



STATE BOARD MEETING

*Ballard Oxford House
Seattle, WA*

September 8, 2001

State Chair Brian Saks called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call by State Secretary Sussi Huiras:

Chapter 1	Absent
Chapter 2	Mike Finchum, Chair
Chapter 3	Mike Molan, Chair
Chapter 4	Matthew Howell, Chair
Chapter 5	Absent
Chapter 6	Molly Leptich, Chair
Chapter 7	John Vanderwal, Chair
Chapter 8	Dennis Donken, Chair
Chapter 9	Wayne Mesenbrink, Substitute (late)
Chapter 10	Absent
Chair	Brian Saks
Vice-Chair/Alumni	Randy Holliday, Alumni
Treasurer	Wayne Mesenbrink (late)
Secretary	Sussi Huiras
Technical Director	Vacant
Auditor	Gino Pugliese
Outreach	Judy Maxwell, Gino Pugliese, Tom Dugan
Alumni Coordinator/Alumni	Sherry Burrows
Alumni	Rob Ekenbarger (absent)
Alumni	Charles Golden
World Council	Brian Saks, Myrna Brown

Guests: Heidi (Chapter 8), Carrie (Chapter 4), Ron Boyd (Chapter 6), Ken Guza (DASA), Oid Mattox (Chapter 6).

Traditions read by Molly.
Principles read by Dennis.

Corrections to July 14, 2001 minutes: The Chapter 9 Chair is John Morrow, not John Vanderwal (Chapter 7 Chair). Sherry MM to accept minutes with correction, Mike M 2nd, MMP.

Chair's Report by Brian: I have been on graveyard shift and am beat. Chapter 5 is experiencing lots of problems. Everyone walked out on their last chapter meeting and have been calling me for help. Judy and Brian will help and go to all Chapter 5 houses to see if they can help. Randy and/or Dennis will go to help also. Brian is going to audit chapter's books for guidance. Suggestions have gone unheard. Plan is to change officers and start over. Big discussion on suggestions as to helping Chapter 5 get back together. Chapter 2 also offered to help and are talking about taking in Chapter 5 to Chapter 2 on a temporary basis to help guide them. Sherry MM to accept Chair's Report, Mike F 2nd, MMP.

Vice-Chair's Report by Randy: Has been busy with new house. He will go try to help Chapter 5 get back on its feet. Mike M MM to accept Vice-Chair's Report, Sherry 2nd, MMP.

Housing Services Coordinator's Report by Dennis: Has green book and will try to contact facilities to promote Oxford and send them information. He will contact nearby chapters for presentations. Will also try to help get Chapter 5 back on track. Nobody has called him with housing services reports. Get your housing service contacts to him. It is suggested that chapters adjust their election times to before scheduled workshops. Call Dennis if your chapter needs any information on presentations. Sherry MM to accept Housing Services Coordinator's Report, Randy 2nd, MMP.

Treasurer's Report by Wayne: The books balanced to the penny on the day he got them until present. Starting balance: \$3,335.15, expenses: 501.11, monies taken in 1,385.50, total ending balance 4,212.54. Current activity up to this meeting: \$4,681.74. Dues status: Chapter 1: \$2,182.50 due, Chapter 2: has been receiving checks for wrong amounts, should be \$126.00, paid through June (4.00 credit). NOTICE: NOTE NUMBER OF BEDS ON YOUR CHECKS FOR DUES (\$1.50/BED). Chapter 3: Paid through July. Chapter 4: Paid through July. Chapter 5: Paid through July (\$9.00 credit), needs to make loan payment (last payment received in July). Chapter 6: Paid through July. Chapter 7: Paid through July. Chapter 8: Paid through August. Chapter 9: Paid through June. Chapter 10 (\$27.00 credit) paid through July. The State needs to make check for registration fees for 23 people: \$4,140.00. Reimbursements given to Wayne: Randy \$69.00, Charles \$35.46, Mike M \$15.00, Sussi \$37.09, Brian \$96.20. MM to pay all expenses, 2nd, MMP. Gino needs money for airline reservation seats. Chapters 1 and 6 need names and money for anyone going. Sherry MM to pay Gino \$400.00 for airline deposits, Wayne 2nd, MMP. When he gets money from our members, he will pay back the state. September 30 is the deadline date deposits need to be paid by.

MM for break, 2nd, MMP. Break at 1:25 pm.

Reopened meeting at 1:35 pm.

Brian said that since Chapter 4's chapter meeting is here at the Ballard house at 4:00, we should move the meeting along. Molly MM to accept Treasurer's Report, Mike F 2nd, MMP. Sherry brought up her expenses of \$120.00. Molly MM to pay Sherry's expenses, Randy 2nd, MMP.

World Council Report by Myrna: At the Washington, D.C. convention, there will be 3 possible resolutions. Chapters will audit houses and states will audit chapters. Take this back to your houses. Pathways (newsletter) will be sent out shortly. Next World Council Meeting on September 22, 2001. Charters: state charters houses. There is an alumni house in New Jersey. Myrna not running again. One alumni position open, suggested nominating Sherry. Hotel reservations must be in by September 15, 2001 for D.C. State of Washington will bid for the next World Convention to be held in Seattle, Washington. T-shirt idea brought

up by Sherry to promote our state at the convention. President Bush looking at being there, but there has been no firm word yet. May have \$650,000.00 grant for military beds, majority have to be on active military to go by model of Oxford House. Alumni membership fees will be brought up at D.C., \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00 and \$100.00 for different kinds of memberships. Opened new house in Idaho. Registrations need to be in immediately. There was a donation of \$6,000.00 for the convention, which means that the first 200 to get their registrations in get \$30.00 each back. Phone number for Washington Court Hotel is 1-800-321-3010 and mention Oxford House for rate. It is suggested that we have a hospitality room, question on whether it should be an outreach expense. This will be discussed at the next outreach meeting. Give any promotion ideas to Tom Dugan for DC. There is a chat with Paul Malloy the 1st Tuesday of each month on the Oxford Community. Brian: Compile statuses for charters! He is still trying to get information from chapters. There has been little information from even the chapters in Washington. Resolution: after 1st of year, requirement will be to pay \$50.00 month dues to national. Sherry was nominated for alumni position, bring campaign ideas and campaign fund to next State Board Meeting. Idea brought up of "Walla Walla Sweet Sherry."

Lunch break at 2:10 pm.

Reconvene meeting at 2:40 pm.

*****GREAT JOB BALLARD HOUSE FOR THE GOOD FOOD!!!****

Outreach Report by Judy: Real busy with new women's houses. New Chapter 4 house is Henderson Pointe House which is a women's and children's house. Chapter 6 has new house opening soon. 3 chapters splitting. Chapter officers information has been sent out, if you didn't get one, call Judy. Judy's areas for airline registrations are Chapters 2, 3, 5, 8 and 9. Research on women's house in Chapter 10 in the making. Newsletter will be out by the end of the month. Gino: Eastern Washington has been busy. Will be going to Spokane this month. Working with Chapter 7 and keeping officers up to par. Working on a more thorough report for loan statuses. We should make chapters accountable for houses not paying on their loans. We need to come up with a policy. Suggestion is to make part of housing summary reports and to have a space for paying your loan each month. Ken: The loan fund is so down with opening new houses and houses not paying their loans back that we may not be able to open another house without getting a check. There is \$35,000.00 in defaulted loans. Each chair needs to get statuses from each house on their loan status. We need the balance due and amount paid, see loan books. Chairs are responsible for this. Sherry MM that each Chapter Chair must have statuses of all houses in their chapter, including balance due, amount paid, and coupon numbers, 2nd, MMP. There will be an article in the newsletter on where all our contributions go. Chairs please stress the importance of paying contributions and loans to your houses!! For example, there is a legal case in Oregon that affects us all. Tom: Been busy. 6-8 new houses opening, 4 by Oid Mattox. On September 21, 2001, King County will be signing papers for new houses and will commence remodeling in Federal Way. Randy MM to accept Outreach Reports, Sherry 2nd, MMP. Ken: On October 1, we will be opening houses #89 and 90 in the state of Washington, a lot going on in Washington! Way ahead of rest of country. DASA is pleased with what is going on. Federal grant may be coming to pay for conference to subsidize some costs. Check out the resources you have for fundraising including employers, companies and people.

Chapter Summary Reports:

CHAPTER	# OF HOUSES	# OF BEDS	CHECKING	VACANCIES	RELAPSES
1	12	98	\$1,244.73	6	6
2	10	84	\$5,103.00	8	2
3	5	46	\$1,653.00	3	4
4	7	62	\$2,146.32	6	5
5	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT
6	12	108	\$2,800.80	3	4
7	4	35	\$1,042.69	4	3
8	9	71	\$762.66 \$1,259.60 SAV. \$312.00 KLINEAR	23	5
9	5	35	\$1,400.00	5	1
10	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT

Chapter 1 by Tom Dugan: There is a lot of good new enthusiasm. Chapter voted to split east side and Snohomish County. Chapter meeting is Sunday, September 9, 2001, to finalize split. All new officers will be elected at that time. Per Tom, debt to state will be paid. Treasurer was not following through with duties, so financially a mess.

Chapter 2 by Mike F: Chapter is strong. We're sending 6 people to National Convention and sending 4 people to the Chapter Officers Workshop. Chapter is having a picnic at the end of September.

Chapter 3 by Mike M: Chapter has democratically chosen to ask for an Eastern Washington outreach worker. Chapter sees it is necessary to grow. Chapter voiced their concerns at last meeting that we have not had a state board member attend a Chapter 3 meeting in over 6 months. Feeling left out! Chapter has voted to send 2 representatives to World Convention, the Chapter Chair and Vice-Chair. Browns Addition house lost 7 members and gained 7 within a 2 -week period. Vice-Chair is one of seven that moved, but has helped rebuild house and was kept as Vice-Chair upon Chapter vote. Commitments to presentations slipped a bit due to "summer fun." Chapter recognizes problem. 2 houses in Chapter owned by same lady (Bee-otch!) are having rent increase issues. Lincoln Heights just signed new lease with no conflicts. Chapter unity is strong and desire to grow is high!

Chapter 4 by Kari: May/June report: Election of new officers: Matthew Howell, Chair; Kari Griese, Vice-Chair; Todd Crenshaw, Secretary; Alan Crenshaw, Housing Services Representative. The camp out was fun for everyone. July/August report: Chapter is doing well. Some difficulty getting new chapter chair committee organized in beginning, but is now coming together well. We have a new house opening up in our chapter in response to all the women in recovery who need clean and sober houses. Thanks for not fining us last time for missing the State Board Meeting. Changing secretary and treasurer officers.

Chapter 5: Absent.

Chapter 6 by Molly: Chapter is doing well. Opened 2 new houses in June. Opening one in September (men's) and another in October (women's). People getting interested and excited about fall workshop and convention. Still having problems with fundraising. Our meeting is later today to discuss details and also to discuss chapter split, have tentative mapping dilemma! Money and areas. Continue to visit houses each month, good results revamping house expectations. I want to thank Oid from Levi House and Laura Robertson from Licton Springs for opening Furlong (men's) and Nunziato (women's) houses in September and October. Also thanks to alumni Alison Tungsley for sponsoring the Nunziato House.

Chapter 7 by John: After 4 months of rough going, I see a new enthusiasm in our chapter. I'm proud of the women's house who organized and had 5 women there. Also proud of all our men's houses who sent at least 2 per house to the car wash. Our current fundraising is bringing us together. We are helping one of our houses through some office shuffling and office training.

Chapter 8 by Dennis: All chapter members working consistently to fill all the houses. Chapter members have helped straighten out books for Park Hills Women's House. Park Hills House has had at least 6 good core members move on and out in the last 4 months, but the house is continuing to grow with new members. Chapter hoping to send at least 3 members to World Convention in Washington, D.C. this fall. Chapter 8 situations sure has kept the Chapter Chairperson busy this past month. It definitely has been a good learning experience.

Chapter 9 by Wayne: "Hello all. Sorry I couldn't be here, but I had to work. We have a lot of fundraising coming up. With great success with the car wash with good participation we raised \$300.00. We're still planning to send 6 people to D.C. See ya soon, in lovin service John Morrow." Per Wayne, thanks Corrine at the Three Rivers House, she has some great money making ideas for fund raising.

Chapter 10: Absent.

MM to fine Chapter 10 for their absence at this meeting, 2nd, MMP.

Old Business: Brian got lists of all the people going to DC from each chapter. The State Board needs to vote on two alumni to go to DC and pay for their registration fee. Myrna nominated Sussi, 2nd. Randy nominated Sherry, 2nd. Sherry said that she will pay for her own way to DC and nominated Heidi Montgomery to go to DC, 2nd. MM that Sussi and Heidi be the two alumni that the state will pay for the registration fee for DC, 2nd, MMP.

New Business: Sherry brought up t-shirt logo and idea for DC. \$5.00 per shirt, screen printing fee \$20.00 for 50 shirts. Sherry passed around her idea for the logo and that the shirts be green. Mike M MM for 100 shirts to be ordered and that the State will reimburse Sherry for her credit card expense, dead motion. Discussion followed and resolved that 52 shirts will be held back for people going to DC. Randy MM for 72 shirts, Mike F 2nd, MMP. Idea also brought up that we make gold plaque with Traditions on it, table idea until next meeting. State Technical Director position brought up, discussion on possible people to fill this long-open position. Mike F brought up Tony Perkins of the Laurelwood House in Vancouver might be interested. Discussion on person being present at the State Board Meeting to be elected. MM to pay \$100.00 to the Ballard House for food for this meeting, 2nd, MMP. Dennis asked for \$100.00 for housing services expenses, MM, 2nd, MMP. Judy brought up \$1,000.00 for workshop food expense and paying people to do it. Big discussion followed that the expense is too high and we shouldn't have to pay people for cooking, etc.

Whatever happened to service work?? Isn't that what we're all here for?? Resolved that we should set the food budget for \$300.00 and we will enlist people to do service work for cooking, etc. Mike F MM to pay \$300.00 for food expense for the workshop, Randy 2nd, MMP. Oid said that we should have vote at the World Convention that we make a fund Oxford for Oxford to be accessed by the states not having any funds. Oid will write up proposal and give it to Myrna.

Myrna MM to close the meeting, Molly 2nd, MMP.

Meeting closed at 4:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 10, 2001 AT 12:00 PM

***AT A CHAPTER 7 OXFORD HOUSE
LOCATION WILL BE DETERMINED AND MAILED OUT BY BRIAN SAKS***

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