## KBDM RELATED TO US NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DELEGATES MEETING.

**TOPIC**: to determine appropriate funding for attendance by Ohio past delegates and current alternate Delegate to attend USRDM

**FRAMING:** the \$300 given to Ohio Past Delegates, no longer covers the registration and a shared night's stay in the hotel.

#### **BACKGROUND**:

## 1. History:

- **1961** For the first Conference, Panel-I was determined by dividing the continent into four quadrants, following state boundaries, almost equal in the number of groups, according to the 1960 Al-Anon World Directory. In each of the four quadrants, the three states or provinces having the largest number of Al-Anon groups were chosen to send a Delegate.
- 1962 Panel-II by division of the continent as before, and picking the additional 12 Panel-II
   Delegates from the next largest number of groups listed in the 1961 AI-Anon Directory
- 1962 MOTION was made to. select Panel III as we did Panels I and II.
  - Regional Trustees were voted to start as a 3year experiment at the 1968 WSC. Regional service seminars were originally part of the WSC where RT and Delegates shared ESH and understanding of the functioning of the WSC and its relationship with AFG members and the WSO (see WSC summaries prior to 1977 when they were held outside of the WSC)
- 1977, a new RT nominee elected for the U.S. Eastern Region (Delegates from Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois (N), Illinois (S), Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York (S), New York (N), North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia)
- 1980 The following Assembly Areas sent RT candidates' resumes U.S. Northeast Region Connecticut Massachusetts Michigan New York (N) Ohio Pennsylvania (U.S. Northeast Region are the 15 Area Delegates within the Region) There is a record of Ohio being selected as the host for the June 1986 Regional Service Seminar.
- 1989 USNC Region formed. Currently includes members: Minnesota (N&S), Wisconsin/UPMI, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois (N&S), Indiana, Ohio (found from records of hosting history of USNC Regional Delegates Meetings)
- 1991 USNC RDM Statement of Purpose:
  - Our primary purpose is to share the experience, strength and hope of Past Delegates with the new area Delegates before going to Conference. Also, to be more income, more unified in spirit, more knowledgeable on policy matters, and to have a better understanding and knowledge of the Concepts, Traditions, Group conscience and obedience to the unenforceable.

## 2. **Motions** (from Oct 2023 Handbook)

- D. Budget Pages 20-21
  - 7. The Budget Committee can transfer funds from Excess Funds into the needed Reserve Fund(s), up to three-hundred dollars (\$300.00), without prior Assembly approval. (motion 2003/10 # 2)
  - **8.** Establish a one-thousand, five hundred-dollar (\$1,500.00) Active Past Delegate Fund, to be used by our Past Delegates to help offset their expenses to attend the annual Regional Delegate's Conference. *(motion 2013/10 # 8)*

- a. Past Delegates' expenses will have an annual cap of three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each Past Delegate.
- b. This fund is to be reviewed annually by the Budget Committee

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- **9**. AFG of Ohio, Inc. will subsidize traveling and living expenses of the Alternate Delegate, with funds to be determined by the Budget Committee and approved by the Area World Service Committee. Expenses incurred must be in the performance of the duties of that office, not those associated with Group Representative or District Representative responsibilities.
- **10**. The Alternate Delegate's expenses are paid to the Regional Delegate's Conference, preferably during the first year of the three-year term. (motion 1998/05 # 1)
  - a. Currently, the Alternate Delegate is sent to one North Central Regional Delegate's meeting, if funds are available,
  - b. AFG of Ohio, Inc., will provide three hundred dollars (\$300.00) annually to the Alternate Delegate to attend the remaining two years of their three-year term.

(motion 2005/05 - # 10-C), (motion 2013/10 - # 13)

## **QUESTIONS:**

1. What do we know about the capacity and strategic position of the organization relative to this issue?

We have active past delegates that can contribute to the mentoring of the current elected delegates. By past delegates attending the RDM they get to share ESH with other attendees and current delegates about the structure and the functioning of the WSC.

2. What do we know about the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?

AFG of Ohio, Inc. has accumulated an excess of funds during the years of the pandemic that it now wishes to allocate more appropriately to its service arms. Since 1985, it has sent members to participate in the Regional Meetings.

3. What are the ethical implications of our choices (pro and cons)? This includes consideration of how the Legacies apply.

### Pros:

- Promotes unity and collaboration by active applying of Concepts during the business part of the RDM
- allows sharing of ESH that new Delegates can apply to the Conference experience

## Cons:

- increased expenses if continues as an inperson meeting
- not officially a part of the service structure
- 4. What do we wish we knew, but don't?
  - Do our members wish to continue to support attendance by Ohio at the US NC RM?
  - Do they see this as helpful for enhancing communication between the WSC and Ohio via our current Delegate and future Delegates.

Proposed changes follow in chart format

original	proposed
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2013/10 - # 13)

11. Travel expenses paid for active past delegates from the Active Past Delegate's Fund to attend the four state meetings will be subsidized equal to all Area Officers or Area Coordinators, as long as funds are available. (motion 1997/10 - # 4)

# **DELETE CURRENT 11 AND CHANGE TO:**

11. Travel expenses for Active Past Delegates to attend the four AFG of Ohio, Inc. meetings will be subsidized equal to all Area Officers or Coordinators as long as funds are available.