



STATE BOARD MEETING
Bridle Trails Oxford House
Kirkland, WA

July 13, 2002

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 Saks:

Chapter 1	Oid Mattox, Chair	Chapter 2	Phil Tarlton, Chair
Chapter 3	Steve Lomas, Chair (late)	Chapter 4	Sassy, Chair (late)
Chapter 5	Matt Kozlowski (absent)	Chapter 6	Lance Wischler, Chair (late)
Chapter 7	John Vanderwall (absent)	Chapter 8	James Morris, Chair
Chapter 9	Jade Hennesey, Substitute	Chapter 10	Rodney Logsdon, Chair (late)
Chapter 11	Annazette Smith, Chair	Chapter 12	Jim Beets, Chair
Chapter 13	Brenda Meritt, Chair (late)	Chair	Brian Saks
Vice-Chair	Randy Holliday	Treasurer	Wayne Mesenbrink
Secretary	Sussi Saks	H.S. Coordinator	Eric Perkins
Auditor	Jeff Consolatti (absent)	Outreach	Judy Maxwell, Gino Pugliese (late), 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	Brian Saks, Sherry Burrows, Myrna Brown (absent)
Guests	Don (Chapter 1); Rick, Matthew Howell, Chris (Chapter 4); Rondy Wilson (Chapter 8); David (Chapter 11); Jay, Charmin, Orley, Michelle (Chapter 13)		

Principles read by Oid.

Traditions read by Jade.

Additions or corrections to May 11, 2002 minutes: No additions or corrections were given. MM to accept May 11, 2002 minutes, 2nd, MMP.

Chair's Report by Brian: The campout went well! A lot of people registered, close to 250 people! We had to pay for more sites. Thank you Oid for providing the wood! Thank you Rodney for all your hard work with the food and organizing! Over the last two months, lots of houses have been calling me with house problems. The State Board does not deal with problems with individual houses. The chapter housing service committee is there to do that job. Chapter Chairs: please speak with your chapters about the proper channels to go through. You may also contact Eric Perkins, State Housing Services Coordinator, with chapter housing problems, he is there to help! **ERIC PERKINS WANTS TO HELP, SO CALL HIM!!!** Eric's

phone number is 360-373-2493. Also, the State Vice-Chair, Randy Holliday, is on the housing service committee and also may be contacted with chapter housing problems. Story told. This is my last term as State Board Chair! New treatment centers have been added to the contact list to keep vacancies updated. Get information to me on any treatment centers that might be interested in being updated on all the houses' vacancies. MM to accept Chair's Report, 2nd, MMP.

Vice-Chair's Report by Randy: I have been working six days a week, so I haven't had a chance to get to any Oxford matters. Chapter 2 threw party for my 5 year sobriety birthday. **CONGRATULATIONS RANDY!!** I will be attending Chapters 2 and 5 chapter meetings shortly. 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 (attached). As of June 2002 dues are \$2.00 per bed. Please adjust your next payment if you have a credit so I can balance the books to zero. I apologize for not being at the campout but I had surgery. CD has matured to \$4,094.18. \$300.00 check given to Oid was discussed and resolved that the books should be adjusted to void out that check and add back in \$300.00. \$4,275.61 deposits, \$3,050.94 expenditures, \$7,867.14 ending balance. I have to leave this meeting before 4:00 for work, no objections given. Reimbursements: Sherry Burrows for t-shirts: \$522.42; Annazette Smith for food for this meeting: \$170.87; Sussi Saks for secretary expenses: \$59.85; Mike Molan for travel expenses: \$10.00; Brian Saks for supply expenses: \$26.51; Charles Golden for travel expenses: 43.10; Steve Lomas for travel expenses: \$14.65; Sherry Burrows for supply expenses: \$77.49; Gino Pugliese for reimbursement for extra campsites: \$32.00. Discussion followed that the State Board has previously capped the food expense for our State Board meeting at \$125.00. We keep going over this cap and voting on the extra money over that capped amount. MM to raise the cap on food expense at State Board Meeting from this point forward to \$150.00, 2nd, MMP 12-4. **DO NOT EXCEED THE CAP OF \$150.00!!** It was resolved that if the food expense runs over \$150.00, the respective chapter must then be asked for the difference between \$150.00 and what was spent. The State Board will not pay for any more than \$150.00 in food expense! MM to pay all reimbursements including food expense, 2nd, MMP. MM to accept Treasurer's Report, 2nd, MMP.

Auditor's Report: Absent.

Housing Services Coordinator's Report by Eric: Assisted Chapter 10 in attending house meetings. Discussion on attending women's house meetings, resolved that a woman should attend those meetings with Eric. The official State Board position on men staying overnight at women's houses is **NO!** Big discussion followed regarding fairness, society views, neighbor's views, etc. It was resolved that the big picture is that this matter reflects poorly on Oxford House as a whole in having this privilege in a women's house. Remember, some women have issues with men for good reason and we should always look to the future when setting our rules, therefore, **NOMEN OVERNIGHT AT ALL WOMEN'S HOUSES!** A letter will be sent addressing this issue. Eric needs women volunteers to go the women's house meetings with him if needed! Eric will be in touch with all the housing services representatives. He is

asking for everyone to send in the information form he sent out when he was first elected to this position!!
MM to accept Housing Services Coordinator's Report, 2nd, MMP.

Alumni Coordinator's Report by Sherry: Sherry read her report (see attached). MM to accept Alumni Coordinator's Report, 2nd, MMP.

World Council Reports – Brian: Official form for alumni houses and guidelines has been set up. He is the Chair of the Charter Committee and has sent e-mails to Anna Mable to send out requested charters. Oxford Inc. issues the charters. Some charters were requested more than six months ago. Sherry: World Council doesn't have budget need money for Pathways, need donations! MM to donate \$300.00 to World Council for the purpose of the Pathways newsletter, 2nd, MMP. MM to accept World Council Reports, 2nd, MMP.

Outreach Reports – Judy: Presentation was made to City Council at Chapter 4. Newsletter sent out. Birthday forms are in with the newsletter as well as the alumni form. Send articles to Judy for the Chapter Unity column, i.e. things your chapter does for fun or fundraising. Tentative date for the Chapter Officers Workshop is the weekend of February 7, 2002. Suggestion of not having workshop brought up due to the upcoming convention. MM not to have Chapter Officers Workshop, 2nd, MMP. I visited the Port Orchard women's house and also the Palm Springs House. Tom: Federal Way House opened up July 15th as a Chapter 11 house. Anyone in a house who is in the active military please get your information to Tom. Went to Fort Lewis. Need all houses to get survey in for the Seattle area. Chapter Chairs: make sure they do it!! We have 96 houses now, hope to have 100 by the convention. Revolving loan fund is depleted. Look around for other resources as well. A Tacoma landlord may loan money to Oxford to start up a house, this could be a cool idea!! There is \$70,000.00 worth of outstanding loans out there—pay up!! Pay your loans so everyone can open a new house if needed. Gino: Gave loan status to Chapter Chairs. Please check your records and get any corrections to Gino including proof of any payments that aren't reflected. Send anything if you can't send the whole amount! A suggestion was brought up if a house is in loan arrears for two months, the chapter will then be responsible for the loan payment. Important to take care of the outside of your house too, we want to look good for everyone!!! Possible new house in Chelan County, possible move in Wenatchee. Chapter 7 is still working on new house ideas. Keep looking for new houses even without the fund availability. If real need is there and all your houses are full, the money will come!! MM to accept Outreach Reports, 2nd, MMP.

2:25 pm: MM to break for lunch, 2nd, MMP 16-0.

3:15 pm: Meeting brought back to order.

GOOD JOB BRIDLE TRAILS HOUSE AND ANNAZETTE FOR THE GREAT FOOD!!!!!!

Chapter Summary Reports: Let's mix it up a little and take reports in reverse order!

<i>CHAPTER</i>	<i>#OFHOUSES</i>	<i>#OFBEDS</i>	<i>CHECKING</i>	<i>VACANCIES</i>	<i>RELAPSES</i>
13	9	84	\$562.23	10	Appx. 8
12	No report	No report	No report	No report	No report
11	8	65	\$985.38	4+	Unknown
10	No report	No report	No report	No report	No report
9	5	35	\$674.50	4	1
8	9	67	\$1,081.04 savings \$627.82	7	5
7	No report	No report	No report	No report	No report
6	8	66	\$962.50	1	6
5	No report	No report	No report	No report	No report
4	8	72	\$2,892.69	3	7
3	8	62	\$1,533.71	16	3
2	10	84	\$3,540.41	8	2
1	No report	36	\$658.00	5	3

Chapter 13 by Brenda: I'd like to welcome Echo Lake into our Chapter. This is a new women's house in Shoreline that was opened up in May. Shelley, the woman that's opened this house, is now one of our Chapter's Vice-Chairs. Congratulations, Shelley! We also would like to congratulate Charmin from the LFP house in her recent vote into her Vice Co-Chairperson position. Our Chapter has seen some challenges these last couple of months as summertime takes a number of former members in relapse. Out of this, we've learned to dive even deeper into activities that will create unity within our Chapter. One of the ways we are achieving this is by starting four new committees to promote Oxford involvement. These committees are: New House Search Committee; Out Reach for Existing Houses Committee; Fundraising Committee; and Activities Committee. We are also safeguarding our recovery by attending meetings regularly, working with our sponsors, and leaning more on each other for support. Chapter 6 has challenged us to a softball game on July 27th, which we have gladly accepted. In turn, we have counter-challenged them to a volleyball game on August 10th. With all humility and modesty aside for these events, we plan on kicking some Chapter 6 butt! More importantly, of course, we are excited to have this opportunity to join in some fund with other fellow Oxford members. Chapter 13 & 6 are still sharing treatment presentations with each other. Therefore, we've also been having a bi-monthly HSR Pot-Luck where we focus on new ideas regarding current challenges being faced. The most immediately one in our Chapter is the 13 openings we have available. We're attempting to remedy this by hanging up fliers with tear-off hotline numbers; sharing with others at meetings or other places addicts/alcoholics frequent; and attending the three new presentations we've acquired in the last couple of months. I'm confident that we'll pull through this with flying colors. Our Chapter is looking forward to the World convention in October. A few of our members attended the meeting on July 10th to discuss plans for the various functions. We will be available to help out in any way we can. Jae Johnson, our Chapter's HSR, has been assigned the position of Corporate Fund-Raising Chair. We will be addressing any assistance he

needs from us, as well as any preparation that's needed for the Hospitality Room in our next Chapter meeting. We will also start developing strategies at our Chapter Officers' Meeting soon to follow. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Chapter 12 by Jim: Gave report, but no report handed in to the State Board Secretary.

Chapter 11 by Annazette: I am still struggling to have meeting attendance at all chapter meetings. It goes up and down. Need to have consistency. At last meeting, three houses were missing. Behind in fines. I am asking for help! There is no one to step up for offices, houses falling apart...HELP!

Ideas were thrown out to help Annazette. Eric is available to help in any way he can. Also, Chapters 1, 6, and 13 will help to see if we can encourage some of the houses to participate and join in.

Chapter 10 by Rodney: Gave report, but no report handed in to the State Board Secretary.

Chapter 9 by Jade: The Three Rivers House is still trying to recover from being in a slump. Their numbers have been going up and down. We are having a hard time filling our women's houses, and keeping them filled. Our chapter started working with the Drug Court Advisory Assoc. This may serve as a good link to the community. There were about eight of us that attended the campout. We had a great time! Great job and thanks to state for providing us with a weekend of fun in recovery!

Chapter 8 by James: Chapter is doing well. The Atomic House would like a correction to the newsletter saying it was the Edison House and not the Atomic that had the money missing from. We have had no major conflicts. Grateful to serve. Don't forget to buy Sherry's hats to help support Chapter 8!

Chapter 7: Absent. Fine given for absence.

Chapter 6 by Lance: Being the best comes along with a price tag. It equates to having a huge responsibility to represent on all levels, to push the bar higher than previously thought possible! Here in Chapter 6 we make that appear like child's play! We will prevail, because we know our true destiny! We will continue to set the mark for others to follow! In reality: Licton Springs is doing much better! The cancer seems to have been rendered benign. They are doing all the right things with much chapter support. They need a loan minimum of \$500.00. We audited their books along with 7 other houses - 3 left! We have new officers, they are doing an excellent job. We have a lot of participation and communication, we rock!!!

Chapter 5: Absent. Fine given for absence.

Chapter 4 by Sassi: We are losing the Capital Lake House on July 31st as the house has been sold to a new owner. Of the 6 members affected by the loss of their house, 1 has already moved to another Oxford House in the chapter. The remaining 5 members have been encouraged to interview at the other Oxford Houses as soon as possible. Our chapter has agreed to give them preferential treatment if accepted in the interview

process and place them first on any waiting list if the house is full. Our housing service committee is working on organizing a chapter garage sale. The election of chapter officers was in June and went into effect for the July meeting. Our chapter is organizing for the replacement of our lost house. The new house will have 3 core members from other houses in order to give good direction to new members. We need funding to start the new house.

Chapter 3 by Steve: Helping Idaho with house in CoureDealeve. New houses are slow in filling. Controversy over chapter voting, food bank policies. Made contact with drug courts, otherwise going well. Looking forward to new officers in August. Rest area in May/June went well, netted over \$400.00 for chapter. Thanks for letting me serve! Bobo will be the next chair.

Chapter 2 by Phil: Chapter has been struggling!!! But we hosted two Oxford House social events: 1. picnic 2. Tyson fight. Both were a huge success and turnout was great. Most residents attend 12 step meetings and are involved with service work.

Chapter 1 by Oid: Have a new house we are excited about! Lots of people pulling together for this. We are taking contributions. The World Conference is creating lots of volunteers. Chapter #1 is back and has lots of participation at the chapter level!

Old Business: World Convention registration for two people from each chapter. Each house send one to the World Convention. Convention committee meeting minutes read by Donald Robertson. Ask your landlords to donate money for sending someone to the World Convention, it is a tax write-off! Letter available for donations on-line. Discussion on whose registration gets to be paid by the State Board to go to the convention. It has been previously voted that the State Chair always gets registration, ½ airfare and ½ motel room paid by the State Board. In addition to that, MM that all 13 Chapter Chairs and all 6 State Board officers registration be paid by the State Board, 2nd, MMP. Donation letter being sent out for \$25.00 towards the World Convention. Discussion followed. MM that State Board **strongly** encourages each house to pay \$25.00 minimum voluntary donation and send at least 1 delegate per house to the World Convention, 2nd, MMP. Michael McNatt has missed more than two State board meetings unexcused, so he is automatically expelled off the State Board. There are two vacant alumni positions, Alumni #3 position and Alumni #6 position. There are two alumni here at this meeting that are actively involved. MM that Larry Alan Higglely Jr. is the Alumni #3 position, 2nd, MMP. MM that Rondy Wilson is the Alumni #6 position, 2nd, MMP. There were no other nominations.

New Business: Sherry made up a cool presentation board initially for DASA, who promised to pay her \$250.00 plus supplies of \$74.00. DASA then pulled out with all of their budget cuts. Discussion followed. MM to pay Sherry \$324.00 for reimbursement for supplies and the amount that she was promised for the work, 2nd, MMP. Myrna is asking for reimbursement for 100 copies of video tapes with the house interview and house meeting. The cost was approximately \$300.00. MM to reimbursement Myrna for video tapes, 2nd, MMP. The World Convention will have a raffle. It was suggested that each chapter donate 1 raffle item over \$25.00 and under \$50.00. This matter will be discussed by the World Convention committee. Problem

brought up with defaulted and late payments on house loans. Discussion followed regarding making the chapter responsible if the house is three months in arrears and pay the amount due. If a house fails to pay, the chapter may recommend to Oxford World Services that the house's charter be pulled for not complying with the self-supporting tradition of Oxford. MM, 2nd, discussion followed. Resolved that everyone in your chapter be told about the delinquency and chapter can then step in with the house's books and pay any arrearages the house owes. A letter from will be sent to all Chapter Chairs, MMP 13-1. Chapter 4 asking for a loan of \$1,500.00 for the Capital Lake house debts. MM that up to \$1,500.00 loan be given to Chapter 4 for the Capital Lake house debts, discussion followed regarding the large amount that Chapter 4 has in their account already. They should take responsibility for their houses, MMD 3-12. Cases of t-shirts at meeting. It is suggested that chapters should take a certain amount and be responsible for them. See Sherry after the meeting for inventory! Send the money for the t-shirts to Wayne Mesenbrink, the State Board Treasurer. Rondy is looking at sites for next year's campout.

MM to close meeting, 2nd, MMP. Meeting closed at 5:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

*NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2002 AT THE EAGLE HARBOR HOUSE
(CHAPTER 12)
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Note: What a great idea!!! Good job Chapter 11 for thinking ahead and picking your house before the State Board Meeting!!!!

Note2: Sorry I didn't get everyone's Chapter Summary Reports at the meeting! Please remember to give me your reports at all meetings, THANKS!

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** Attachments: Audit report, bank statements and Financial Status Report; Alumni Coordinator Report; Oxford Alumni Registration Form (blank); Chapter Summary Report form (blank); Expense Report form (blank).

GROW OR GO!!!

Alumni Coordinator Report for May-June 2002

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1. I'm still not getting very many alumni forms back so I've brought a copy to attach to the minutes. Keeping alumni involved is especially important right now while we're struggling with reduced funding from DASA.
2. If you have an email address and would like to receive online information about activities and Oxford news, send it to me and I'll put you on the mailing list.
3. I just received the newsletters for the alumni and haven't mailed them yet. I brought some with me to distribute to the alumni that are here at the meeting.
4. **Mollie Brown from Oxford House Inc badly needs your help in identifying active military, retired military or dependents of military persons who are currently living in our houses. Any residents who fit into one of these categories, she would greatly appreciate your calling her at 1-800-689-6411 (toll-free) to answer a few simple questions – what branch of military – what rank. No Names Required. Anonymity assured.**
5. The World Council has just begun a newsletter for and about Oxford House chapters called "*The Common Good*." The first issue will be out soon and I believe Mollie is mailing them to each chapter. They will also be available online at the state website.
6. Chapter 8 has very cool Oxford House caps for sale at this meeting! They are ten dollars each and if you want one, see me! Supplies are very limited and the money is going to help Chapter 8 send delegates to the World Convention.
7. The Oregon workshop was a great success and I was glad to see a number of Washington folks in attendance. The campout was also great and I was really pleased by the number of alumni attending, particularly those who hadn't been around for a while.
8. The expense claim form I'm submitting is for my actual expenses of \$77.49. I still have a balance of \$59.42 that I'll use to mail these newsletters and do whatever miscellaneous printing the next couple of months call for.
9. Thanks for letting me serve...

