

# Service Board Meeting Minutes - Tues., May 27, 2025

**Next Service Board Meetings:** Wed., June 25, 2025 | Thurs., July 31, 2025 | Mon., August 25, 2025

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Chairperson: Andrea Halstead | Co-Chair: Jim Newton | Treasurer: Alyson "Sunny" Taylor

**In Attendance:** Estimated 16 total in attendance – 3 Trustees; 2 Committee Chair/Co-Chair; 2 Committee Member; Central Office Manager; 3 DCM/Alt-DCM; 2 Group Service Board Reps/GSRs; 1 Visitors; 2 via Zoom

**Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Andrea H. (Chairperson); Started with Serenity Prayer.

## Officer Reports

**Secretary:** Notes by Colyn N. Minutes available for review on website within a week of meeting; Minutes approved.

**Treasurer:** Sunny T. - See attached for further details from accountant (also on website). No further report. Report approved with substantial unanimity.

## Old Business

**Ad Hoc Committee: Big Deep South Financials** - Jim N. Nothing to report.

BDSC 2025 update via Bobby A., BDSC 2025 Hotel Liaison - Hilton contact person was out of town last few days; waiting to get the final total which was due on May 26, 2025, per the contract. Last year there was a final number after the event based on various factors; trying to avoid those unknowns this year.

Currently at about \$30,000 total cost for the event as of today; Hilton did extend the room block rate into June.

**Service Board Elections.** To be held next meeting, Wed., June 25, 2025. Positions available: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (stepping down), and committee chairs (T&C, Hotline, Website, DAAY in the Park)

**Inventory Dates.** Big Deep South Wrap-up Meeting: June 19, 2025; Service Board Inventory June 21, 2025; Service Board Elections: June 25, 2025; Big Deep South Inventory: July 26, 2025.

## Committee Reports

**T&C: Scott B.** Meeting tomorrow to discuss their involvement at Big Deep South. Regular meeting will discuss the job description for when Scott steps down as chair at the end of his two-year term.

**Website:** absent | **Hotline:** absent | **DAAY in the Park:** n/a

**Big Deep South:** Mary H. (co-chair) - Still have banquet tickets to sell. Committee is getting things done. Reminder to book hotel rooms for 2025 BDSC event through Hilton with BDS25 room block code or those rooms don't count toward the contract minimum.

## District Reports

**D12:** Lillyn E. (absent, emailed report) - SELA Spring Round Up last weekend, about 390 attendees, more reporting on that after wrap-up meeting. D12 T&C meets 1st Tues monthly, 7pm. New Mandeville Men's meeting starts June 4th. Home group workshops in June (Light House Group, "Home Group" pamphlet) and August (Man 2 Man, "Working With Others" open to men and women).

**D20:** Colyn N. - All positions are filled, onboarding all new committee members. T&C chair submitted monthly meeting to website Events calendar.

**D17:** absent | **D18:** absent | **D19:** Ryan Alt-DCM, no report. | **D21:** absent | **D25:** absent

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## New Business

**Upcoming Inventory for Big Deep South - Dates, Logistics, Content (Andrea H., Chair).** Discussion on date, many dates ruled out because of fellowship-related scheduling conflicts. Motion to set Big Deep South Inventory date for July 26, 2025 (Sunny T.), seconded by Mary H. Motion passed, two abstentions.

### **Term Limits on Committee Chairs (Andrea H., Chair)**

Big Deep South & DAAY in the Park committee chair positions are for one year. Other committee chairs are for two years and don't require as much work. Possibly two years for all committee positions, to give more time for the event chairs to learn their position. Also could be too much work to expect for two years. What has worked in the past for BDSC event is committee members would rotate positions of different sub-committees, and eventually learn what was needed to then later become chair.

Term limits are set in By-Laws, and any changes to By-Laws require a process that involves informing the entire fellowship, not a decision made by a dozen members in a board meeting. By-Laws haven't been updated since 2021, and with recent experiences with board and committees and changes in the world overall, updating By-Laws could be part of Service Board inventory discussion.

**Central Office Report:** Carolyn H. - Full report available on website.

- **New Products.** Service Packet now available, includes pamphlets on Traditions, Concepts, and Legacy of Service - great for service sponsees and folks new into service.
- **Rent Increase Update.** Landlord offered \$100 off for first three months; Completed May 2025 and June 2025 payments at new rate. Still negotiating points of two-year lease agreement; awaiting response from landlord.
- **Contributions From Home Groups data** now available on website, on Contributions page linked from homepage; by request from members inquiring about whether their home groups or other meetings make splits.
- **Zoom Tech Upgrades.** Upgraded existing hardware and software to accommodate Zoom for hybrid meetings at Central Office; successful implementation for BDSC May 7 meeting and today's board meeting.
- **SELA Spring Round Up 2025.** Literature table hosted by Central Office was a success; more than doubled the number of transactions and products sold (literature and merchandise) since last year, and more than doubled revenue, even after significantly reducing product prices across the board this past year. More info to come next month after sales data analysis and reporting. Learned a lot, and we are excited to bring the literature table to Big Deep South.

Brief discussion on By-Laws and what happens when a Board Trustee resigns (Josie D.)

Meeting closed at 7:25pm with Our Father prayer.