

GSR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

January 26, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 pm ET, 10:30 am – Noon PT

The dial-in information is: 605-313-4400 / Access code 645104#

This meeting was recorded to aid in the preparation of accurate Minutes.

Chair, Arden V; Interim Co-Chair, Debora G; Vice-Chair, Quin H

The meeting started on time with the ‘We’ version of the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of UA 12 Traditions - Quin

Spiritual Timekeeper - Jessica

Roll Call – 28 GSRs present

Arden V. (CA), Beyond 6 Figures Meeting (Phone), Wednesday, 8 pm ET
Anita (NJ), Out of the Cave, Jersey City, NJ (F2F) Tuesday, 6:30 pm ET
Celia (Boston), Being in Somerville, (F2F) Wed, 9 am ET
Chuck M (LA), First Presbyterian Church, (F2F) Santa Monica, Fri 6 pm PT & Sat 9 am PT
Chiara (Spain), Last Gaspers (Phone), Mon – Fri, 7:15 AM ET
David O. (Norfolk, Virginia), Sunday Night Video Community Meeting (Zoom), 6:30 pm ET
Debora G. (LA, CA), Evening Step & Speaker (Phone), Tu & F 8:30 pm ET; Wed 9:30 pm ET
Denise, Thriving Therapists, (Phone), Thursday 8:30 a.m. ET
George G. (Chicago) From Hiding & Biting to Shining & Receiving (Phone) M–F, 1:30 pm ET
Graciela S. (SD, CA), Selling with Serenity (Phone) 6 am ET
Janine (Carpenteria, CA), Step and Tools Meeting, Daily (Phone) 9:45AM ET
Jeff N. (NY), NYC UA, (F2F), Sun 11 am
John (Arizona), Basic Recovery (Phone), Sunday, 9:45 AM ET
Jessica (NY), Business UA Visions in Action (Phone), Fri, 12:15 pm ET
Kara (UK), UK Intergroup
Kelly (San Francisco), Artists Meeting (Phone), Saturday, Sunday, 5:00-6:15 pm ET
Lela P. (TX), Austin UA (F2F), Sun, 5 pm CT
Mike (NY), UA Arts, Manhattan (F2F), Sun, 12:30 pm ET
Quin (Fresno), Fresno Friday Freedom and Prosperity (F2F), Fri, 7 pm PT
Rebecca (Colorado), Heartfelt Prosperity Step and Tools (Phone), Daily, 8:30 am ET
Rita (LA, CA), Early Bird Turning Point, Silverlake (F2F), Sunday, 4:30 pm PT
Robin (NY), Healing the Inner Child (Phone), Wed, 7:15 pm ET
Seth (NY), New York Intergroup
Shari Lynn (CT), Prosperous Possession Consciousness (Phone), Sat 1:30 pm/Sun 2 pm ET
Stuart (San Diego, CA), Actioning Recovery Group (F2F), San Diego, Sat 10:30 am PT.
Toni (LA), Speaking of Prosperity, Farmers Market (F2F), Los Angeles, Sat, 11 am PT
Toni T (N. CA), Daily Prosperity & Vitality (Phone), 12:15 am ET
Zeus W (NY), Time for Prosperity Friday evening meeting (F2F), Brooklyn, 6:30 pm ET

I. Reading and Approval of December 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the December 22, 2019 Minutes as emailed to the GSRC and read, with no corrections.

Proposed by Jessica (NY); Seconded by Chuck (L.A.)

Passed by Vote of Acclamation

II. Welcoming Notes by Arden, GSR Committee Chair.

Welcome to the New Year and the New Decade! May we all prosper individually and collectively!

Last month, after I considered stepping down as the GSRC Chair, I spoke with several advisors, including my UA Sponsor and other key persons. With their guidance and that of Higher Power, I reviewed my time and energy availability for this year in order to rearrange my commitments.

I realized that continuing in my duties as the GSRC Chair will best serve UA and the Committee with continuity as we move toward the next in-person WSC 2020. We have from February to September, seven to eight months, to complete important work, one of which is to prepare the Amendment to the Motion to Establish UA Group Registration Guidelines to be presented at the Convocation. At the Convocation, GSRs will also vote on the two pending motions which establish or modify important service entities in UA's organization, motions carried over from WSC 2019.

The Committee last month passed a motion for the position of Webmaster and/or Co-Webmasters in order to develop a site where the Minutes of the GSRC can be archived and accessed. The Webmaster will need the GSRC to approve the creation of a website for this purpose. It will be significant to accomplish the website goal to archive our Committee's history before the WSC 2020.

We, as an autonomous Committee, have voted to have a Treasury, but we still need to pass a Motion on the Qualifications and Duties of the Treasurer, and then to have the Treasurer implement the actions as outlined in the duties.

The GSRC continues to build its strength, structure and membership. Hopefully this year, we will see more Groups formed who find it important through their business meetings to create service positions for their meetings, with committed volunteers, such as Chair, Treasurer and GSR positions.

I look forward to another successful year with all of us working together in harmony.

III. Announcement regarding GSB Meetings.

The General Service Board has invited us all to attend their meetings and listen. Note that only GSB members may participate in the meetings. The GSB meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month, at 8:30 pm ET. The dial-in information is on the UA Website Events Calendar. The GSRs are the communication link between the groups they represent and the GSB. In order to receive the GSB Meeting agendas and minutes, please email the GSB Vice-Chair, Clara T, at: clarat@uagsb.org.

IV. Service Positions to Fill and Elections

1. Election of Interim Co-Chair.

Chuck from Santa Monica nominated by Shari Lynn – he declined

Robin from NY nominated by George – she declined

Debora from Los Angeles was nominated by Arden - she accepted

Motion to elect Debora as Interim Co-Chair until the end of WSC 2020.

Proposed by Arden; George seconded.

Motion passed. In favor: 16; Opposed: 5

Candidate's Statement from Debora (summary):

"I have three goals that I would like to achieve as Interim Co-Chair of the GSR Committee, so I can be of maximum service to our UA Fellowship:

"First, I will continue to work to get important motions on the WSC Agenda amended by our committee and passed at the upcoming World Service Conference that have been worked on by the GSR Committee for the last two years. These motions are aimed at creating a service structure for UA that provides important democracy, clarity and boundaries that we found in our first year of the GSR Committee to be essential for the unity of UA. One of these motions is the Motion to Establish Guidelines to Register UA Groups.

"If time permits, I will assist with bringing forth other important motions in preparation for the WSC.

"Second, I will work to educate and encourage GSRs to do the fundraising necessary to attend the WSC 2020 in New York. I will draw from my experience as acting Chair of the UA WSC Prep Committee in 2018 and my experience as a GSR for the Step and Speaker meeting group.

"My third goal is perhaps the most important one – it is to do my GSR Committee service work with balance and serenity, and collaborate closely with Arden to assist her. As you know, there is a long list of duties of the Chairs of the GSR Committee, and I plan to continue to handle the GSR Committee secretarial duties.

"I envision Arden and I dividing up some of the duties so that the time we each spend does not exceed 12-15 hours per month. Arden will continue to be the business chair of our meetings. I also plan to work collaboratively with our Vice-Chair, Quin.

"I believe that my three years of experience on the GSRC, including co-drafting many motions that were passed by the GSRC and two that were passed at the WSC 2018 and WSC 2019 will support me well in my role as Interim Co-Chair."

2. Election of the GSRC Webmaster or Co-Webmasters.

John from Arizona nominated to be Webmaster or Co-Webmaster by Arden. John accepted the nomination.

Candidate's Statement from John N (Summary):

I have good experience with working on Websites.

I created a website for the UA Basic Recovery meetings. Also, I created a Google drive for our Time Tool phone meeting on Monday evening at 8:30 pm and linked that with the UA Meeting Calendar, so I can upload Time Tool speakers without waiting for the Calendar Keeper to update the Website.

Motion to elect John N as Webmaster or Co-Webmaster

Proposed by George; Shari Lynn seconded.

Passed by Vote of Acclamation.

Motion to Elect Zeus W as Co-Webmaster

Proposed by Shari Lynn; Seconded by Quin

Motion Passed. In favor: 17; Opposed: 1.

Candidate's statement from Zeus W: (Summary:)

I have served for two and 1/2 years as web contact coordinator for another 12-Step Fellowship; I am also trained in coding.

V. Old Business

1. Motion to Create a UA GSR Committee Website; the GSRC will need to approve the final website plan including design and costs before implementation.

Proposed by George; Seconded by Quin.

Background information: The GSRC passed a motion on 12/22/19 to create the position of a Webmaster and/or Co-Webmasters. This motion will authorize the Webmaster(s) to create a website plan for the GSR Committee.

They will create a mock-up or 'draft' of the website, with design, domain name, and the costs of implementing the design and maintaining the website. The costs may include web hosting, domain name registration, links to make contributions to the GSRC and the UA General Fund, and possible PayPal costs. The Webmaster(s) will report back to the GSRC for feedback and approval before incurring any costs.

We can continue to post items on the 9th Tradition.org website until we get a website. The GSRC documents currently stored on the 9th Tradition will be copied to our new website. Most likely, there will be a link to and from the UA website and the GSRC Website.

The GSRC needs to archive and give access to the Minutes of the Committee since its inception in December, 2016. We considered putting our Minutes on the UA website; this remains an option. However, we are authorized by the WSC 2018 to be "autonomous from and interdependent with" the GSB and other World Service Level Committees, when they are formed.

Also, the UA Webmaster position is understaffed, so this Motion will prevent delays in getting our Minutes posted.

In addition, some 12-Step Committees and Groups have their own websites for multiple purposes, such as announcements of open service positions, upcoming events for their groups, events at the World Service level, and opportunities for members to make contributions.

Motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes

Proposed by Shari Lynn; Seconded by John N.

Shari Lynn withdrew motion to extend

Motion to postpone discussion until our next meeting of: Motion to Create a UA GSR Committee Website and Motion to Create a GSR Committee Treasurer or Co-Treasurers Position.

Proposed by Quin; seconded by George.

Passed by vote of acclamation

VI. New Business

1. Motion to Establish a GSR Committee Treasurer or Co-Treasurers Position, Qualifications and Duties.

(Please read Item B of the Addenda)

Proposed by Debora (Los Angeles) Seconded by _____ Motion result _____

These are the qualifications of the GSRC Treasurer or Co-Treasurers:

- Can serve for a suggested one year term.
- Consistently attends monthly GSRC meetings.
- Can commit to 5 - 8 hours service per month as GSRC Treasurer.
- Is a GSR.
- Has the suggested qualifications of a GSR as passed and amended by the GSR Committee on October 27, 2019.
- Has completed up through UA Step 10 with a UA Sponsor, maintains a 12-Step relationship with their UA Sponsor and/or UA Step Partners who have completed the UA 12 Steps with a UA Sponsor, and actively works the Steps in UA.
- Has solvency for 90 days, (solvency being self-defined) and maintains solvency during term.

The duties of the Treasurer or Co-Treasurers will include:

- Set up PayPal Account linked to the GSRC email.
- Keep accurate records of contributions and expenditures.
- Make payments that have been approved by the GSR Committee.
- Give oral reports at GSR Committee monthly meetings, that include the previous month's balance, contributions and expenditures for the month, and ending final balances.
- Submit written GSRC Treasury Fund reports to the Chair to be included in the Minutes.
- Educate GSRs on how to donate to the GSRC Treasury and UA General Fund.
- Has adequate computer skills and access to the internet in order to work with PayPal account and other duties.

VI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting and Close with the 'We' Version of the Serenity Prayer.

Motion proposed by Quin; Seconded by Zeus

Passed by Vote of Acclamation.

Closed with the Serenity Prayer. The meeting ended at 3:02 pm ET /12:02 pm PT.

The Minutes were prepared by Debora G, Interim Co-Chair and Arden V, Chair

Greeting of new GSRs / Q & A.

Hosted by Arden, GSRC Chair

ADDENDA

I. Reports

GSR WSC Fundraising Information Subcommittee (FISC) (Arden)

We have begun to meet by email. We have developed a draft of fundraising ideas that has been sent to the members of the subcommittee. Five of them are based on successful UA experiences. We are moving toward having a conference call meeting. If anyone would like that draft of fundraising ideas sent to them, contact Arden.

GSB Phone/Tech Committee (PTC) – no one was available to present report.

WSC Planning Committee (WSCPC) (Jessica)

We had a busy beginning of the year. The committee's last meeting was on Jan 5, 2019. I am very excited to let you know that Seth was elected as Vice Chair. Even bigger news, the contract for the venue for WSC 2020 was signed. The conference will be October 15-18, 2020, at the HNA Palisades Premier Conference Center, just outside of NY City and near New Jersey. Forty rooms were reserved. The plan is to open registration in April.

The earlier that your group can raise funds and register, the better. The hope is that we can reach our 40 room allotment quickly, and then we can reserve more rooms. The larger the conference, the more exciting. There will be more representation. On Sept 30th registration ends. As long as GSRs pay before the September 30th registration deadline, then they will not be charged sales tax, because their registration will be under UA, which has non-profit status.

For 3 nights of lodging and all meals, fitness center and pool: \$755.00.

Topics of Concern survey link is down right now. It will be put up on the website under a WSC 2020 tab. This year's Topics of Concern survey will close on July 1. It will be provided to the appropriate committees on an ongoing basis and they will be able to respond to the concerns. The reason for this deadline is that it gives the committees time to address the concerns with motions, so that a draft agenda can go out to the groups before the WSC.

Regarding meals: If you bring your own food, there is an option for refrigerators for certain rooms, if you have food concerns that cannot be addressed by the Conference Center. There will be a microwave in the dining facility. The Conference Center chef will make provisions for special diets. For example, Kosher and gluten-free. There will be a place in the registration form in which you can specify dietary requirements.

II. Open Shares about GSR Concerns.

This is an experiment for the fourth month. Feedback about this process can be offered during a 2-minute share, or after the end of the meeting, by email or by phone. Send feedback to our email address: gsrccommittee4ua@gmail.com.

GSR 1: Something came up in her Group's meeting. There is a version of the 12 Promises of UA that has not been voted on and approved by UA WSC. They are found in a Northern Illinois UA Intergroup Newcomer Guide, 2015. Her Group is thinking of improving this to read at her meeting.

How do we give access to all UA members and Groups to literature that has not been conference approved, pending conference-approval that can be accessible to all? If this is not conference-approved, can it be read at the meeting?

Response from GSR 2 – Per the 4th Tradition it can be read at Group meetings – just need to say when it is read that it is not conference-approved. The UA Literature Committee would need to review it first in order for it to be on the WSC agenda and later it may become conference-approved.

Response from Jessica (WSC PC Chair) – If the literature has already been created, I believe that it would be the Traditions Committee who would need to review it before it goes to WSC.

Response from GSR 3 – There are Conference-Approved UA Promises, which are in the “About UA” Pamphlet.

Response from GSR 4 – He and others in So. Cal. Intergroup are concerned about the wording of the approved UA Promises. Is it possible for the Conference-Approved UA Promises to be amended?

Response from Arden – This is a question for the Literature Committee, the Traditions Committee, and our committee because we represent the groups.

GSR 3 – She suggests a wrap-up of 5 minutes before we end the meeting. Also, she suggests sending out a separate email well in advance of the next meeting to let people know what service positions are available in the GSRC, so people have time to think about what positions they might want to take on. Include service position descriptions in the email.

Response from GSR 5 – Her meeting has started a WhatsApp group for people doing service. They find it gives faster response than email.

GSR 6 – What city and state will the WSC be held in and what are the closest train stations and airports?

Response from WSC PC Chair (Jessica) – It will be in New York, right outside of New York City.

GSR 4 – Need an estimate of what ground transportation will be and the cost of the WSC.

Response from WSC PC Chair (Jessica) – the cost of the WSC will be \$755.00. Each person will need to determine the cost of the transportation.

Response from Arden – Request that the WSC PC provide more details later regarding ground transportation.