



STATE BOARD MEETING

*Eagle Harbor Oxford House
Bainbridge Island, WA*

September 14, 2002

State Chair Brian Saks called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call by State Secretary Sussi Saks:

Chapter 1	Absent	Chapter 2	Phil Farlton, Chair (late)
Chapter 3	Justin Harmon, Chair (late)	Chapter 4	Rick, Vice-Chair
Chapter 5	Matthew Pelletier, Vice-Chair	Chapter 6	Lance Wischler, Chair
Chapter 7	Howard Williams, Chair	Chapter 8	Thad, Substitute (late)
Chapter 9	Di Dahle, Chair (late)	Chapter 10	Absent
Chapter 11	Annazette Smith, Chair (late)	Chapter 12	Sean Buker, Chair (late)
Chapter 13	Jae Johnson, Chair	Chair	Brian Saks
Vice-Chair	Randy Holliday (late)	Treasurer	Wayne Mesenbrink (late)
Secretary	Sussi Saks	H.S. Coordinator	Eric Perkins
Auditor	Absent	Outreach	Judy Maxwell, Gino Pugliese, Tom Dugan (late)
Alumni Coordinator	Sherry Burrows (late)	Alumni #1	Charles Golden (late)
Alumni #2	Randy Holliday (late)	Alumni #3	Larry Alan Higgle, Jr.
Alumni #4	Mike Molan (late)	Alumni #5	Sussi Saks
Alumni #6	Rondy Wilson (late)	World Council	Brian Saks, Sherry Burrows (late), Myrna Brown (late)
Guests	Tony Perkins (Chapter 2); Dave (Chapter 13); Blake Bippes (Alumni).		

Principles read by Sean.

Traditions read by Lance.

Additions or corrections to July 13, 2002 minutes: No additions or corrections were given. MM to accept July 13, 2002 minutes, 2nd, MMP 12-0.

Chair's Report by Brian: We need everyone's help with the hospitality suite at the World Convention. Volunteers needed from all around the state. A donation letter was sent out to all the houses and little response was received from houses outside the Seattle area. Remember, the **WHOLE** state is doing this!! Please encourage all of your houses to send money to the same place as your dues get mailed to. Again, please send a copy of your chapter minutes to me at 7713 NE 27th Street, Vancouver, WA 98662. There have

been e-mail addresses set up for every chapter in the state on the Washington web site. You can get your e-mail link on the front page @ waoxfordhouse.org. You log in with your chapter number and the password is "groworgo." It was brought up that we should e-mail all correspondence to each chapter. If your chapter does not have a computer, check with all your members if one has a computer or go to your nearby library to use a computer. I have t-shirts for sale; see me after the meeting if you want one. MM to accept Chair's Report, 2nd, MMP 15-0.

Vice-Chair's Report: Not present at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Not present at this time.

Auditor's Report: It was reported that Jeff Consolatti is definitely out there and has missed two meetings in a row, so this position is now vacant.

Housing Services Report by Eric: Busy with work. Contact me for assistance with chapter problems--lonely. Lance and Larry went to Chapter 11 meetings, no real officers yet and suggested getting housing services involved. MM to accept Housing Services Report, 2nd, MMP 15-0.

Alumni Coordinator's Report by Sherry: Sherry read her report (see attached). Get your alumni registration forms in! T-shirts can be sold at the hospitality suite if not sold yet. MM to accept Alumni Coordinator's Report, 2nd, MMP.

Vice-Chair's Report by Randy (late): Went to Chapters 2 and 5 meetings. Chapter 5 has new officers and three members going to the World Convention. Chapter 2 has 14 members going to the World Convention. Both chapters are doing good. Over 100 people attended the Chapter 2 barbeque. Oxfest in Oregon was COOL! Been attending H&J at the jail. Thanks to Tony for providing business cards. It was a LONG DRIVE here!! MM to accept Vice-Chair's Report, 2nd, MMP.

World Council Report - There have been two meetings since the last state meeting. The World Convention was talked about. We may get press conference at the convention because of a new World Services member who is related to CBS. We lost the Oregon case, but an appeal will be filed. \$32,000.00 has been spent already. It was about expulsion for disruptive behavior and giving 30 days' notice. Sherry is making up an official form. Same procedures in place but we must cover ourselves with a new form. MM to accept World Council Reports, 2nd, MMP.

Outreach Reports - Judy: The newsletter will be out the first week of October. We will not be opening a house in Aberdeen because it was rejected by the City Council. I cancelled the ELC for the workshop and we lost our \$318.00 deposit. My hours have been cut back to 20 hours a month and I will be working only with the Vancouver, Kelso and Longview areas. Tom Dugan will be handling Chapter 4 areas. Thanks to Myrna for scholarship! We have reached 100 houses in Washington! Gino: You have until September 16, 2002 to register for the convention or you won't get a discount. When you register, note that you are with the Oxford

House group. We have received only 60 registrations from Washington, that's not good! New house in Bothel has had neighborhood problems because there is a daycare next door to the house. I will be visiting all the chapters in Eastern Washington. Donate clothes and everything you can to the Union Gospel Mission, they have very little for winter. You can call 206-441-HELP to see what is needed and contribute. Tom: Been busy! MM to accept Outreach Reports, 2nd, MMP.

MM for break at 1:15 pm, 2nd, MMP.

Reopened meeting at 1:31 pm.

Chapter Summary Reports:

<i>CHAPTER</i>	<i>#OFHOUSES</i>	<i>#OFBEDS</i>	<i>CHECKING</i>	<i>VACANCIES</i>	<i>RELAPSES</i>
1	No report	No report	No report	No report	No report
2	10	84	\$3,620.00	6	2
3	8	62	\$1,078.03	6	3
4	7	Unsure	Appx \$2,500.0+	3	7
5	7	51	\$820.88	8	4
6	8	66	\$1,174.76	10	7
7	4	34	\$1,183.00	4	1
8	No report	No report	No report	No report	No report
9	5	35	\$659.60	3	4
10	No report	No report	No report	No report	No report
11	8	65	\$1,638.11	5	4
12	6	46	\$731.89	2	3
13	9	82	\$856.55	4	13

Chapter 1: Absent.

MM to fine Chapter 1 \$25.00 for their absence, 2nd, MMP.

Chapter 2 by Phil: Lots of Oxford unity in the Vancouver area. We recently held a very successful Vancouver area Oxford House picnic with over 100 in attendance. Oxfest in Portland was a great time as well. We are all very excited about the World Convention. There will be about 20 people from Chapter 2 in attendance at the World Convention.

Chapter 3 by Justin: Bo stepped down as Chair, Vice-Chair Justin is acting Chair. Housing Services Committee position open, Kevin serving interim. Chapter to take vote on World Convention donation at next meeting on September 22, 2002. Two new houses full. Upcoming rest stop to raise money for chapter. Trying to get as many people as possible to go to World Convention. Mike added information that the rest stop fundraiser was set as the same weekend as the convention.

Chapter 4 by Rick: I am filling in for our chairperson who is ill. I was asked to represent our chapter last night and was unable to contact our treasurer for actual information. We closed out the Capital Lake House as of August 1, 2002. The furnishings and appliances are in storage and will be used to open another house when one becomes available. Two of the Capital Lake House members chose to move to other Oxford houses in our chapter. We, as a chapter, did not like losing the house, but the situation was beyond our ability to keep it open. This house had been a "problem child" for our chapter for at least the 3 previous years. We feel that, as a chapter, we will become stronger as a result of this closure. We are in the starting process of forming a committee and having discussions on opening up a replacement house. This new house, when it finally gets started, will be made up of some core members of our chapter who will start the house off on a good, solid, and recovery-oriented foundation. The Capital Lake House final expenses are being paid by the chapter, and the house did not have any outstanding loans.

Chapter 5 by Matthew: Coming together, 3 brand new officers; chairperson: Wayne Forgey, Co-Chair: Matthew Pelletier and Treasurer: Evan Fordyce (who is celebrating 2 birthdays today!) All looking forward to the convention and to strengthening chapter #5. P.S. Way to go Evan, you're a true inspiration!!

Chapter 6 by Lance: Chapter 6 is solid as we have come to expect. We have good communication; our chapter meetings are productive and smooth. We started a new presentation at the VA Friday and it went very well. We are excited about the convention and have many people going from chapter as well as the houses. We are working well with Chapter 13 and welcome their new officers. Licton Springs is doing much better thanks to all that have helped! Chapter 6 will continue to be the bright beacon on the top of the mountain to lead us to unity, fellowship and success!

Chapter 7 by Howard: We've had a couple of set backs in the past few months. Our Chapter Chair left in June, along with our secretary. Then our Treasurer relapsed last month. So, we're still looking for a Vice-Chair and a Treasurer. Attendance has been going down at our chapter meetings. So we haven't elected anyone yet. The Towanda House was given an eviction notice at the beginning of the month. They have to be out by the end of the month. They still have 9 months left on their lease! We have 4 people going to the World Convention.

Chapter 8 by Thad: Report read, but not given to the State Secretary.

Chapter 9 by Di: Absent at this time, but report was given later to State Secretary: Our women's houses are now full. The Three Rivers House has made a big effort in paying back the loan chapter gave them (way to go ladies!) Collectively, meeting attendance has improved. We have had personality conflicts within our chapter that has been an ongoing problem. Addressing this individually and as a chapter has not resolved the issue. I remain hopeful and we will continue to seek for solutions until something changes.

Chapter 10: Absent.

MM to fine Chapter 10 \$25.00 for their absence at this meeting, 2nd, MMP.

Chapter 11: Absent.

MM to fine Chapter 11 \$25.00 for their absence at this meeting, 2nd, MMP.

Chapter 12 by Sean: Chapter 12 is young and learning. "Older" houses are stepping up and leading newer houses to success. A few set backs from relapses and "squandering", but Chapter 12 is pulling hard on the line. Recovery is good. Lots of attendance at NA and AA meetings. Car wash committee has raised \$454.00 towards sending people to WORLD! Also, Kirsten (Anoka House) is spearheading not only the car washes, but has master minded a NIGHT OF BOWLING & DINNER fundraiser for September 28th. All proceeds go towards sending members to WORLD! Also, it's roundup time for the young bull and its herd, who are getting ready for new chapter officers to be elected soon and are making a big effort in each house to get new members educated and interested in being active in Oxford House. I have raffle tickets, see me after the meeting!

Chapter 13 by Jae: The last two months have been very busy in Chapter 13; several of our members have been participating in Oxford World Conference Activities, from fundraising to securing event locations and participants. Chapter 13 is also actively working with Chapter 6 to improve and increase the number of presentations to treatment centers in the area. This has been a challenge due to the many closures of treatment centers with recent budget cuts. We have lost Alvest, Cedar Hills and Group Health to name three. To our benefit we have been able to secure the VA twice a month which has many potential Oxford residents as clients. There have been several houses in Chapter 13 that have had a member or two relapse, this has put a strain on many houses with vacancies and new members. Chapter 13 however only has 4 vacancies thanks to the active participation of each house with the treatment centers and in their own recovery. Finally we have three new chapter officers, Jae Johnson Chapter Chair, Dave Birmingham Chapter Vice-Chair, and Jamie Hannah as Chapter HSR. We all look forward to working together to continue the progress Brenda Merritt made in making Chapter 13 a strong and growing chapter.

MM for lunch break at 2:00 pm, 2nd, MMP.

Reopened meeting at 2:48 pm.

Annazette Smith, Chapter 11 Chair, showed up during our lunch break. MM to drop \$25.00 fine for Chapter 11's absence at this meeting, 2nd, MMP 15-2.

Chapter 11 by Annazette: Lots of support from Chapters 6 and 13, attendance went up in July and down again in August. We have a couple of positions filled that we didn't have a few months ago. I am getting more help within my chapter, I still do not feel confident about stepping down after the World Convention, and I may give it until the end of the year? We're still struggling!!

Old Business: Chapters gave number of members who are going to World Convention and names of members who got scholarships for each chapter. Hospitality suite opening Thursday night. There is a bus tour trip to Seattle on Friday night. Dinner will be at the Seattle Center. Saturday sessions will start at 8:00 am. AA meetings at lunch time and throughout. Dance will be by DJ Pawnee and there will be a surprise electronic show. John Walters will be speaker from White House. David Stanford (from talent show) will not be coming, he got a better position. Committees all doing great! Bob Kaley is on board, lived in a house and works with CBS. Riley Regan will be a speaker. State of California joining us to look us over. Australia, Canada and Hawaii coming as well. No card playing in the hospitality suite! It's rude!! Opening for alternate on resident's side for World Council. You must get a ballot application and have 5 houses sign for you. You will have a 1-3 minutes speech on Friday and Saturday is the vote. The State will campaign for Washington person. 1 vote 1 house in general session. An alternate still goes to all meetings and can run for permanent position. The alternate position is for one year. Fundraising: Jae sent letters to approximately 14 houses (mainly Seattle) for contributions. Treatment centers have donated \$3,200.00 plus scholarships from DASA. On Thursday night, Overton Berry will do jazz in the hospitality suite. The food is pretty much supplied, but still looking for donations. Blake made a book of pictures of our houses. Tapes will be \$7.00 at the convention.

Wayne Mesenbrink showed up at the meeting at 3:50 pm, had car problems, sorry Wayne!

New Business: This is the second meeting in a row that Jeff Consolatti, State Auditor, has missed. Blake Bippes was nominated for State Auditor position, 2nd, MMP. Discussion on everything being paid in full for the State Chair to attend World Convention. The State Chair has always been paid in full per the membership. This makes a correction to the last minutes in which it states 1/2 of expenses be paid.

Treasurer's Report by Wayne: Apologizes for being late. Di's computer died and Wayne's computer died so line 1 is missing from report but handed out to Chapter Chairs. Wayne is going crazy over \$46.00 difference between report and statement (maybe Auditor can help???) Ending bank balance is \$10,248.12 and Wayne's balance is \$10,202.12. Dues statements were handed out. Wayne Mesenbrink's address is: PO Box 485, Longview, WA 98632. \$7,867.14 beginning balance, deposits \$7,912.92, expenditures \$5,573.39, \$4,050.00 of total is convention money. Reimbursements - Sherry: \$105.02 supplies; Charles \$33.25 travel; Justin Harmon \$31.39 gas; Rondy \$22.92 gas; Sussi Saks \$57.12 supplies; Brian Saks: 35.29 gas, supplies; Eagle Harbor House: \$127.11 food for meeting. MM to pay all expenses, 2nd, MMP.

New Business (continued): Sherry needs money for t-shirts right now. We'll get the money back for sure from registration and sales! Color choices are light gray, teal and purple. It was decided to have light gray. The cost will be \$924.05 for 144 shirts. Discussion on the logo. MM, 2nd, to pay Sherry \$924.05 for the t-shirts, MMP. See Sherry after the meeting if you want sweatshirts with the same logo.

MM to close meeting, 2nd, MMP.

Closed meeting at 4:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer and group grope.

*NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2002 AT A CHAPTER 13 HOUSE
(LOCATION WILL BE SENT OUT BY BRIAN)*

Please remember to give your Chapter Summary Reports to the State Secretary at each meeting! THANKS!

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** Attachments: Alumni Coordinator Report; Chapter Summary Report form (blank); Expense Report form (blank).

GROW OR GO!!!

ALUMNI REPORT

*Sherry Burrows
July-August 2002*

Sent out convention information, alumni luncheon registration form and dues letter to 115 alumni last week. So far I've received 6 back. Of the alumni I've actually talked to or emailed, I have an estimate of about 17 for the entire convention, hopefully many more for the luncheon.

A reminder to all alumni that if you haven't paid your dues yet to the World Council, to please send those in to Julie Phillips. Alumni dues fund a number of things that otherwise might not be possible. We're hoping to begin a procedure of houses and chapters paying their alumni members' first year's dues, especially if that person has done a lot for the house and remains involved.

My local chapter is finally getting successful at keeping a number of alumni active within the chapter and the houses, and I hear that's happening elsewhere. I think it's real important; both as a means of keeping the alumni member sober after he or she moves on, and to help provide stability and continuity to houses that sometimes have a high turnover.

