

District 70 – Minutes September 11, 2019

Kelley's Country Cookin
7011 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505
Pasadena, TX 77520

DCM – Brady G.
Treasurer – Leslie H.
Secretary – Connie A.
CFC -
Intergroup Liaison -

Alt DCM – Byron T.
Alt Treasurer -
Alt Secretary – Trish G.
TFC – Byron T.
LCM – Zone 3 Deborah

Troy B-D. Area 67 Delegate Report on Panel 69 GSO Conference 2019

Information in this report is from Troy's Power Point presentation which will be available on the SETA website (aa-SETA.org) just prior to the SETA Assembly October 5-6 2019.

Theme of the GSO was Our Big Book-80 Years, 71 Languages.

70th translation was in the unwritten Navaho language available on CD.

Next year's theme is 20/20 a Clear Vision for You.

The conference is composed of:

- 93 Delegates
- 25 Trustees/Directors
- 15 GSO/GV Staff
- 133 Total Voting Members

There are more delegates to help ensure a 2/3 majority vote on agenda items.

Stats for the attendees was presented i.e. breakdown of age, years sober, years in service etc.

Each first-time delegate is assigned a buddy. Troy's buddy was Jesus. His schedule was packed from 8:00AM until 9:00PM.

Troy presented the agenda item process. Starts with groups to district to areas then to GSO.

Fate of some agenda items for 2019

PASSED: CPC recommended to remove the phrase “Alcoholics Anonymous in your community” from their pamphlet.

NO ACTION: CFC to establish a database for facilities.

NO ACTION: Finance wanted to increase area delegate expenses.

PASSED: Increased maximum individual member bequeaths to AA from 5K to 10K.

NO ACTION: reconsider maximum annual contribution from individual members.

NO ACTION: remove “alcoholism at large” i.e. treatment facilities from literature.

NO ACTION: publishing a 5th edition of the big book.

FAILED: adding language to the forwards.

FAILED: no change to the blue card, non-alcoholics can attend open meetings.

NO ACTION: to consider safety pamphlet.

PASSED: updates to the 12-step illustrated pamphlet.

PASSED: for PI purposes, actors used for full face.

Floor Actions

- 7
- 5 got debated
- FAILED: #1 recommit to draft a fourth edition of the Spanish BB. Reason the 5th edition English BB didn’t pass.
- FAILED: #5 if item reaches “simple majority suggestion” phrase be prominently placed in the conference report.

Finances Highlight

Troy was on the finance committee

- Troy conveyed the issue with the amount of checks GSO is receiving from 7th tradition donations. 90% of groups are still sending checks. Checks take a lot of time to process. GSO averages 280 checks per day. Mail arrives 250 days per year. They are suggesting group treasurers consider online payments through the aa.org website.
- GSO is switching to an ERP (Enterprise resource planning) system. With the switch, each group will receive a new group number. When a group pays donations online, a new group number will be issued automatically.

- 8.4 million donations collected for 2019. Almost tied with 2017 which was a record year.
- Cost of services to the fellowship was 11.4 million which is an 11.4% increase from 2017.
- Only 41% of groups contribute to GSO. If more groups contributed AA could be self-supporting.
- Individual member cost is 8.06/year. New Challenge, each individual visit aa.org and donate \$8.06.

Elections

New trustees elected to:

- NWR
- Trustee@ large
- SWR elected Jimmy Dean from the hat.

Publications

AAWS published “Our Great Responsibility”

GV published “Take Me to Your Sponsor”

Kris H. Alt delegate

SETA Assembly October 5-6.

Regional Forum is in Houston every 22 years. RF will be Oct 11-13 2019.

Flyer is available on line aa-SETA.org

Are 67 is the host area. Looking for volunteers for:

- Hospitality suits
- Registration
- Servers
- Actors

News to be sent through SETA Announce.

International Convention 2020

- Detroit
- Theme: Love and Tolerance is Our Code
- Will stream the flag ceremony.

Next DM October 9th 7P Kelley's.

Close with the Responsibility Statement: I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there and for that I am responsible.