

Report on the Service Traditions and Concepts workshop

Date – June 22, 2019

Attendees: 12 (5 of which were committee members)

Venue: Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Ave. WC2H 8EP

Hosts: R9 Chair and Treasurer

Proposed & Supported by SEEIG workshop committee members –
A, K & C

Timing: 10am till 5pm

Suggested donation on the door: £7.50

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Costs			
Room Hire	£400.00	£399.00	(£1.00)
Literature	£150.00	£74.25	(£75.75)
Travel & Sundries	£50.00	£74.67	£24.67
	£600.00	£547.92	(£52.08)
Receipts			
Door & 7th Tradition		£65.00	
Less drink contribution		(£0.50)	£64.50
Traditions Wallet Cards x 58 @ 0.495ea		£28.71	£28.71
Total Contributions received			£93.21
Overall Loss			£454.71

Feedback comments: See feedback sheet below.

NB –The bottom section of the feed form mainly refers to the Concepts section – this is valuable feedback in working on improvements to make OA Concepts easier for members to understand and relate to.

Overview and looking to the future:

- This is the first STC's workshop hosted by both SEEIG & the current R9 Chair. It is commonly acknowledged, within the UK, Traditions & Concepts are often seen as boring and therefore more challenging to encourage attendance, especially from newer members, or members not familiar with service above group level. However, this wasn't the overall experience – it was fun, interactive, thought provoking and really helped give greater understanding.
- The members of this workshop committee had not run an OA workshop before so experienced a steep but valuable learning curve. Feedback was requested from the workshop committee – Those who responded were positive and found the experience valuable, adding that they would be willing to continue service, in collaboration with R9, in helping to bring the workshop “up to date” to make it more interesting/accessible to all.
- Even though attendance was poor – feedback overall from those who attended was positive and enjoyed - from this perspective the day was seen as successful. (see feedback below)
- On the back of this workshop, sparked by the success of its presentation style and interactive nature. R9 have formed a committee to continue what has been started here, including:
Addressing some of the challenges that were met in how to present OA Concepts effectively, exploring ideas such as making the workshop virtual, or taking it around the UK as a Road Show, with the intent of making it more available to Intergroups & members within the UK and across Region 9. The SEEIG committee learnt a lot from this experience.

This report closes the SEEIG workshop committee for ST&C's.

Two SEEIG members have offered to give service on the R9 ST&C's committee.

I believe SEEIG should feel proud of this accomplishment and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all those on the committee, those who took part and gave service in attending on the day.

This feels like Step One of bringing an exciting and enthusiastic approach to Service Traditions and Concepts to OA members across the UK and Region – Let's hope this outcome will have a positive impact on many to come.



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