

Central Office of Salt Lake City, Inc.

Central Office Representatives Meeting Minutes | Tuesday 8/13/2024 @6:30pm

"Serving our community for over 75 years"

→ Board of Trustees ←

Chairperson: Wade J. Excused, **Phillip W.** filling in.

Co-Chairperson: Shannon M. Excused

Secretary: Jennie S.

New reps - Please send email/phone number to secretary@saltlakeaa.org or come see me after the meeting.

Max made a motion to approve July minutes, Brad seconded.

Treasurer: Chris G.

Group contributions are back up in July and put us at 15.55% increase year-over-year.

(See attached P&L and Group Contributions)

Trustee at Large (District 2 liaison): John S.

District 2 has new Literature and Outreach committee chairs. They have a Corrections Workshop on September 22nd at Fellowship Hall with Wade G. as the speaker. Motion to purchase their own laptop to take over hosting their own Zoom meetings passed. (See attached District 2 Newsletter)

Trustee at Large (District 10 liaison): Declan O. excused

District 10 meeting went well and was visited by the area chair.

Trustee at Large (District 11 liaison): Phillip W.

Last meeting was spent on how to handle disruptive members during the meeting. Fielded questions on financial distribution and meeting structure. Delivered meeting in a pocket, Archives chair actively pursuing submissions.

Trustee at Large (District 13 liaison): Alan B.

Greetings Central Office Reps. Thank you for your support.

There were 3 New GSRs in attendance at the July meeting. Hillcrest Group, No Nonsense Group, and Big Book Babes. All were new rotations for previous GSRs who were active and served very well. Most of the other GSRs reported solid attendance and good support at their respective meetings.

Bonnie, Literature chair presented the pamphlet of the month. Experience Has Taught Us: An Introduction to our Twelve Traditions.

Chris H. was a guest and was a Former Area CPC Chair. He passionately discussed Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information. He felt strongly that these need much more focus and they are often overlooked or underrated. He noted there is an entire Chapter in the Big Book on it. There was much discussion and some Q&A.

Valarie, District 13 Treasurer is stepping down as she is relocating. She was a key part of District 13. That important position is now open if interested.

Thanks again for being here. Thanks for allowing me to serve Central Office and District 13.

Alternate Trustee At Large: OPEN

No one stood - we are electing new chairs at the November meeting

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No one stood, please take back to your groups.

→ **Standing Committee Chairs** ←

Hotline Telephone: Max D.

Max is ready to pass the baton and wants to ensure that he has someone to train. Passed around a flyer with Hotline stats. Karmina has a friend who wants to know if there is a service term for phones; it's 3-6 months but the hours are flexible.

Twelfth Step: Charlie C. excused

12th Step committee is doing well. Remember anyone can sign up for the 12 step list online: <https://www.saltlakeaa.org/service/#12-step>. Please check the box if you're willing to drive a newcomer to a meeting.

Activities: Kim B.

We had the annual picnic last Sunday with 250-300 people in attendance. Our next event is the Chili Cookoff on Oct 5, 2024 . Will have a flyer for distribution next meeting.

Newsletter: Danny B.

Reps- please share with groups that we are looking for 1-1.5 page Step 10 stories. Please submit by Sept 21st. We could also use some birthday submissions from new groups! Email submissions to lifeline@saltlakkeaa.org or bring to Central Office.

Outreach: Gina F. excused

Website: Jeff P.

We had an increase in visitors; roughly 5300 to our webpage, primarily going to the meeting page. We also had several event submissions in July.

By-Laws: Brad C.

It's been an active By-Laws month - 2 meetings, 12 submissions, and lots of discussion. We decided to postpone the next meeting; By-Laws will be a hot topic for next month. Please standby and have patience.

Volunteer: Bob C.

Central Office lost 2 cornerstone volunteers - Rusty and Mel (who technically rotated out 1.5 years ago but stayed on until now). We have some new volunteers coming in. We want to create a space at Central Office to honor Rusty with his picture and volunteer dates. Please take back to your groups so we can address next month.

Literature: Jim S.

Sold out of all 75th edition books, trying to keep up with demand in other areas.

Archives: Ben H. excused

In Los Angeles getting a service guide dog and will return in September.

Treatment Facilities and Accessibilities: Charlie T.

Invited into a nursing home to conduct a meeting - 9 members from inside and 3 from outside. He's thinking that as members are getting older, we should look at carrying the message into more nursing homes. Still doing meetings at VA hospital. Vodcast on YouTube has launched, enabling the ability for deaf alcoholics to share their stories through an interpreter. Deaf members will be able to listen to someone talk about AA from their living room without breaking anonymity.

Corrections: Serena C.

District 10 corrections chair will be rotating out in a few months, and she already has a replacement lined up who is currently training with her. Planning on making a motion in their district to create a new Corrections co-chair position. Lockdowns haven't changed much at SL Metro jail, but seem to be less of a problem over at Oxbow.

Cooperation with Professionals: Karmina B.

Working with Sego Lily so it's a 2 in 1. Her partner Lacey is going in to share her story.

Public Information: OPEN

No one stood - please take back to your groups.

Coins: Kathy M. n/a**Technology: Elan B.**

NAATW found enough money to provide the online option to this event, so Elan, Jeff, and an undetermined 3rd party will attend virtually from Sept 13-15th.

Old Business:

Follow up on the topic of creating a position titled "Alternate Technology Chair" for Central Office of Salt Lake to aid the current Tech Chair with the rapidly increasing responsibilities associated with our growing dependence on technology. **Vote PASSED unanimously.** Elan and Brad will work on an official description of the position to be presented at the next meeting.

Summary of discussion:

- John spoke in favor and gave a shout out to Elan for making the position look easy - which it's not. Also emphasized that the position is crucial to the running of Central Office.
- Brad brought up that this is ultimately a by-laws input and we need to determine the parameters with a description.
- Lisa proposed an Alternate co-chair term of 1 year vs the default 2 years in interests of shortening the ultimate term this position would entail, as it would be expected that it would roll over into tech chair. Vote taken to establish the term as a one year commitment PASSED unanimously.

New Business:

Creation of a Memorial Board for Rusty as mentioned by the volunteer chair Bob. Vote will be taken to supply funds for this at the next meeting.

Motion to close made by Brad; Elan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm with the responsibility statement.

→ **Next Central Office Rep meeting will be held on 9/10/2024 @6:30pm** ←