# Pacific Northwest Conference – 2008 Business Meeting – June 28, 2008 2:00 p.m.

Facilitated by Chase B. – Area 58 Chairperson

## Roll Call:

Area 58: Chairperson- Chase B., Delegate-Dave A. Area 92: Chairperson- Jamie S., Delegate-Rad M.

Twelve Concepts: Read by Jill M., Area 92

**Minutes 2007** – No formal business, other than awarding the 2009 PNC to Area 92.

**PNC 2007**-Wenatchee, WA - Report from Joanne W., 2007 PNC Chairperson. (She will email her report). They turned over proceeds to Area 58 over and above the seed money starter to help with outreach, and would like that to continue whenever possible in the future. A great PNC, and well attended.

**PNC 2008** – Pendleton, OR - Report from Co-Chairs, Ken V. & Michael G. At this point, the numbers exceed by far the expectations. All looks good. Michael G. stresses the importance of outreach and cites that as the key factor in getting attendance up, as well as furthering relationships with all areas.

# PNC 2009 - Rossland, B.C. - Sharon V. Chairperson

Excitement already for the home of the Stanley Cup, Rossland, B.C., a ski town for sure. The event will be held at the Prestige Hotel, a 4 ½ star hotel and they have bargained for a \$99 room rate for PNC! Sharon needs volunteers to help, she has a new committee that is new in sobriety as well as committee work, but she is very enthusiastic. She reminds and suggests about cleaning up any old DUII's or anything else prior to going, so all can get across the border with no problems. Go to the Canadian consulate web page for instructions. Her contact info: email: badbacklady@yahoo.com tele: 250-368-1084

Chase B. explains purpose and structure of steering committee – reads current PNC Guidelines.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

The location of the 2011 conference will be taken up at the 2009 PNC, since we do not have a PNC in 2010 because of the AA International Convention that year.

\*\*Motions in their submitted long form, if available, are attached to the minutes\*\*

Motion #1 – Presented by Dave A., Area 58. To amend the voting body of PNC to include all who attend the business meeting. (Made from the floor, no archived copy) Motion seconded by Jaime, Area 92.

Discussion: Several members in attendance expressed that since PNC Business occurs only once a year, there would be value in allowing all attending members a vote, which is how the business is handled at Praasa, a similar, yet much larger, regional conference.

Motion passes unanimously. PNC guidelines are amended.

Motion #2 – Presented by Area 58. That PNC will include in the PNC program, a minimum of nine of the theme, presentation and workshop topics that were presented at the most recent General Service Conference. Motion seconded by Trisha C.

Discussion: There was discussion related to the benefit of this motion, as it would help ensure that PNC remain focused on our Third Legacy of Service. <u>Motion passes unanimously</u>. **PNC guidelines are amended**.

Motion #3 – Presented by Area 58. That PNC will schedule all of the panel presentations in one room. Motion seconded by Erik F.

Discussion: It was brought up in discussion that it would benefit the attending members at PNC to have all of the presentations in one room, to prevent 'spreading out' attendance into several, concurrently run presentations. This will prove especially useful in instances where PNC occurs in a rural, smaller community, where attendance may be lower.

Motion passes unanimously. PNC guidelines are amended.

Motion #4 -Presented by Joanne W., Area 92. Regarding the seed money of \$1,000 that is passed to the next year. Motion to change guideline #4 to state: All monies are to be passed to the next PNC Chairperson, with the suggestion that the monies in excess of \$1500 be used for outreach, and to keep the registration and meal cost now." Seconded by Eric K

Discussion: Eric K said that passing this motion, like other motions passed today, will add clarity to the guidelines regarding practices that are already occurring

at PNC, and have been occurring over recent years. Michael G – Outreach is an important part of a successful PNC, and I support the motion.

## Motion passes unanimously. PNC guidelines are amended.

Motion #5 – Presented by Joanne W., Area 92. To add a section to the PNC guidelines called "Care of Speakers" with specific topics to be addressed. Motion was seconded by Samantha D., Area 58.

Discussion: Some discussion was focused on the possible impact of financially funding panelists and speakers. The practices are different between funding speakers at 'fun conferences' and service events. It was clarified that the intent of this motion is to cover expenses of main speakers, not panelists. Eric K: It is important to keep PNC 'lean.' He recommends wording such as 'every effort should be made to keep costs low.' Practice has been to book speakers that are already funded to PNC. Brian – I see that the intent is to cover the costs of our out of town speakers. Anne M: We don't have to write absolutely everything down in order to maintain practice. Couldn't we just refer to the GSO Guidelines in our PNC Guidelines? David K: I am in favor of the motion; we need to take care of our speakers. Bruce L: I am a bit uncomfortable with this motion. The GSO Guidelines seem to be aimed at speaker conventions, and this is a service event.

Motion was defeated. Guidelines NOT amended.

No one from the minority side chose to speak.

End of New Business.

Before closing, Chase took a sense of the meeting regarding a request to create an 'Archives Liaison' for PNC. The liaison would work with the various participating Area Archives committees to help with a possible collective PNC display at each years PNC. PNC related archived material would arrive at the conference each year via separate Areas, and the material would go home after the conference in the same hands that brought it. The idea is to have, throughout the weekend, a separate PNC display comprised of artifacts from multiple Areas. The group was not in general support of discussing the idea.

## Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM