covid did not help that effort and so this time we made the original format of getting them done in the three-month time span. Nolan O. says it is manageable and that he enjoyed attending different meetings in north county.

* Update on Ad hoc committee for sponsorship. Laura R.
  + Laura R. reports that the sponsorship workshop last month was led again by Earl H. and was very successful with about 10-12 people in attendance. Laura R. adds that they hope to hold it every quarter and they want people to start signing up, so she asked all to please announce it at their meetings so that they connect with her. Chris W. will start co-leading it with Laura R. and she describes the workshop as an opportunity to talk about all aspects of sponsorship, the principles, how to be a good sponsor, the mutually beneficial relationship, how to break up with a sponsor, how to pick a sponsor, etc. Earl H. has a list of FAQS from 20 years of leading workshops and he covers everything.
  + Chris W. adds that it was very interactive, and the format gives 20 minutes to lay out the basic information and the body of the session is the conversation that ensues from the questions. He is following Laura’s lead and is assisting.
* Frank P. informs that “Keep is Simple” and “Clean and Serene” meetings have moved to the location on Mesa Verde. The first one has a following but the second is struggling and so he encourages everyone to attend different meetings and to come support “Clean and Serene.”
* **Vice-Chairperson’s Report** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288

Report:

* Nick B. reports that he will be covering for Donovan B. next month as treasurer.
* **Secretary’s Report** **-**Melanie R.G. **-** 714.675.2731

Report:

* Updates to meeting schedules: Melanie R.G. explains the changes on the printed schedule that now include the end times for the meetings per a request by Dan S. rand the noon day meetings have been removed. She adds that she was able to reduce the cost of the meeting schedules by choosing a more affordable paper and now the cost stands at 82 Cents and not 91 Cents and thus she was able to print a few extras for H&I.
* Doc. E. mentions to the group that when people attend other 12 step meetings that are not CA, he makes sure that they have CA meeting schedules and that they refer people to our fellowship for people hat might be better suited to CA, including treatment centers
* **Treasurer’s Report** -Donovan B.- 949.910.0901

Report:

Previous Balance $ 3,141.01

Donations $ 2,557.37

Disbursements $ 1,799.98

**Ending Balance $ 3,898.40**

* + Donovan B. reports that he is working with Chris J. on getting together with Scott Stevenson with the goal of recovering our tax-exempt status this year, but it might take a while.
  + Frank P. asks what the process with Scott will be. Donovan B. is not exactly sure, but states that we are still in the system and the difficulty will be with the IRS since we haven’t filed in years.
  + **Treasurer:** will ask for 7th tradition donations.
* OCCA Venmo ID: @Donovan-Block (714-713-8280)
* **Vice-Treasurer’s Report** -Chris J.- 714.713.8280

Report:

* + Chris J. states that if you ever have any questions about the treasury of CA you can ask him or Donovan B. but in general CA is alive and well with meetings bringing in money and thus encourages people to keep up the good work.
* **Structure and Bylaws Officer’s Report** **-**Steve C.**-** 714.330.0416

Report:

* Steve C. reports that the S&B committee has been busy with referrals, some of which have made it through the board. There has been progress on the service manual, and he is hopeful he can bring it to the next GSO meeting.
* He clarifies that last month there was some confusion as the previous motion that came to the board regarding requisites of residence for delegates was incorrect and ruled out of order since the board had already approved the correct wording.
* Steve C. continues that they are still working through some referrals and encourages everyone to read the S&B and considers all GSR’s should be familiar with the document. He offers to print a copy for people or give the PDF version to us for free. He will send a copy to the secretary so she can provide it to others. The S&B committee meets 1-2 times a month and they give very thoughtful consideration to referrals and if applicable will include it in the S&B.
* **ACTION ITEM: Steve C. to send a copy of the S&B to the secretary monthly so that she can**

**distribute it to the GSO.**

* **Matt A. makes a motion to change the bylaws to read: “Delegates and Alternate Delegates from the OCCA area that are elected by the GSO are recommended to reside in the area they have been appointed to (Orange County). They must physically attend the OCCA GSO and OCCA Meetings.” Seconded.**
* Matt A. speaks to his motion stating the purpose is that however is representing Orange County needs to be present and participating in OCCA.
* Steve C. speaks for the motion because he believes it is a constituency issue and we want someone that is representing the area or participating in Orange County. Representation is what matters.
* **Chair prepares to vote: Passes with substantial unanimity.**
* Chris W., S&B secretary, adds that there is a request to create a trifold that summarizes the service manual and asks us to stay tuned as it comes about.
* **Archivist’s Report** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080

Report:

* Frankie A. reports that thanks to Matt A. someone donated to the World Services Archive some items among them a Montreal CA chip from 1992, a coin chip from the third annual Arizona intergroup convention of 1989, a leather tag and some old chips from the 80’s. He will send these to Cameron, and he will photograph and put them on up on the digital archives.
* In response to a request from Chris J. Frankie A. explains a little about the virtual CA museum archives. It is clarified that you can reach the archives via the OCCA website or the World Service Website. Links: https://museum.ca.org/ and the page for OCCA is: <https://museum.ca.org/category/ca-areas/united-states/california-orange-county-area/>
* Frank P. explains that in 2014 he and Cameron started the whole thing around the archives and Cameron made the virtual museum. Cameron and the people in the archive committee worked hard to make that happen.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPort

* Address statement of purpose as you give your report.
* **Group Relations Committee** - Dan S.- 714.403.8326

Report:

* Dan S. reports that he is working on getting Matt, the GSR from “Dramatic Addicts” back to the GSO meeting so we can reincorporate them into the directory. He adds that he has been making the rounds and encourages others to try a different meeting once a month and take the time to be of service.
* Steve C. advises that he has had complaints about people in the group using the CA name in their posts on social media. He clarifies that you can identify that you are in recovery and that you are attending a meeting but posting that you are at a CA meeting is a tradition violation of the principle of anonymity. Worse still, you cannot post photos of other members. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our whole program for reasons such as privacy, open court cases, family history and many others. It is acceptable if it is a closed forum. He adds that this is the reason the change is coming to Tradition 11 at conference. Steve C. emphasizes how passionate he feels about this issue, and he asks GSR’s to talk to their members. If this continues to happen, he will come to talk to the group.
* Laura R. requests that GSR’s make this announcement to all their members not to post photos of others related to CA. In her case it could mean she could get fired and believes that maybe some people who are younger might be less likely to recognize the importance of anonymity. Steve C. clarifies that old timers are culprits as well.

There is a question regarding photographs of merch by Matt and Steve C. still says that in a public forum you may not publish logos, words, or anything else directly related to CA.

* Chris W. informs there is a tradition 11 statement put out by PI that sums it up nicely. Matt adds that what we do here is anonymous and our program is respected, and we need to be mindful, that he is not looking to make a name in CA but to be of service and he requests that it be entered in the minutes because it is critical.
* In response to a question by Dan S., Steve C. responds that he did not want to do anything in terms of approaching the people disrespecting anonymity without consulting the GRC committee (Dan S.) first and the GSR’s should be handling this, and he will talk to some of them today.
* Frank P. reiterates the importance of resolving this issue and adds that we need to talk about these issues at meetings. It will happen, we are addicts, but it needs to be stopped immediately because people could lose their job.
* Matt S. talks about a situation in AA in New York where they began to change the wording of “men and women” in the preamble to “people” and there was an uproar and the consequences resulted in putting the organization in a precarious situation and that is another example in which anonymity is critical.
* **IMPORTANT ACTION ITEM: GSR’s are requested to please talk to their groups about the critical importance of the principle of anonymity stating they are not to post CA identifiers on social media.**
* **Hotline Committee** - Jason S. - 818.263.3500

Report: Steve C. filling in for Jason S.

**Number of Calls:** 35

**Duration:** 1 minute and 22 seconds was the average and 9.24 the longest call.

**Voicemails:** None

* Melanie R.G. inquires if the issue we were having last month with the Hotline has been resolved. Frank P. clarifies that he passed it on to Jason S. who took care of it as it had to do with payment for the Hotline and thus it has been resolved.
* Angel G. comments that there is an individual that calls often to argue about the Big Book but does not seem to be in danger and he asks if we can block such a caller to which Steve C. responds that while we can perhaps that individual will truly need help one day and he can be told that when he is ready there will be someone to respond.
* Laura R. contributes that she worked on a suicide prevention line where they received some nasty callers and so the practice was to tell them to hang up and call 911.
* Chris W. reminds us that there is a document for guidelines related to the hotline where there are some do’s and don’ts on how to deal with different types of callers, Jason S. has a copy of that document. Chris W. does comment that one thing the document lacks is guidelines to handle a suicidal person and the UK is starting to work on that. We are not equipped to handle that kind of call. Laura R. adds that we should refer them to the suicide prevention hotline and Chris W. suggests having that number handy.
* Chris J. comments that there is a three number line to lead us to the suicide prevention line: the number is 988.
* **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Tess M. - 949.370.5827

Report:

* Tess M. reports the committee is thriving, and she is grateful for all the participants. She gives an update of the plexiglass literature racks: they found out only four facilities do not have them. Chris W. is donating two racks and Stan has another, so we only need one more. She adds that the meeting guides are very useful to people in treatment. Tess M. reports on the success of the H&I Unity event on Sunday the 6th and comments that Nolan O. did a superb job with the event.
* Nolan O. reports on the “God shot card draw”, adds that we had a raffle and since it was an H&I unity event, we had free food from an anonymous donation to get us started. We collected $50 towards food and that was to partially reimburse the donor. The raffle brough in $479 to be given to H&I. We raffled objects like a TV, books, and others. There was an attendance of about 50-60 people and the speakers, Patti O. and Lindsey R. were awesome. The next one will be in November with the intent of doing them quarterly. Nolan O. will start reaching out to speakers to lock in the date.
* Tess M. reports that we have two new facilities added to the roster, Arch Treatment Center, and Aliso Ridge Behavioral Health Hospital so she asks if people are interested to lead a panel or speaking on panels and she requests that you pass that message along at your meetings.
* **Public Information Committee** - Joshua B.- 480.416.1129

Report:

* Frankie A., vice chair of the committee reports for Jason B. by saying that now they are gearing up for an event in November in Garden Grove where they do a sober function in the park and as the date nears there will be more details.
* Dan S. talks about an event in Garden Grove on September 23rd called the “OC recovery connection rally” and he asks if PI would like to attend and offers to donate the $50 to sign up. The discussion that follows concludes that PI should very much be interested in this event. Frankie A. requests that Dan S. send him the information.
* Steve C. informs that Kiley K. has stepped down as GSR for “Spiritual Lines” and as she was also our social media subcommittee chair, he asks Frankie A. if he can follow up.
* **ACTION ITEM: Frankie A. will find out what Kiley K.’s standing will be in her role as social media vice chair and will let us know at the next meeting.**
* Chris W. mentions there are three noteworthy points of PI coming up: next year in February there will be a PI summit in Florida and assures us that there has never been anyone who has attended a PI summit that did not come back on fire for PI. Second, next year in May will be the “National Association of Drug Court Professionals” which is something World Service participates in every year, and it will be in Anaheim thus we reach out to areas involved so that they attend some meetings and perhaps participate in furnishing literature, and although there is a budget, we could use the help from the local area if they so choose. Third, we are sharing a platform with AA PI that is allowing CA and Al-anon panels in High Schools and encourages us to participate.
* Mac Kenzie mentions that the address for the “Not in Vein” meeting is wrong and asks who to contact and the response is to contact Joshua B.
* Steve C. brings up that there has been a lack of participation from the PI chair, he has been doing some work with the website, but it tends to be slow, and he has not been showing up to meetings. Steve C. thinks we need to talk about electing a new PI chair. We have the options of reaching out and asking him if he wants to step down or explore other routes such as nominating new people. Frankie A. offers to make changes to the website until we find someone better suited to the position however he feels it is important to focus on the PI chair. Frankie A. adds that Jason S. and Cameron can help him with the website.
* It is restated that the chair of PI currently is also the Webservant. Steve C. says that there is no time requirements for the Webservant as that position is elected by the PI committee and it is up to the committee to determine that. It is observed that there has been no PI committee meeting in a long time.
* Nick B. believes we should touch base with the committee chair to see if he wants to continue or step down and use Frankie A. in the meantime for the website and pick this up next month to determine our next steps.
* Steve C. invokes article 10, section 3, subsection 4 and 6 and recommends that the position of PI chair be made vacant.
* **Steve C. Makes a motion that the PI Chair position be made vacant. Seconded.**
* Steve C. explains further that the first vote is one of no confidence and the second is a vote of removal giving the body two opportunities to think this through. The motion of no confidence means that we believe the task is not being completed, it is not a removal.
* Nolan O. states that he requested help from Joshua B. for the last Unity event and that he was responsive and so he leans toward contacting him and he requests to see how many meetings he has missed.
* Melanie R.G. states that in 2023 he has missed three, however he has missed two since April which is in violation of the requirement in the S&B. Chris J. mentions he is a second chance person and as an addict he wants to make sure the PI chair has a chance to respond. Melanie R.G. agrees with Chris J. so again Steve C. mentions that for now this is just a no confidence vote which is like a reprimand or warning, not punishment.
* The qualified Vice Chair for PI is Frankie A.
* **Motion on the floor passes unanimously.**
* **ACTION ITEM: Steve C. offers to talk to the PI chair on behalf of the GSO.**
* Nick B. mentions that in a recent move he found a box full of PI stuff from when he was PI chair.
* **ACTION ITEM: Nick B. will bring the box with PI materials to the next meeting.**
* Chris J. clarifies that Frankie A. can make the changes and Frankie A. says Melanie R.G. can email him the changes as well.
  + - ***Webservant Subcommittee Report:*** -Joshua B.- 480.416.1129
* Report: Absent.
* ***Social Media Subcommittee Report:* -**Kiley K.- 714.925.1520
  + Report: Absent.
  + Update on Kiley K.’s efforts to reach out to other areas and to Aurora at World Service.—not addressed.
* ***CPC Subcommittee Report:*** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080
  + Report: None.
* **Unity Committee** - Dreia M.- 909.446.2647

Report: not here

* ***Activities Subcommittee*** - Nolan O.- 407.687.8656

Report:

* Nolan O. says that in lieu of an Activities Statement of purpose he will read the Unity Statement which reads: “Unity is a common bond that transcends all differences. We’ve discovered no matter how different our circumstances or the paths that brought us here, we all suffer from the same disease, addiction. We admitted our lack of power and accepted that we could not recover alone. The strength and direction of our recovery is found in our unity. We are people who might not have mixed. Addiction and recovery are the threads that bind us. We relate to such feelings as grandiosity, insecurity, jealousy, and false pride and are reminded we are all alike. By sharing our experience with other addicts and working the Twelve Steps of C.A., we come to know humility, security, acceptance, and self-worth. Recovery is possible – together. Unity preserves our C.A. fellowship. Unity preserves our legacy of Hope, Faith, and Courage Unity preserves our personal recovery, our reunited families, and our rediscovered dreams. Tradition One: “Our common welfare should cone first; personal recovery depends upon C.A. unity.”
* Nolan O. says he does not have much to report and mentions he is concerned about Dreia M. being absent. The secretary confirms that she has been absent the last two meetings. Dan S. explains that Dreia M. is having some difficulties with her work schedule and is working on making sure she can have Saturday morning off and she should have that figured out by next month.
* Steve C. comments that he has also spoken with Dreia M. as S&B as a member at large and believes she is trying to make it work. Steve C. adds that S&B is supporting the Unity committee as they did with H&I.
* **ACTION ITEM: Steve C. offers to find ways that S&B can support the Activities and Unity committee right now and offers to have Dreia M. and Nolan O. come to an S&B meeting and/or get together.** 
  + - Steve C. mentions the example of H&I flourishing once it received support and Tess M. and he requests that GSR’s push Unity and Activities at their meetings as we need people to help set up events, create events, and support Nolan O. who does so much work for this group.
    - Nolan O. recognizes Joshua and Anthony because they have been showing up to so many events by getting there early and helping set up. Nolan O. is working on getting the corn hole tournament going before the end of the year and he talked to Kim MacDonald about the Halloween Party on the Monday before Halloween, and it will be held a Capo Beach as we had great turnout in the last few years. He offers more details and flyers next month.
    - Chris J. offers to help with posting the Turkey Bowl scheduled for the second weekend in November.
    - Frank P. announces “Paycheks” is having a potluck on August 25th and that is usually a big event, so he requests we get that posted. Frank P. will be the speaker. Nolan O. gets a round of appreciation from the group for all his efforts on Activities.
* **Literature Committee** - Matthew M. - 714.585.1829
  + Report:

Number of Sales: $ 504

Request for Funds: $ 161.69 (5 “Big Books” and 8 “Twelve & Twelve”.)

* **Mathew M. makes a motion to request $161.69 to buy books. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**
* **Workshop Committee** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288
  + Report: Nick B. reports that he had two attendees for the last workshop and the upcoming one is to be held on August 18th with currently two people signed up and two additional people have expressed interest. Nick B. briefly describes the workshop as a full day with breakfast and lunch and materials to complete your fourth step in one day held monthly. It is facilitated by Nick B. and Ryan S. has been helping him. The cost for food and printing is $25 and requests that GSR’s announce it at their meetings that Wednesday the 16th is the cutoff date.

**Capo Beach Church: 25976 Domingo Ave, Dana Point, CA 92624**

**Call Nick B. 949.382.9288**

* **Chip Committee** -Carlo P.- 714.587.1258
  + Report:

Amount of Sales: $ 307.25

Request for Funds: $ 320

* + **Carlo P. makes a motion to request $320 dollars to purchase chips. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

## world service delegates

* **DELEGATE** -Dan S.- 714.403.8326
  + Dan S. reports he has been busy promoting CA and talking to new people that brought him to someone who has an app called “Pace Recovery” where you can see a listing of recovery homes and the price. He talks about a sober event in Big Bear from September 15th-17th called Camp Sober Fest. Additionally, Dan S. talked to Dreia M. about the possibility of attaching ourselves to one of their events such as volleyball and thus we could do our own thing without being affiliated.
  + Dan S. said he has been preparing to go to conference by getting all the convention stuff done as a delegate and that his second chairing should be done this year. Dan S. informs that September 30th is the Bingo for the Unity of the Valley Convention, we have T-shirts coming. Chris W. and Nolan O. are picking them up this week at $30 a piece.
  + Dan S. posts a question that since he is getting his own room at conference, he is unsure if OCCA will only reimburse him for half. Steve C. clarifies that we had the discussion, but we did not vote on it and that he intends to do the same thing by getting his own room. Donovan B. says that his understanding is that Delegates are allowed $1,500 per person. Steve C. reminds Dan S. to add his $50 a day per diem for food.
* **Dan S. makes a motion to request to be reimbursed $1,403.21 for his expenses for conference.**
  + Frank P. asks for clarification on the issue of paying for half a room to encourage sharing or if we are covering the whole room. Dan S. reminds us that in the past we only covered half the room as he often paid for Christy S.’s half. Steve C. recollects that last year we paid for one complete room per person and that we have not decided on it yet.
  + Chris J. reminds us that we always tried to get two people to share a room to save funds and Steve C. says we should have had this conversation before the delegate’s register. Donovan B. believes that if you are under our allotment, that is what we agreed on.

**The motion is seconded. Passes unanimously.**

* **DELEGATE**  -Nolan O.- 407.687.8656
  + Nolan O. responds that Angel has a great Power Point for a GSR report which you can request from him. Also, he has a little packet which you can find on the World Service website, and it is a traditions group inventory, and he recommends everyone look at it as it helped him be more mindful of the group and how to welcome the newcomers and practicing love and tolerance.
  + **Nolan O. makes a motion to request $824.42 to reimburse him for the cost of the room and food. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
  + Nolan O. has been looking at the SR-14’s and will go through the financial ones with Chris before conference but he was mostly interested in the bids for the next convention of which Utah, Florida and Colorado are candidates. Nolan O. is leaning toward Central Florida because he has family there and there is much to do.
  + Nolan O. adds that it looks like Dallas will be the best choice for the next convention for CA worldwide based on seven graphs including participation, voting members, attendance and so on and he shares with us how much good work is happening in the organization. He is grateful to keep learning year after year.
* **DELEGATE** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416
  + **Steve C. makes a motion to be reimbursed $1,482 for conference expenses.**

**Seconded. Motion Passes.**

* + Steve C. explains that he might not have to pay for one of the nights at the hotel since there was some confusion last year with CAWSO and to summarize, the hotel night was paid twice for which he received credit. Once he arrives, he will find out if that is the case and if so, he will reimburse OCCA for that night of credit.
  + As a delegate Steve C. reports that he is part of the S&B committee, the vice chair of the Map sub-committee, and the chair of a couple other sub-committees. The map subcommittee chair has cancer and has not been able to be involved. He is up to be elected Chair of the S&B committee of World Service. He is running against one other person. That committee is working on several things including the upcoming change to tradition 11. Steve C. mentions he reviewed the SR-14 and the financials. He expresses his disapproval that the graphs are biased against Europe because he does not believe that they can have representation if they can’t come here. Steve C. will raise this issue at conference since he has many CA friends in Europe where CA is thriving and growing massively, particularly in the UK, where cocaine is a huge problem.
  + Steve C. brings up the standing of Joshua B. as an alternate delegate and comments that he has had no interaction with him related to the alternate delegate and he has been unable to participate preparing for conference so he believes we need to consider another alternate for this position.
  + **Steve C. makes a motion to propose opening a position for a third alternate.**
  + Melanie R.G. brings up that she remembers us discussing that we were going to phase out a third alternate to which Steve C. responds that we did thus he asks Frankie A. if he plans to continue as alternate and the response is no which means we currently have no alternates.

**Seconded.**

* As Steve C. is looking up the required time to become an alternate, Nolan O. nominates Nick B. who says he will consider it. Steve C. speaks to his motion by nominating Laura R. and requests waiving the two-year requirement and he also wants to nominate Angel because they have both been exemplary in the service to the GSO and he would be honored to have them working alongside him as alternates. He explains that currently the work is minimal and the two years of serving as an alternate will give them an idea if they do want to become a delegate. They also receive an automatic nomination to become a delegate when there is an opening.
  + Nolan O. believes an alternate gets $500 toward attending the conference, if OCCA can afford it. This will cover airfare and you can request a conference roommate. Steve C. says that if you can come to this conference, we can see about getting you registered. We need to handle the elections separately. Chris J. comments he has not heard a second to those two nominations. There is some discussion around waving the requirements. Laura R. responds that she is willing.
  + Chair calls a vote to waive the requirement.
  + **Seconded. Motion passes.**
  + **Steve C. makes a motion to waive the requirement for Angel, who has twenty months. Seconded.**
  + Angel is asked if he accepts the nomination, and he responds that he has a lot going on at home now and he would rather give the opportunity to Laura R. Steve C. reminds him we are looking for three alternates and that it is as much participation as he wants, and encourages him to consider he doesn’t know where he will be in two years.
  + Melanie R.G. comments that we should put it out there that we are trying to fill three alternate positions and have people think it over and handle this at the next GSO as Nick B. wants to consider it and because it is the first, she hears about selecting alternates. Steve C. responds that usually the procedure indicates that we have nominations one month and do the election the next month but this is an exception because it is mid-year, yet we can make our own rules and someone can make a motion to push the election to next month.
  + **Donovan B. makes a motion to push the election of alternates to next month. Seconded.**
  + Dan S. reports that you can go to conference without being alternate, you just don’t carry the title and Steve C. adds that the alternate can carry a vote and feels there is an urgency in case something happened to any of the delegates. Nolan O. suggests that Laura R. be voted in today and that we put off the others for next month, so we have at least one alternate in place. Steve C. suggests to Nolan O. that he make a friendly amendment.
  + Donovan B. opposes by commenting there might be other members of CA that are interested in the position and that should have been taken care of earlier to which Steve C. responds that as a point of information it was not known that we had these openings until now. Last month we had two alternates, and one was planning to go to conference and now cannot. Nick B. comments that as for himself he cannot attend conference this month and asks Laura R. if she can go to conference this month to which she responds that she has no information on it. Dan S. reminds us that anyone from our region can proxy our vote, so we don’t need one with immediacy at this time. Doc E. speaks in favor to decide this next month because it should be presented to all the meetings so that everyone has a fair chance to vie for the nomination. Steve C. adds that the concepts talk about them being willing and qualified.
  + **Steve C. reinstates that the motion is to table the election of alternate delegates for next month. Seconded. Motion Passes.**
* **ALTERNATE**  -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080
  + Frankie A. announces that he will be stepping down as alternate delegate as he is moving to Utah but will continue to serve as archives chair and he will remain there for one more year. He thanks everyone for the opportunity to be of service.
* **ALTERNATE**  -Joshua B- 949.280.8511

## business

* **Old Business**
* **New Business**
  + **Chris J. makes a motion to donate $500 to World Service. Seconded. Motion passes.**
  + Nolan O. reports that he has created some shirts for fundraising and although they don’t have a price yet, he does suggest making four dozen. He will show us the design and adds that he will bring it up again next month.
* **Chairperson** entertains a motion to Adjourn.
* **Steve C. makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion Passes.**
* Meeting is adjourned at 12:16 PM
* Upon adjournment, **Chairperson** called for a moment of silent meditation and requested that Frankie A. lead the GSO out in a prayer of his choice