

APPENDIX C

Finance Committee Report

CHAIR: Alison (Treasurer)

VICE CHAIR: Saskia (Dutch Intergroup)

SECRETARY: Joanna (Heart of England IG)

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Giovanna (Italy Visitor)

The proposed budget was reviewed and it was suggested that there were three changes: to reduce the Translation Fund to £3500 and increase the Delegate Assistance Fund to £3500 and increase the Accounts to £850, all of these were then voted in by the delegates.

2009 REGION 9 TRANSLATION FUND REQUESTS / ENQUIRIES

Three requests were made:

- Slovenia who enquired if they would need to provide receipts, Treasurer replied yes, they have not responded since.
- Denmark requested and were approved to receive 2019 Euros but they have not been in touch again since.
- Poland were granted 1240 Euros towards the translation of 500 copies of the 12 & 12 and 1000 copies each of “To The Newcomer” and “Tools of Recovery” pamphlets. This money has now been paid to them.

There is now a WSO Translation Fund.

2009 REGION 9 DELEGATE ASSISTANCE FUND

Germany, France, Austria and Finland all requested assistance and were granted an average of £500 each. The Austrian delegate was unable to attend due to an injury from an accident.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS ON BUDGET

Alison to correct three errors:

- Albuquerque spelling
- LSB / NSB
- Adjust Secretarial Expenses to Administration Expenses for clarity

QUESTIONS

Q Should the budget income and expenditure be equal?

A They can be but don't have to be as money can be put into or taken out of the reserves.

Q Is the contribution of £5000 to WSO coming from the reserves?

A Yes.

SUGGESTIONS

Alison is to contact by 9th November Mary Asfour our R9 accountant to quote for preparing the quarterly spreadsheets and being available to answer queries from the Treasurer regarding the reports she produces. An annual budget of £500 has been allowed for this. If the quote is higher, it is to be referred to the R9 board for discussion. This would free up the Treasurer's

time to look at encouraging 7th Tradition contributions and in assisting service boards within our Region on financial matters.

Karolina noted that the new domain name will cost £99.99, there is sufficient money in the budget for this, she will forward an invoice to Alison

Alison suggest brainstorming fundraising ideas, Joanna suggested looking at the oa.org website as there are lots of ideas on there already and to pick some to implement rather than spend time thinking of new ideas.

IDEAS FOR BUDGET 2010

Look at a provision for a budget line item to cover expenses of a Parliamentarian to attend R9, if some or all of the money is not used, it will move to the Delegate Assistance Fund.

2008 NOTES

Last year the Finance Committee voted that the Vice Chair would receive copies of the bank statements and quarterly spreadsheets but this did not happen as the VC didn't want to receive the bank statements. As it is hoped that the Accountant will now prepare these, it did not seem necessary to continue with this.

2010 IDEAS

It is hoped that at the next Assembly, there can be performances of the two 7th Tradition skits available on www.oa.org downloadable documents.

Treasurer mentioned an issue with carrying so much cash to the Assembly, this could be looked into. Plus working on letting people know about the new 7th Tradition slogan "Give as if you life depends on it"

THINGS TO DO

Alison will amend the receipt letter to note the 2009 adopted motion that changed the suggested amount that service boards would aim to send to Region 9 a minimum of 5% of their annual income.

Alison to forward this to the Secretary, Joanna who will circulate to both the committee in the form of a letter and also to all R9 service boards (possibly via the R9 secretary)

Saskia will by 30th November compare the old version and the updated 7th Tradition leaflet and note the changes, so these can be highlighted and presented to service boards also within the region.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGION 9

The Treasurer noted that there have been no contributions to R9 in the past three months from anyone outside of the UK and whilst she had received some promises from those attending R9, it was requested that this message be fed back to service boards.

Yours in service and fellowship
Joanna Secretary, Finance Committee Region 9 2009