

Report from 2020 World Service Conference

First of all, I want to thank the group for sending me to the World Service Conference. It was exciting to be returning to the World Service Conference by doing service and attend the first virtual World Service Conference for D.A. The World Service Conference is the business of the organization of Debtors Anonymous. There were over 600 people who attended the conference on Fellowship Day. There was a representation around the world like Kenya, Ireland and Spain to name a few. Doing service has given me the confidence to work on the Business Debtors Anonymous Committee and be on the Spiritual Sustainable Earning Conference.

The conference was held for two weekends, August 8th and 9th and 15th and 16th. Weekends were long with 15 minute breaks. Everyone was enthusiastic. No one can work on the committee or caucus except GSRs, ISRs and Trustees. The last Saturday afternoon anyone can attend the Fellowship Day. The last two days were surrounded around the Convocations where motions were made, voted on and approved. We ended saying the Serenity Prayer in many languages. Being that we are a fellowship that has at its core a focus on numbers, I feel it would be incomplete for me to not speak about the finances.

The Finance Report is as follows:

Effective August 1, 2018 the Fellowship was provided the option of making group and individual contributions online through the D.A. website. For this fiscal year, \$27,759.76 in contributions were made online, representing 21.94% of all contributions received.

For the fiscal year, group and individual contributions received were \$126,480.74, or 6.32% under the plan, and 1.01% under the same period in the previous fiscal year.

Broken down, group contributions were 22.11% under the same period last year, and individual contributions were 16.04% over the same period last year. On behalf of the entire D.A. Fellowship, the Finance Committee thanks the D.A. groups and individual D.A. members who have contributed to D.A. during the last year. Those contributions were an essential part of improving the financial health of the Fellowship.

The Fellowship has received \$11,304.07 in electronic literature sale profits.

For the fiscal year, literature sales accounted for \$63,240.07, or 43.59% under the plan, and 29.56% under the same period in the previous fiscal year.

The GSB Finance Committee is pleased to report that the income and Spending Plan for 2019-2020 ended with a positive balance of \$18,383.72. This results in an decrease of the Total Assets of the Fellowship by \$9,227.04 over fiscal year 2019.

Recommendations to the 2020-2021 Finance Committee were to continue to assess the balance in the main checking account and make recommendations to the board on transferring funds into the prudent reserve until the nine-month goal is reached.

That the GSB Finance Committee continue to monitor actual income and expenses against the approved Income and Spending Plan.

That the GSB Finance Committee through its board liaison continue working closely with the WSC Resource Development Committee.

That the GSB Finance Committee continue developing and tracking action items throughout the year.

The analysis of the expenses is for the fiscal year, expenses for the Board, bookkeeping, operating the General Service Office, and WSC Committee and Caucuses were \$152,158.48 or 19.65% under the plan, and 1.29% over the same period in the previous fiscal plan.

I was given \$265 to attend the World Service Conference. I spent \$265. I will be sending nothing back to the GSR fund.

There were Issues and Concerns in the Debtors Anonymous Manual for Service that was given to GSRs and ISRs that attended the World Service Conference. For example, some of the issues and concerns you would see is a request to not have GSRs and ISRs attend World Service Conferences 10...15...20 conferences. Another example is to see a service progression, encouraging members to focus on individual and group service for the first five years of solvency, Intergoup and WSC service for five years and beyond, a ACM and GSB service for ten years and beyond. The committee that I'm working on is the Business Debtors Anonymous Committee for which I am Vice Chair.

There were no Motions or Recommendations for the Business Debtors Anonymous Committee.

I am also on the Spiritual Sustainable Earning Caucus.

There were no Recommendations.

The Motions that were made and carried were as follows at convocation:

The Conference Committee moves that the 2020 World Service Conference authorize the Remote Participation available to any voting delegates eligible to vote remotely pursuant to GSB policy who are unable to attend at any face to face World Service Conference.

International Committee moves that the month of January be dedicated annually as "International D.A. Awareness Month" and that the International Committee be authorized to develop appropriate programs.

Literature Committee moves that the WSC approve publication of the D.A. Step Study Guide.

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Literature Committee moves that the WSC approve the concept for a PRG guide outline.

Literature Committee moves that the WSC approve the concept for a Vulnerability and Visibility pamphlet.

Literature Committee moves that the WSC approve the concept for a pamphlet on the theme of Race and Debt. This was recommitted to Committee.

There was a Summary of Motions and Recommendations from 2019.

This is an example of motion that was submitted by Conference Committee. The Conference Committee moved that the 2021 World Service Conference be hosted in the New York City region.

The following is a Motion from the Conference Committee which states to continue the Remote Participation Trial involving delegates outside North America for the 2020 World Service Conference, but we ended up having it on Zoom.

The Resource Development Committee states that a D.A. member may contribute up to \$12,000 to Debtors Anonymous on an annual basis for five years.

Responses are on Debtors Anonymous Website to Issues Concerns for 2019 World Service Conference

There are newest Issues and Concerns submissions for 2020.

In going forward rest of the year I'll be attending five calls monthly and doing work for the Business Debtors Anonymous and Spiritual Sustainable Caucus. I have made a personal commitment to myself to work on a committee and caucus for the next year in order to help the suffering debtor. In order for me to be an active member it was a must to attend the World Service Conference. So the support of the group to send me to the conference was vital. Next year the conference will be in New Jersey and the following year it will be in the United Kingdom.

Thank you again for your support. I know the work you guys have entrusted in me to do is an important responsibility. There will be a fellowship call on World Service Conference. After that I will be giving a more comprehensive report.