



Continental European Region

Agenda for Region Meeting on the 13& 14 of February, 2010 Milan, Italy

Light buffet lunch available in meeting room starting at 11:00 a.m. Saturday

Participants

Voting Members: 27

Amanda: RR/Netherlands	Claudia P: ECL0	Dallas T: YPC
Dan F: PIO	Dave A: Chair*	Erik A: Del; Tri-borders
Evyan D: R/Rome*	Glenn B: Asst Del; R/Reykjavik	Jan F: RR/Triborders
Jay G : ArenA Editor	Jeff E: RR/Franconia	Karen : Asst Treasurer
Karl O RR/Cote d'Azur	Katie K: R/Stockholm	Margi H: R/Florence
Mary Kay F: Del/Com 2	Michelle H Del; R/Milan	Monica C: Vice-Chair
Nicola K: Del/Com 1	Patrick L Alt Del/Com 1	Richard M Del; RR/Berlin
Rosalind RR/Costa del Sol	Stephen T Secretary	Tim S Alt Del; RR Berlin
Tim W-M Trustee	Uwe M RR/Rhine-Neckar	Winter W RR/Franconia

***The chair reserves his vote for breaking ties. Evyan serves also as Asst WebMaster, a nonvoting position.**

Observers: 5

Candy: Milan	Dolores R: Archivist	John: Milan	Kate: TriBorders
Kelly: Milan			

Voting Members absent

Greg H: Treasurer	John R: Del. Com 3*	Marketa K Alt Del. Com.5
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Alt Delegates Com. 3 & 4 vacant Both HNLO and TLO were redefined as nonvoting and nonreimbursable positions.

Saturday afternoon

1. Opening: Serenity Prayer and reading of 12 Traditions/12 Concepts by all present.
2. Welcome by Host Committee: We were reminded that we were hosting ourselves and should behave accordingly.
3. All present introduced themselves by name, office and intergroup.
4. Determination of number of Voting Members Present
The secretary determined that there were 26 voters present. Of these, nine represented Intergroups or unaffiliated groups exclusively; four held voting privileges both as CER officers and as Regional Representatives of Intergroups. The remaining 13 were CER officers. After we identified ourselves by position and IG affiliation, the chair asked for all members of Alcoholics Anonymous to raise their hands. All 30 of us did so.
5. Approval of Minutes from March meeting:
An amendment was suggested to Item # 24 of the Stockholm meeting:

“The meeting was extended for an hour to *complete business*. *The Delegate charged with introducing the Conference Questions for 2010 was given a few minutes to do so at end of the hour, although the planned presentation was dropped due to time.* The perennial problem of indifference...”

The minutes were accepted with this amendment.

6. Chairperson’s Report Dave A
7. Intergroup (IG) and Unaffiliated Group (UG) Reports
Reports were heard from Rhine-Neckar IG, Franconia IG, Triborders IG, South of France IG, The Stockholm International Group UG, The Netherlands IG, Florence UG, Costa del Sol IG, Rome UG, Reykjavik UG, Berlin IG.
Reports distributed as received.
8. Secretary’s Report Stephen T
Attached.
9. Treasurer’s Report Karen M, Asst. Treasurer
Attached.
10. Young Person’s Contact Report Dallas, T YPC
This was the YPC’s final meeting in that role. He was warmly thanked, and the subsequent discussion regarding the possibility of deferring the new YPC’s election (see item # 20) clearly attested to the value of the position and the contribution of the retiring YPC.
Report distributed prior to meeting.
11. Electronic Communications Officer Report Claudia P, ECLO
12. Attached.
13. Public Information Officers Report Dan F, PIO
2 questions: what are you doing for PI in your area that you want to share?
Want to develop a confidential mailing list for PI contact.
Cooperating with Jens of Sister City Committee.,
He has an informal committee of pi people...Dallas thinks a YPC should join this informal committee.
14. ArenA Editor’s Report Jay G, Editor
The editor explained the absence of the new ArenA. There was not enough time. He asked for a sense of the group conscience with respect to the plan to use the entire annual budget to bring ArenA to the World Conference in San Antonio this June. The vote was 16 for, 7 against and 2 Abstentions. We were also informed that a change of format was being considered.
15. Archivist’s Report Dolores R, Archivist
Attached.
16. Trustee’s Report Tim W-M, Trustee
Attached

Old BUSINESS

17. Hospitality Committee Report Dallas T
Attached
18. Sister City Committee Report Jens V
Distributed..secretary to find it..not found, distribute upon return to Stgt.
Find and distribute.
19. Report of the Committee to Produce guidelines for the Digest of Opinions.
Attached.

New BUSINESS

20. Elections of Alternate Delegate, Young Person’s Contact, Hospitality Committee Chair.
Chair asked us to consider the question, “Can we afford to fill these reimbursable positions?” Representatives of intergroups and unaffiliated groups we called upon first.
The consensus emerged that the groups and intergroups represented see the alt del. positions as of less immediate importance than the YPC.

A motion was made and seconded to **Suspend election of Alternate Delegates until Fall CER meeting, when we will re-consider the issue.** In the following discussion we went once round the room voicing our thoughts. Because the matter had financial implications, a two thirds majority was required. The vote was **16 yes, 9 against, 1 abstention. The motion failed.** A minority opinion was called for from the ... which caused a member of the majority to call for a reopening of the discussion. The final vote on the issue was **20 Yes, 5 No and 1 Abstention. The motion carried.**

The service resumes of the two candidates for YPC, Mark and David B, both of Stockholm, were read by the secretary. **David B was elected by the required 2/3 majority.**

21. Announcement of Upcoming Elections/ Call for announcements. Deferred to Sunday. (See Item # 26)

22. June Meeting Proposal. Deferred to Sunday. (See Item #27)

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

Sunday morning

23. 9:10 Serenity Prayer

24. Hospitality committee- Chair drew our attention to our "Welcome to Region..." Guide where no mention is made of a hospitality committee chair. Four members were present, including the retiring chair. No new volunteers stepped forward. It was decided that this committee should elect its own chair.

25. Announcement of Upcoming Elections/ Call for announcements

Treasurer's position and delegates for committees 2 & 3 will be elected in June.

Nominations and Service resumes are needed. Both HNLO and TLO are currently vacant.

Our last HNLO recommended that the position not be filled. Both HNLO/TLO were redefined as non-reimbursible in June of '09.

Oslo invitation- Again we went around the room and a consensus developed, generally favorable to the invitation, although qualified by concern for money. However, the homestay option was seen as viable and the airline fares seem well researched. **A motion to accept the invitation was made and seconded. The vote was 20 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstentions.** The minority opinion was expressed: the principle that individual financial limitations should never get in the way of service. We've been out of compliance with that for a year, in so far as CER officers have to be able to put up money in order to travel and currently the lag time for reimbursement is quite long. IGs don't contribute because they don't have it. The Vice-Chair moved to reopen. Seconded. The discussion was reopened. **The vote was 15 Yes, 7 No, 3 Abstentions. The motion carried.**

26. Sister City Report-Karl has something to add. His proposal- a starter kit- he hasn't done anything yet. Requests some people to volunteer to work with him.

The PIO had a paper copy. Karl and Amanda...the sister city com has a website- click contacts. K of Stock...wants to extend the membership beyond those who meet here.

27. Conference Questions.

Recognizing the widespread indifference and even hostility of members to Conference and Conference questions, the chair introduced the subject as a legacy of Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob and called upon the delegates one by one to read the questions and then to receive input. Each delegate by order of committee number read each question, listened and recorded the input of each participant. The delegate for Com 3 was absent (attending the Conference Steering Committee) the chair read each question. The membership is encouraged to send input to aa-delegates@aa-europe.net. Input will be accepted until immediately before conference.

Recess from 11:10-11:30.

Remaining three delegates.

A request was made to that the secretary distribute the revised guidelines.

28. Sunday Closing.