

Special meeting to approve budget changes was held on February 16, 2010 at 8:40 pm. Attending: Corry C., Charlotte, D., Lou Ann P., Doug P., Robert G., Christine B., Anne H., and Mandy.

Opened with Serenity Prayer, reading of Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.

On February 16th, ARSC unanimously approved sending a revised the 2010 – 2011 budget back to the Areas for approval. See Attached budget.

2010 draft budget: \$8500

2011 draft budget: \$4308

\$12,808 = Account Balance at beginning of 2010

Intent: Allows Region to plan and conduct business through the year. This revised draft budget supersedes and replaces the previous draft budget forwarded to the Areas in January 2010.

Pros: Provides a 2 –year budget cycle and wherewithal to plan. Avoids long process of getting group approval piecemeal through the year.

Cons: 2010 budget is nearly double the 2009 budget, though 2011 budget is consistent with 2008 and 2009 budgets.

Description of the revisions made during the 2/16/2010 special meeting.

The draft budget for 2010 and 2011 was amended. Three significant recurring expenses that had been neglected forced the draft budget revision:

- The Regional Help Line (Switchboard) cost, about \$600 per year;
- Web host site rent, Blue Host, \$167 every two years, due in 2010;
- On-line meeting software, annual \$125.00 Addon Interactive.

In order to cover this \$892 in expenses, funds were reallocated while the \$8500 total budget for 2010 went unchanged. The 2010 draft budget “prudent reserve” \$550 was eliminated; the donation to World was reduced by \$292 (from \$1000 to \$708), and the alternate RD travel budget to the World Service Conference was reduced by \$50.

These above expenses are PI category line items and they were introduced as such in both the 2010 and 2011 budgets (except the Blue Host fee, which is biannual so it did not go in the 2011 budget). A decision was made to list these directly in the budget because they are recurring expenses. (The on-line meeting software expense was incurred last year; we have yet to take advantage of this.)

In order that the total amount of the 2010 and 2011 budgets not exceed the funds in the bank, the total 2011 budget was reduced from \$5500 to \$4308. Accordingly, the H&I budget was reduced from \$750 to \$633, and the donation to world (\$1000) was eliminated. The 2011 budget may be amended after the 2010 convention.

Most of the budget reduction from 2010 to 2011 resulted from not incurring the NA World Conference (\$1950) and the Blue Host fee (\$167) biannual expenses, and finishing the translation project (thus saving \$750) which is a total savings of \$2867.

Motion to approve budget with changes – Robert G. and 2nd by Anne H. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm with Third Step Prayer.