

## Tabled Motion - Oregon Area Service Assembly, Nov 2016

### Submitted by: Oregon Area Corrections Chair

#### Motion:

- To fully fund a member of the Corrections Committee to the National Correction Conference. Funding not to exceed \$1500 annually.

#### Intent/Purpose:

- To allow the Corrections Committee to network and gain knowledge from other Correction Committee members in AA.

#### Current Practice:

- Corrections Committee is not currently funded to attend any conferences.

#### Budgetary Impact:

- The budgetary impact will change every year depending on where the Conference is being held.  
The 2017 National Corrections is in St. Louis, MO. Registration, lodging, airfare and meals is estimated to be about \$1000

*[Secretary's note: the discussion transcript below has been lightly edited for clarity and brevity. I have done my best to preserve any part of the conversation that was at all material, however, a more through word-for-word transcript is available upon request. -SJ]*

Discussion:

Motion Read by Kirk S., Outgoing Corrections Chair

Jim F., Area Chair: Because there is a budgetary impact, we ask the Finance Chair...would the Finance chair come to the mic?

Shane C., Finance Chair: We do have the money.

Motion seconded by Dave, District 37.

Jim: The mics are open to registered voters.

Steve, District 14: I think my home group would like to hear about this motion before we voted on it.

Robert P., proxy voter for Sheridan FCI: Although I'm pretty sure they're going to be in favor of this, they would like to hear the budgetary impact and have the motion tabled and sent back.

Kathleen, District 2, GSR Sicker than Most: I need to take this back to our group and get their consensus.

Roberto F., Corrections Chair: I just want to make sure I understand this right. So we're not asking for any extra money, we're just asking to use our current budget to be able to earmark this?

Kirk: No, we would be asking to increase our budget, not to exceed \$1,500 per year for travel.

Stan, District 7: When is the conference?

Kirk: November 2017. We have lots of time.

Roberto: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

John A., Area Treasurer: Is the corrections committee asking for a 2017 budget increase? Or are they just wishing just to use the funds out of their corrections committee line to travel. I think that was mentioned but I missed it.

Kirk: At this time, the motion is to fund someone from the corrections committee to go to the National Corrections Conference in 2017. I would say it's an add to the corrections budget for next year. I can tell you that there was \$1,800 in the corrections budget that wasn't spent this year. So if next year goes the same as this year, if the book drive goes well, the money is already there.

Matthew, GSR from District 20: Last assembly, if I recall correctly, we approved a \$300 one-time contribution for the corrections officer to attend this? Was that not approved? Was that a different conference?

Kirk: The \$300, the motion at the last assembly, was to help with seed money for this corrections conference.

Becky, GSR for Sober on Sunday in Coos Bay: We need a little bit more information and I need to take this back to my group; this isn't clear enough to understand one way or another. I think this should be tabled and we get more information and then make a decision.

Marie: That was exactly what I was going to say. I don't understand why we would increase the budget if there's enough budget now to be able to send them. Are there other priorities that you want to be funded? I don't know how to present this to my group without more information.

Kyla, District 10, GSR for Lost and Found: Corrections has a \$4,000 annual budget as it is, of which they've spent only \$2,100 in 2016, giving them a leftover unspent balance of \$1,800. Assuming, as we all do in budgets, that barring anything unforeseen, that the 2017 budget cycle for corrections will follow more or less the same pattern, and that they will have more

than \$1,500 already in their budget, I can't really support having \$1,500 more. They'll have a surplus next year of over \$3,000.

Grace: So if I'm understanding correctly, yes, there is enough to go next year in November as it stands within your budget now, but what you're asking is to increase the budget for years to come, to ensure that somebody from the committee can go to this, in case in years to come you don't do as well with the book drive or any of the things that you spend that budget that you already have towards, right?

Kirk: Right would be an easy answer. Yes, I'll try and clarify. The budget for corrections committee stands as one thing and I'd like to extend that budget by \$1,500 a year to cover the cost of going to the corrections conference annually. We have different committee members doing corrections next year, and they may have more travel expenses and more committee expenses than we had this year. So if they go over that threshold of what their budget is, if we use the budget we have now to get there, we may fall short, and they're going to be at the mic asking for more money. This motion would be to add a max of \$1,500 more to the corrections line item.

Michael G., District 1: I think possibly this is becoming more complicated than it needs to be. I don't think it needs to go back to the groups. It's really pretty simple, "not to exceed \$1,500" means just that, it doesn't mean an additional \$1,500 annually. It means that there's \$1,500 possibly that could be used. And if the cost of going to this conference is within the budget that's already there for corrections, they wouldn't need the \$1,500, they could use what money they have. Am I right? [Feedback was provided that his statement is incorrect]. Ok, well maybe I'm not right either, so maybe it is more complicated than I thought.

Kirk: If we don't put it in the budget, they're going to be at the mic asking for the money.

Mike, District 5: Does that mean they're asking for \$5,500 for the budget and they want to earmark another line item? [Inaudible feedback provided] Not another line item, you just want to increase it to \$5,500. Correct?

Kirk: Yes

Mike: Yes, so, in other words, corrections wants to add to their budget...instead of \$4,000, \$5,500. That's just in case they need it. Right now they don't need it but that's just in case they need it. Am I correct?

Kirk: Yes

Brenda: I started coming to assemblies in 2005 and my personal observation has been that this corrections committee has worked their butts off the last two years and has done more for corrections than has ever been done in this area and I think it's a great idea to continue to support those efforts.

Question Called by Tiffany

Seconded by Kathleen, District 19

Motion to end debate passed with 2/3 majority.

Motion determined to be neither urgent nor administrative and will be tabled until the next Area Assembly.