

CNCA 06

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION

May 28, 2016

Chairperson: Michael Q.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer
Introductions.

Secretary Report: Minutes available in English and Spanish. Today's presentation is available in English.

Thank You to for Translating: Tony

Job Descriptions: Recording Secretary, Barbara S

- Not a requirement to type, but helpful
- Knowledge of word is helpful
- Send minutes to Editor
- Sent to DCMC's, committee chairs, officers
- At Pre-Conference need to take notes for delegate
- Bring copies of minutes
- Sign in Sheets
- Committee Reports in English and Spanish
- Keep motions book updated. Cross reference to committee they belong to
- Three visits per month
- One to two hours to prep for district meetings
- Flexibility with job for travel
- Four assemblies a year
- Sessions are recorded
- Attend ACM/officers and District meetings as assigned
- 2-4 hours per month
- 1- 2 hours of prep time and up to 8 hours of drive time
- 25-30 hours total
- 500-1000 miles per month driving

Presentation: CNCA Goes Through the Motions; Murias O'K

Step by Step for a motion:

Difference between Small t (the way we do things traditionally in the Area) and Capital T (12 Traditions as written by Bill)

There is some flexibility of the small t traditions. Both the Chair and the Body.

How can you legislate a Group Conscience or legislate spirituality?

The Fourth Tradition guides much of our motion process.

 If it's a big matter then it goes to assembly

 If its small it stays at Are or is a Housekeeping Motion.

What is a Motion?

 Needs to be readable to the Chair and the Secretary

 Minimum of 3 copies. Secty, Chair and for maker to read at the microphone

 Have stack on the literature table.

Inform the Chair so that they can put on the agenda

Housekeeping Motions: Usually originate from an officer or committee's report. Tend to assist that entity in doing their business. Internal funds, etc.

Presentation of new business: A formal read of the motion

Questions from the floor: To understand the intent or spirit of the motion. Not a time for debate

Can also come from discussion topics.

Can be a motion to move the motion to a subcommittee.

Not all motions need a second. As they come from a group conscience it is assumed that at least two people have discussed it. However if comes from discussion it does need a second. If no second, the motion is dead.

After the presentation of New business (unless there is a motion that has a time constraint that indicates urgency) the next meeting the topic moves to Old Business. A motion will stay at New business until it has enough time for discussion.

Old business: Discussion. Stays as old business until voted upon.

Voting:

Call the Question: Usually discouraged as it tends to push an agenda along.

Time to vote is generally at the Chair's discretion. It is also the chair's discretion as to how the group will vote, simply majority or 2/3rds (substantial unanimity).

Reconsider:

Whether the motion passes or not, the "losing side" or minority opinion is allowed to speak. Only those on the minority voting side may speak.

Motion to reconsider must come from someone who voted in the majority.

If the motion to reconsider passes (simple majority) the motion will go back to the floor for further discussion and another vote.

Following the second vote, whatever the result, the vote stands.

Unless there is a justifiable objection, then the matter is tabled and becomes "Old Business" again.

Decision on whether or not a motion becomes an Assembly motion can be made by the Chair.

Take the results back to the groups

The process insures that we practice principles, not personalities.

Discussion:

Can you clarify the objection to the motion to reconsider vote? Chair's rules.

I like the fact that you mention "call the question". We don't do that here. We came close last month at Post Conference, but it was stated more politely.

I heard somewhere that we use 2/3 to determine policy and 1/2 to determine procedure. But the Chair has the discretion.

It's important to have discussion before making a motion. The discussion can form the motion. This is part of the process; to learn how to communicate with each other.

This is a pretty good representation of how the Area does business. Districts can do things differently. This can be a guide, but is not a rule for districts.

I have observed in my own district, due to a lack of information that it affects the way we do business. This helps me learn!

My experience is that we hold small "t" traditions as absolutes and we don't change. We seem to get locked in to How we do it, because that's how we do it.

Time sensitive motions...we go to a good deal of effort to not have a time sensitive motion. Planning and foresight can avoid this.

Announcements: Please turn in ideas for workshop topics at Summer Assembly ASAP (by next ACM).

Topics for Next Month:

Anonymity at ACM and Assemblies

What is a Forum? What happens, who's there? Why do we go there?

Next Month's Presentation: Concept Three ~ Right of Decision (Gilbert)

Submitted in Love and Service,

Linda T

Recording Secretary

DCM Sharing Session – Panel 65