Service Board Meeting Minutes - Wed., June 25, 2025

Next Service Board Meetings: Thurs., July 31, 2025 | Mon., August 25, 2025 | Tues., September 30, 2025

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Service Board Email: gmail.com Chairperson: Andrea Harris | Co-Chair: Jim N

In Attendance: Estimated 40 total in attendance – 2 Trustees; 3 Committee Chair/Co-Chair;

Central Office Manager; 4 DCMs/District reps; 18 Group Service Board Reps/GSRs; Several Visitors; 3 via Zoom

Note: Last names included for GNO Service Board Trustees due to regulatory requirements for board meeting minutes and financial matters.

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Andrea H. (Chairperson); Started with Serenity Prayer.

Elections

Facilitated by Area 27 Secretary Ron Z., following the Third Legacy Procedure for voting. 27 voting members present in-person and via Zoom. Voting in-person by paper ballot; on Zoom by verbal vote or via chat. 18 votes needed for a 2/3rds majority. Job description for each role was read aloud, including role requirements, sobriety requirement, etc., and each member standing for a position presented their service resume experience before the vote.

Secretary - Four (4) members willing and able to stand for the position: Jim R., Rene M., Colyn N., Kyle N.

- **1st Vote.** 2/3rds majority was attained.
- Rene M is elected as Secretary and Trustee of the GNO Service Board.

Treasurer - Four (4) members willing and able to stand for the position: Jim R., Rene M., JonG., Colyn N.

- 1st Vote. No 2/3rds majority attained.
- **2nd Vote.** No 2/3rds majority attained. Members with less than 1/5th of the vote removed from the voting ballot. Jim R. and Charlie H. remain.
- 3rd Vote. No 2/3rds majority attained.
- 4th Vote. No 2/3rds majority attained.
- Motion on floor to "go to the hat". Motion seconded and passed with substantial unanimity.
- Charles H is elected as Treasurer and Trustee of the GNO Service Board.

Chairperson - Three (3) members willing and able to stand for the position: Jim R., JonG., Tara C.

- 1st Vote. No 2/3rds majority attained.
- **2nd Vote.** 2/3rds majority was attained.
- James R is elected as Chairperson and Trustee of the GNO Service Board.

Officer Reports

Chairperson: Andrea H. welcomes new Service Board Representatives in attendance and accepts all SBR forms provided, to keep on record at Central Office going forward.

Secretary: Notes by Acting Secretary Jim Y. Minutes available for review on website within a week of meeting; May 2025 Meeting Minutes approved.

Treasurer: Monthly financial report from CPA available on website. Report approved with substantial unanimity. Fiscal year ends in June, so full-year fiscal report will be available at next month's meeting and will be provided to the incoming Treasurer for the upcoming FY25-26 budget.

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

- Successful convention season - New pricing structure and expansion of recovery literature and merchandise yielded increases in item sales and transactions. Steady sales numbers YOY for BDSC, significant increase in sales at Spring Roundup. More details available in full report.

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- These convention item and transaction sales increases translate into more recovery literature and merchandise in the hands of more recovering alcoholics, and that is a ripple effect we are happy and grateful to be part of.
- Service Board Inventory We heard out the voices present from our fellowship and have begun processing those comments to bring our office's contribution to a collective contribution leading to a list of goals for the future of the office and our board.
- Website Content Updates Found Service Board Google Drive that hadn't been regularly updated in a few years. To provide info for questions from the Inventory about job descriptions, elections info, etc., we added several documents from this GNOSB Google Drive to the Service Board & Central Office page of our website, including the most recent job descriptions we could find for Service Board officers, committee chairs, and Central Office Manager. In May, we added to the Contributions page, 2024 home group contributions and 2025 home group contributions to date.

Lynn W. And Tara C. brought up concerns about Central Office carrying Al-Anon literature, and whether doing so harms the local Al-Anon Central Office. Discussion followed. Jim N. motioned to table the discussion for the next meeting.

Old Business

Ad Hoc Committee: Big Deep South Financials - Jim N. We will have a report to present for this committee at the next board meeting, following the Big Deep South Inventory.

Big Deep South Inventory. Sat., July 26, 2025 - confirmed time of 10am-12:30pm at Central Office. Will be hybrid with a Zoom option for attendance.

Committee Reports

T&C: Scott B. Hosted workshop at Big Deep South. Elections held June 11, new secretary, other service roles.

Website: Chair Tourne T. stepped down. | Hotline: absent

DAAY in the Park: First planning meeting will be Wed., July 2, 2025, 6pm at Central Office; monthly meetings until October, then weekly or biweekly meetings until the event date. Call for cooks and volunteers to participate.

Big Deep South: Mike A. (2025 chair, outgoing) - Event was a success. Made ~\$12,500. 533 registrations. Contribution to Central Office forthcoming. Discussion followed about seed money needed for next event.

District Reports

D12: Lillyn E. (D12 SBR) - Made \$14k at Spring Round Up. No meetings in July, resume in August. DCM reported only 32% of groups contribute to GSO.

D19: Oscar A. (DCM) - Need workshop chair. T&C workshop in September. Workshop in September cooperating with District 18, details TBD.

D20: Colyn N. (DCM) - Quiet time of year; many members are university students. Need a PI/CPC chair.

D21: Sarah P. (DCM) - Outlining guidelines; had a Traditions, Sex, and Relationships workshop (60+ attendees); placed an ad on the radio; funded outreach to Angola; will rent van again to bring D21 GSRs to Area meeting. Buttons coming soon.

D17: absent | **D18:** No report. | **D25:** absent – Central Office manager will reach out to re-invite these districts.

New Business

Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Update By-Laws & Guidelines. Recommended for new board to do.

GNOSE Committees. Committee positions open. TRD at next month's meeting. Consideration of re-

GNOSB Committees. Committee positions open, TBD at next month's meeting. Consideration of revamping committees that hadn't had a committee chairperson.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm with circle and prayer.