



STATE BOARD MEETING

Ruston View Oxford House
Tacoma, WA

May 11, 2002

State Chair Brian Saks called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call by State Secretary Sussi Saks:

Chapter 1	Oid Mattox, Chair	Chapter 2	Phil Tarlton, Chair
Chapter 3	Mike Molan, Substitute	Chapter 4	Matthew Howell, Chair (late)
Chapter 5	Matt Kozlowski, Chair (late)	Chapter 6	Lance Wischler, Chair
Chapter 7	Eric, Substitute	Chapter 8	James Morris, Chair
Chapter 9	Jade Hennesey, Substitute	Chapter 10	Rodney Logsdon, Chair
Chapter 11	Absent	Chapter 12	Eric Perkins, Substitute
Chapter 13	Topher, Substitute	Chair	Brian Saks
Vice-Chair	Randy Holliday	Treasurer	Wayne Mesenbrink (late)
Secretary	Sussi Saks	H.S. Coordinator	Eric Perkins
Auditor	Jeff Consolatti	Outreach	Judy Maxwell, Gino Pugliese, Tom Dugan (late)
Alumni Coordinator	Sherry Burrows	Alumni #1	Charles Golden
Alumni #2	Randy Holliday	Alumni #3	Vacant
Alumni #4	Mike Molan	Alumni #5	Sussi Saks
Alumni #6	Mike McNatt (absent)	World Council	Myrna Brown, Brian Saks, Sherry Burrows
Guests	Rick (Chapter 12), Rondy (Chapter 10), Johnny (Alumni), Bo (Chapter 3), Norm (Chapter 6), Jay (Chapter 13), Kelly (Chapter 4)		

Principles read by Jade.

Traditions read by Topher.

Additions or corrections to March 9, 2002 minutes: Jeff brought up part of a sentence in the Chair's Report that said "teenager is okay if with father and with the vote of the house." Discussed and resolved to be amended to read "boy teenager is okay if with father and with the vote of the men's house." MM, 2nd, MMP. There are only strong suggestions from the State Board regarding policies; the autonomy is still with the houses. It was suggested that men/children houses should handle this on a case-by-case basis.

Chair's Report by Brian: The workshop went well! The speakers were great. I am getting a lot of phone calls from new chairs. Feel free to call me but also remember that Eric Perkins, our Housing Services Coordinator, is also helpful. You can also call Randy Holliday, the Vice-Chair. Another suggestion is using the alumni from your chapter; they are a valuable resource, so use them! I got the e-mail addresses for the treatment centers and have sent out information to them and received a couple of replies already. I have set up a new search engine for the state website where you can update your house's vacancies online. Be sure to update your vacancies regularly so I can send the most updated vacancies to the treatment centers. If you are not online, you can also call or mail me the vacancies and I will post them online. Oid suggested going beyond Washington state with all the information, i.e., Washington, D.C. He thinks it will be helpful to fill more vacancies and he notices that many people move state-to-state. Brian will check into this. I have also set up database on the website so that when information is changed in the database, it will reflect that change in all the associated pages on the website as well. Flyers for the campout were passed out at this meeting. Judy will not be mailing these out because of the cut in DASA expenses. Gateway has 99 computers that they will be donating to non-profit organizations. They are from the Olympics. I applied for a donation of 99 computers for us. If we get some of those computers, the State Board will divvy them up amongst the chapters by vote of the membership. MM to accept Chair's Report, 2nd, MMP.

Vice-Chair's Report by Randy: Chapters 2 and 5 are doing well and rolling along nicely. There are a lot of vacancies in both chapters and they have had problems with the hotline, but it seems to have been ironed out. I thoroughly enjoyed MC'ing the workshop, it was fun! MM to accept Vice-Chair's Report, 2nd, MMP.

Treasurer's Report by Wayne: Dues status forms were handed out to each chapter chair. Please check that the information is accurate and let me know if any changes. Bank statements were passed around for review. Opening balance: \$5,634.76, expenditures: \$2,468.63, deposits: \$3,476.34, final balance: \$6,642.47. I need to get the \$300.00 check back that was written for the Las Vegas house. Oid will mail it to Wayne at the PO Box. I found a signature card for the CD account at Washington Mutual. Brian will take care of this. There was a \$1,273.00 profit from the workshop and \$996.00 was made from the raffle! The \$700.00 seed money was paid back to the state. Gino stated that he needs to be reimbursed for the hospitality room and PR expenses to get the World Convention in Seattle. DASA will not be paying the expense. MM to pay Gino \$472.52 for this reimbursement, 2nd, MMP. Other expenses submitted: Charles \$28.00 for travel; Sussi \$38.75 for secretary's expenses; Gino \$134.75 for mountain bike; Brian \$99.75 for expenses; Sherry \$125.00 for expenses; Mike \$15.00 for travel; Myrna \$22.99 for calendar for Ken Guza; Ruston View \$159.62 for meal (discussion regarding prior amount of \$100.00 set for meal). MM to pay all expenses, 2nd, MMP 16-2.

Housing Services Coordinator's Report by Eric: Please utilize me if you need help for anything!! I have flexible hours. I have only received 1 of the forms back that I handed out at a prior meeting. 1 out of 13 chapters is not too good. I will be calling around to all the chapters and will have a final report by the next State Board Meeting. I talked to Fred Garcia at the workshop regarding presentations for correctional facilities. I have an appointment with him in Olympia to discuss this further. If you have any questions for Fred, let me know. My e-mail address is: eapster@aol.com, my address is: 817 Sheridan Road, East Bremerton, WA 98316 and my phone number is: 360-373-2493. I need to have business cards to present to the treatment people I speak with. Suggestions were made regarding free business cards online and also to make up some on your own. PLEASE CALL ERIC WITH ANYTHING THAT YOU MAY NEED, HE IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE THAT IT NOT BEING USED—THANKS! MM to accept Housing Services Coordinator's Report, 2nd, MMP.

1:20 Smoke break.

1:30 Meeting called back to order.

Alumni Coordinator's Report by Sherry: See attached report. We are opening houses very rapidly so the loan fund is depleted. MM to accept Alumni Coordinator's Report, 2nd, MMP.

World Council Reports – Myrna: The World Convention is October 10-13. The Double Tree Hotel in Bellevue, Washington will be \$109.00 per night. 168 rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. At the committee meeting we suggested the Bell Tower for the reception, possibly setting up buses up and tours. The registration fee is \$185.00 per person. There will be a dance Saturday night. Oid will check into getting a band for the dance, possibly free. The Hospitality Suite has been booked. Lakeside-Milam Recovery Center may sponsor the cost for the Hospitality Suite. An idea was brought up that we make the Hospitality Suite potluck, it worked well for Kansas City. A \$25.00 assessment per house was suggested to defray some costs for the World Convention. Norm and Lance volunteered to work on transportation and buses. We need volunteers for food ideas for Hospitality Suite. Topher volunteered to help with the dance arrangements and inviting the recovery community. Golf tournament will be set up. We need a minister to do the opening on Friday night. Topher will work on promotion ideas with a friend of his. Promotion items will be hats, cups, etc. Quantity needed is approximately 300. Idea brought up on having a raffle at the dance and Gino to be in charge of raffle. Gino and Judy will now be part-time outreach workers. Don't call them on their cell phones. Call their home numbers and leave messages! Tom Dugan is the lead outreach worker at this point and he can be called anytime. This also means that we must reach out within our chapters for outreach work. We have many resources available to us within our state, don't forget to use them. They do not know

yet if expenses might be okayed for further work with Outreach Workers. Judy has a part-time job of her own and will be dedicating Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for outreach work. Remember, we can also open houses ourselves! Just don't sign any leases without first confirming that the loan fund is available for the new house. The next World Council meeting is in June, which is once every 3 months. Brian: Remember to charter all of the houses in your chapter. You can call Brian or send a letter to the World Services office at 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Pathways newsletter will be out in about two weeks. Sherry: Nothing further. MM to accept World Council Reports, 2nd, MMP.

2:20 Lunch break.

2:50 Meeting called back to order.

Outreach Reports – Judy: \$74.00 deposit coming back from the Marshall Center. \$26.00 was subtracted from the total deposit because some tools were taken. The workshop was very successful otherwise. On May 18, 2002, the Laurelwood House in Vancouver, WA will be hosting a barbeque as a thank you for all of the help with the workshop. A presentation to the city will be made in a couple of weeks. We are looking for a new house in Aberdeen, probably a women's house. June 1, 2002 is the deadline for sobriety birthdays for the newsletter. Gino: Thank you for the reimbursements! Brought up loan repayment problem. The Maywoods House in Chapter 2 is paying on their loan again. The Kingsgate House in Chapter 11 has not made a payment for one year. The Ruston View House in Chapter 10 has a perfect history on loan payments. The Vanskiver House has agreed to assume full responsibility on the loan of the 1st house. Keep your payments on time to avoid late fees! Gino has a list of all of the houses' payment history. Payments are due on the 15th of each month. Chairs please confront your houses that owe loans at each chapter meeting. There is a new house in Skagit County. Tom: Has 5 houses going on, new and possible new ones. Federal Way House will open on June 15 if all goes well. There are attorneys on both sides. Chairs please pressure \$50.00 donation and loan payments to your houses. MM to accept Outreach Reports, 2nd, MMP.

Auditor's Report by Jeff: Everything is consistent with Wayne's numbers! MM to accept Auditor's Report, 2nd, MMP.

Chapter Summary Reports:

CHAPTER	# OF HOUSES	# OF BEDS	CHECKING	VACANCIES	RELAPSES
1	No report	No report	No report	No report	No report
2	10	84	\$3,201.65	13	2
3	6	46	\$1,022.67 Savings: \$1,959.00	4	Unknown
4	8	69	\$2,454.49	4	3
5	7	54	\$227.00	14	3
6	8	66	\$511.74	4	11
7	4	34	\$768.64	4	0
8	9	67	\$1,541.94	7	4
9	5	35	\$606.00	8	1
10	8	72	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
11	No report	No report	No report	No report	No report
12	5	40	\$855.70	1	3
13	8	74	\$1,045.00	12	2

Chapter 1 by Oid: This is my first week of being Chapter Chair. Things are coming along.

Chapter 2 by Phil: Chapter has many openings. A couple of houses are hurting financially, but we are optimistic about the summer. Chapter is strong and will continue to grow.

Chapter 3 by Mike: Chapter is excited to open new men's house. The "Riley" house is scheduled to open at the end of the month. Each house is donating items, i.e., lawnmower, dishes, refrigerator. Women's house fell through at the last minute, but chapter is moving along in negotiations with other prospective landlords to open a women's house by the end of summer. Lots of excitement for upcoming State Campout. Should have good Chapter 3 representation. Fundraising rest stop at the end of May. Chapter officer elections coming in August!

Chapter 4 by Matt: Capital Lake House doing better. They have gotten all their books in order and Travis, their house president, came to the chapter meeting on Sunday and asked me to come to another house meeting. Chapter housing service committee is going to work on organizing a chapter garage sale so some of the houses can get rid of some of their crap; the proceeds will go to Chapter 4. Hopefully, it will all come together. We would also like to thank Chapters 2 and 5 for hosting the house officer's workshop. Election of chapter officers is next month.

Chapter 5 by Matt: We are a little low on people due to ADATSA cuts and problems with our hotline. We had good participation in the workshop. We have a barbeque and yard sale planned in June to encourage chapter unity and raise money. We are a little low on money right now.

Chapter 6 by Lance: We have had a strong showing of involvement from our men's houses in the last month. We are still having problems getting the women's houses involved, but I see alumni helping to improve that situation, especially with the Licton Springs house. We are doing some exciting things especially with getting new presentations and working to strengthen our communication with Chapter 13! I am truly excited to be involved at this time!

Chapter 7 by Eric: Chapter doing well. Began fundraiser this weekend, many more to come, car wash, etc. We also found a new house in Mt. Vernon for 9 men. The landlord of the Skagit and Viewridge is in the process of buying it for us. We are not sure of the opening date or the name. Mt. Baker house loan is being paid back in monthly installments.

Chapter 8 by James: Hi, good afternoon. I would like to thank you for the loan, it helped tremendously. The Edison House has rebounded and is doing well. We had mentioned last meeting that no money was spent frivolously, but after Gino looked closer at their books it ends up Kelley took the house for about a grand. They have almost a new house. Other than that, we are doing well.

Chapter 9 by Jade: Di Dahle still chair. Vice-Chair filled by Jade Hennesey. New treasurer is Glenda Halsey. Secretary: Kristi Morrow. The Three Rivers House has been having a hard time filling vacancies. Chapter and donations are helping the house survive. Big thanks to those who have contributed. At our last chapter meeting we discussed the importance of 12-step meeting attendance and the responsibility that each person living in an Oxford House needs to do their best at working a program of recovery. Thanks to Jade Hennesey/Vice-Chair for filling in for me. I am unable to attend because of school.

Chapter 10 by Rodney: After a hard switch in leadership, things are still chaotic but it seems to be settling down. Having trouble getting chapter to step up and help in chapter activities. Trying to get our chapter to what it was like last year. We sent 12 people to the workshop!

Chapter 11: Absent.

Chapter 12 by Eric: The young bull is learning how to mingle with the herd and the herd likes the young bull. Our chapter is strong and growing. Vanskiver House has moved and become the Palm Springs House. Looking forward to opening new women's house in Port Orchard. Jarret, our Chapter Chair, has been growing and decided its time to get going and graciously stepped down. For the last 8 months, he has been the leading bull and the herd will miss him and his love of and commitment to Oxford House.

Chapter 13 by Topher: Our chapter as a whole seems strong in meeting attendance. There's been a few houses visited for various reasons; however, conflicts that were problematic have been resolved. Our HSR committee has formed a mandatory bi-monthly HSR potluck. Our goal is to expand the number of presentations and houses in our area.

Per Tom, our current success rate is 97%!!

3:55 Break.

4:10 Meeting called back to order.

Old Business: Funding cutback on DASA brought up. Postage costs will not be paid by them anymore. Look into bulk mailings. Dues increase discussed and maybe eliminating Alumni registration. Also a suggestion was made to split money amongst the chapters and have them decide who goes and if the full amount will be paid for or maybe split amount between a few members. Discussion regarding raising State dues to \$2.00 per bed. MM to raise State dues to \$2.00 per bed, 2nd, MMP 16-2. New dues will be effective starting May 2002. Fall Workshop is the weekend before the World Convention, discussion on changing dates. Tentative date in February, Judy will check for available weekend. MM that Fall Workshop will be in February, 2nd, MMP. Campout cooking area still closed. \$1,200.00 check written to Chapter 10 for food. Cooking and cleaning duties will be split up by Rodney. Chapter 4 will help. Mike will be chair of the games committee for kids. Alumni #3 position still open, preferably for the Seattle area. MM to table alumni position until next meeting when someone shows up, 2nd, MMP.

New Business: Matthew needs eight 60-Minutes tapes. It was suggested to send request to 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Old brought up having books made for all Chapter Chairs. Forms are available to be put in a notebook. Remember to send a copy of your minutes to State Chair Brian Saks, 11412 NE 49th Street #C-20, Vancouver, WA 98682 or e-mail them to Brian.Saks@waoxfordhouse.org. Blank forms are available on the state website. Sherry wants to sell t-shirts at the campout. T-shirts cost \$4.50 each, tank tops are \$5.50 each. MM that Sherry order t-shirts and tank tops up to \$550.00, 2nd, MMP.

Randy MM to fine Chapter 11 for their absence at this meeting, 2nd, MMP. Microsoft disks will be brought to the campout for disbursal. MM for Spokane to have software disks, 2nd, MMP.

MM to adjourn meeting, 2nd, MMP.
Meeting closed at 5:15 pm.

**NEXT MEETING JULY 13, 2002 AT 12:00 PM AT A CHAPTER 11 HOUSE
BRIAN WILL MAIL LETTERS WITH HOUSE LOCATION**

Sussi Saks, State Secretary
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360-882-0793 Home; spookysussiq@yahoo.com E-Mail address

** Attachments: Audit report, bank statements and Financial Status Report; Alumni Coordinator Report; Chapter Summary Report form; Expense Report form.

G R O W O R G O ! ! !

Alumni Coordinator Report for March-April 2002

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1. I'm hoping to switch some of the alumni over to email instead of mailing hardcopies of the newsletter and information about activities. Out of a list of around 75 alumni, approximately 25 have email addresses. That will save us a significant amount in postage.
2. Thanks to all the alumni (and everyone else) that put on the workshop, as well as to those who attended. We had a great time and learned a lot.
3. Remember that we're all invited to the Oregon workshop in Portland the 15th of June, the weekend before our annual campout.
4. If you have an email address and are not on the mailing list to receive information online, send me your email address and I'll put you on the list.

Old Balance:				\$-48.41
Allocation:				110.00
New Balance:				\$61.59
Expenses:	Postage		68.40	
	Supplies			
		Paper and copying	31.39	
		Cartridge (1/2 of receipt total)	27.38	
Total Expenses:				127.17
New Balance:				-65.58
Upcoming Expenses:	Postage to mail newsletter and campout into to 75 alumni		51.00	
	Supplies and printing		11.25	
Total Upcoming Expenses:				62.25
Expected Deficit:				\$127.83
Allocation Request				\$125.00

Other Misc. Reports

1. Walla Walla---we are in negotiations with one landlord and are still looking at other houses. Hopefully we'll have a men's house here within the next 30 days.
2. Fundraising---I sent Wayne a check for \$68.00 for the final sales of the T-shirts and sweatshirts. So many people wanted shirts and didn't get them that I'm proposing we have more made, with a change in color and a slight change in the logo. I have a local vendor now that has offered me tank tops (white) for \$5.50 each, white T-shirts for \$5.00 or less, and colored T-shirts for \$5.50. That's with one color of printing---I haven't got a quote yet on more than one color and one of my design demos includes 2 colors. I thought a patriotic theme would be good since I'm hoping to sell most of them at the campout close to the Fourth of July.
3. More fundraising---Chapter 8 will have baseball caps for sale at the campout with an Oxford House logo done in embroidery and a flag patch.

Thanks for letting me serve...
Sherry

