

## WSC Zonal Minutes: April 28, 2010

We created our report to be read on the floor, and asked Paula to read it. We discussed the location for the July AZF, which is to be held in Philadelphia. Sherry will send information about lodging in New Jersey.

It has been suggested that we add to our agenda at some point a discussion about the service models.

It may be premature to make that decision and we will wait to see what comes from the discussions over this week.

Our meeting in July will be an opportunity to disseminate information to members who attend the zonal.

This is already in our agenda.

### Service system discussion:

- If we are tight on human resources, it will create more need.
- It says nothing about conference seating.
- I see it as one group sponsoring a bunch of other groups
- If groups attend the GSU, will they feel they do not need to attend the LSU, and this could impact fund flow.
- We have very few motions, we struggle in some positions, but I do not know if everyone would want a GSU.
- If we go to Zonal, then there should be one Board member from each Zonal.
- It is generally unlikely that we would change what we do, no matter what comes from this
- It is a skewed view that we are being dictated to
- If you have the GSU and LSU, then they could be run at the same time, and then they could still stay connected. This could omit breakdown.
- Clarify: Seating was talked about in 2008. This is part of the project plan.
- Moratorium; premise was to stop while we were looking at this while the workgroup looked at seating as a part of their discussion.
- Another level of service concept; not envisioned as someone providing service provision. This is why it is not another level of service.
- Part of the problem is the attitude "we are not going to follow what is dictated to us". Consistency is part of our problem which affects our service delivery. Close-mindedness is part of our problem. Some are using the Guide to Local Service, The TWIG, The Tree, etc.
- Based on the verbiage which says "to be decided on by the Conference, it could be misleading. The Conference is the delegates, maybe reword it to Conference participants.

- What is broken in our service system now? The fellowship provided the information about the lack of trusted service, apathy, how others interact with the region. If you would ask one subcommittee how they are doing, they might say fine, but that may not be true with everyone. If we are going to restructure the service structure, then we need to deal with the entire system.
- Some people do not even know about Guide to Local Service
- Just because this is the only service structure I know, doesn't mean we can't consider something new.
- When we identify problems such as apathy, we need to find the solutions outside of the box
- We devoted resources to develop this project over 4 years, and now we are freaking out.
- When the WB was developed, one member was chair of World H&I, and at first he was against this move. At first look, we can be quick to judge
- We have to be able to explain to others why we are doing this
- We have a structure that was developed 30 years ago, and we still have a rigid structure of service. We have a vision which we want to improve, and we need to do things differently. We need to look at the number of people we serve, and how can we most effectively meet their needs.
- The composition of the conference is growing, and we have to address that component since it is a part of our service system.
- There will be valid input from all, no matter what their position
- Has the workgroup discussed having a country based service structure, since the needs of each country is very different.
- Iran took our service structure and did some wonderful things with it
- This is still a work in progress

We ended with a serenity prayer and two jokes;  
 How many addicts does it take to change a lightbulb?  
 ! Change?!

How many RDs does it take to change a lightbulb?  
 I have to take that back to my groups.

Well, we didn't end, so here is more...

When can we have a discussion about the literature process?

In loving service,  
 Merle