

**MINUTES for GSRC 10/27/19 MEETING (Approved)**

**October 27, 2019, 1:30 – 3:00 pm ET, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm PT**

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

Interim Chair: Arden; Secretary: Debora G (Temporary)

**Meeting started on time with the Recording and Serenity Prayer, followed by the 12 Traditions, read by Seth. The Time-Keeper was Jessica.**

**Roll Call - 17 GSRs and One Member-at-Large**

6 GSRs from Face-to-Face Meetings

Quin (Fresno), Fresno Friday Freedom and Prosperity Meeting, Friday, 7 pm  
Rita (Los Angeles), Early Bird Turning Point, Silverlake, Sunday, 4:30 pm PT  
Zeus (NY), Time for Prosperity Friday evening meeting, Brooklyn, 6:30 pm ET  
Seth (NY), GSR for NY Intergroup  
Carol (MA), Steps to Prosperity, Amherst, MA, Monday, 5:30 pm ET  
Marlowe (NY), NYC UA, Sun, 11 am ET

11 GSRs from Phone Meetings

Graciela (San Diego, CA), Selling with Serenity (Phone) 6 am ET  
Toni (N. California), Daily Prosperity & Vitality (Phone), 12:15 am ET  
Moein (Iran), Iran Regional Council Intergroup  
Marshall (Vancouver), Healing the Inner Child, Wed, 7:15 pm ET  
Wendy (Oregon), From Hiding & Biting to Shining & Receiving, 11pm ET  
Daphneleah (S. California), Selling with Serenity, M-F, 11 am ET  
Dean, GSR Alternate for 9:45 am Step and Tools Meeting, Mon – Sat  
Sandy Kay (S. California), Heartfelt Prosperity Step & Tools, 8:30am, M – Sun ET  
Debora (Los Angeles), Evening Step and Speaker Meeting, Tu & F, 8:30 pm ET; Wed 9:30 pm  
Arden (Berkeley), Beyond 6 Figures Meeting (Phone), Wednesday, 8 pm ET  
George (Chicago), From Hiding & Biting to Shining & Receiving, M–F, 1:30 pm ET  
Jessica (Upstate NY), Business UA Visions in Action (Phone), Fri, 12:15 pm ET

1 Non-GSR UA Member-At-Large

Tamara (Iowa)

## **I. Reading and Approval of September 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion to accept the September 22, 2019 minutes as sent out via email to the Committee and read.**

Proposed by Graciela; Seconded by Zeus

**Passed: By vote of acclamation.**

## **II. Welcoming Notes by Arden, GSR Committee Interim Chair**

The Agenda format has been updated to include Open Sharing of Concerns by GSRs, with two minute shares.

We are supposed to elect a GSR Committee chair at the World Service Conference. There is no time set aside during the conference for our committee meeting. Therefore, we would like to further amend the Motion to Establish the Role and Guidelines of the GSR Committee, which was adopted at the World Service Conference 2018 so that GSR Committee can elect its own chair at a time other than the World Service Conference.

## **III. Announcement regarding GSB Meetings.** (Arden)

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. The dial-in information is on the UA Website Events Calendar. If you would like to receive the GSB Meeting agendas and minutes, please email the GSB Vice-Chair, Clara T, at [clarat@uagsb.org](mailto:clarat@uagsb.org).

## **IV. Old Business**

### **1. Amended Motion to Recommend to the WSC Planning Committee and the GSB that the Motion to Approve Suggested Duties and Qualifications of the UA GSRs be placed on the WSC 2019 Agenda.**

Amendments Proposed by: Debora; Seconded by Graciela

**Motion Passed. In favor: 12; Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0**

### **Following Are the Suggested Duties and Qualifications of the UA GSRs:**

- These duties and qualifications are suggested only; and per the 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition, each group is autonomous and may adopt the duties and qualifications for its GSR per its group conscience. [Suggested friendly amendment by Wendy, which was accepted by Debora]
- A GSR represents a UA Group or Intergroup. A Group is defined as a meeting or a group of meetings that shares one business meeting. A UA Group is represented by one GSR. An Intergroup provides service and coordinates events for multiple Groups in a particular geographic area. Each Intergroup is represented by one GSR. Each Group or Intergroup may also have a GSR Alternate who attends meetings and World Service Conferences when their GSR is not available. A GSR has one

vote for each voting item at the World Service Conference and at the GSR Committee meetings even if the GSR represents more than one group.

- Is actively working the steps in UA and has completed at least UA's Steps One through Five.
- Has a working knowledge of the UA 12 Traditions, and when approved by the UA World Service Conference, the GSR will have a working knowledge of the UA 12 Concepts of World Service.
- Has demonstrated a consistent commitment of service in UA.
- Has 90 days solvency (solvency being self-defined).
- Attends GSR Committee monthly meetings.
- Will attend General Service Board (GSB) monthly meetings and/or read the current meeting minutes.
- Will attend or send a GSR Alternate to a World Service Conference during their service term.
- Will make reports to their Group(s), including significant items from the World Service Conferences, GSR Committee Meetings and GSB Meetings.
- Will collect information, concerns and feedback from their Group(s) to bring to the GSR Committee and the World Service Conferences. [Friendly amendment by Daphneleah, and accepted by Debora.]
- Will serve a one to two year term.
- Represents a UA Group or Intergroup whose meetings he/she regularly attends.
- Is not already acting as a GSR for another UA meeting Group or Intergroup.
- To ensure effective leadership, each GSR has the Right of Decision as guided by their Higher Power in their voting at the GSR Committee Meetings and at the World Service Conference, per Concept of World Service Number 3. (i.e. the GSRs need not go back to their groups in order to vote on new motions at the WSC and GSR Committee Meetings or to vote differently than their groups' directions if presented with significant amendments or information).

***Background Information: This motion was passed in December, 2017 by the GSR Committee, after taking the motion back to our Groups. As of October 2019, there were four active Intergroups in UA: Iran Intergroup, Los Angeles Intergroup, New York Intergroup, and the UK Intergroup.***

## **2. Motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.**

Proposed by Daphneleah; seconded by: George.

**Passed:** By vote of acclamation.

## **V. New Business**

### **1. Motion to Have a 90 minute GSR Committee Meeting on November 10, 2019 at 2:30 pm ET/11:30 am PT to prepare for the World Service Conference 2019.**

Proposed by George; Seconded by Graciela.

**Motion passed:** By vote of acclamation.

**2. Motion to Amend Motion to Establish the Role and Guidelines of the GSR Committee and Its Relationship to the General Service Board, World Service Conference and the UA Groups, which was previously adopted at the World Service Conference 2018.**

**Motion Postponed** until next meeting by decision of the Chair.

[The new amendment deletion is highlighted in yellow and the existing amendment additions are in blue and deletions are indicated in lines through the words]

**The Role of the GSR Committee**

The Upside Down Triangle is the basic model for UA's Service Structure. The GSR Committee plays a primary world service leadership role in UA's Upside Down Triangle. It derives its position as such from its GSRs who are the elected representatives of their groups. It has the power to speak and act on behalf of the members of UA. It also brings important information about UA to their groups. It is the voice and the ears of the UA members worldwide. The GSR Committee has no other authority than the groups they represent and Higher Power.

**Guidelines of the GSR Committee**

1. The GSR Committee will meet at least once a month for 90 minutes and follow Robert's Rules of Order.
2. The GSR Committee will be a ~~world service conference committee~~ **World Service Conference-Approved Committee** that elects its own chair ~~at the WSC~~, meets year around, and puts forth its own agenda.
3. The GSR Committee may create committees or subcommittees which will serve UA as a whole.
4. The GSR Committee shall meet with the General Service Board at each World Service Conference (WSC). It also may meet with the General Service Board between World Service Conferences.
5. The GSR Committee may only make suggestions or recommendations to UA groups.
6. Only GSRs may vote at GSR Committee meetings and at its Subcommittee meetings.
7. The GSR Committee reports and minutes will be posted on the UA Website.
8. The Relationship of the GSR Committee to the GSB. The GSR Committee is interdependent with and autonomous from the General Service Board (GSB) and the World Service Conference **Planning** Committee. It will seek to have a collaborative relationship with the GSB and will prepare and give oral reports at the GSB meetings to facilitate communication between these two key entities in UA's Service Structure.
9. The Responsibilities of the GSR Committee are as follows:
  - (a) The GSR Committee will bring the following to the WSC:  
Conference topics which affect UA as a whole will be discussed and voted on at the WSC.
  - (b) Inform GSRs on their responsibilities and prepare them for the World Service Conference.

- (c) Provide support to meeting groups.
- (d) Encourage GSRs to participate in standing committees and subcommittees.

**VI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting and Close with the We Version of the Serenity Prayer.** The meeting ended at approximately 3:25 pm ET/ 12:25pm PT

Proposed by Graciela; Seconded by Quin

Turned off recording.

**VII. Greeting of new GSRs / Q & A** (15 minutes)

### **Addenda**

#### **Open shares about GSR Concerns.**

**Daphneleah** – How does she communicate her group’s questions and concerns to the World Service Conference?

Answer: Jessica: On UA Website – There is a link to the Topics of Concern Survey in World Service Section – under the tab for WSC 2019.

**Zeus W** – Her group ranges from 6 to 11 people per meeting. Their rent is current and everyone is interested in attending and she gave them the information about registration for the WSC.

Answer: Jessica: For the convocation part of the WSC, only the people who are GSRs and who are authorized to vote and share may register.

**Toni** – A member of UA has been coming to meetings, and she is writing a book on UA stories. Sounds like a private book. Not being done by the UA GSB Literature Committee.

**Quin** – Suggests updated email address on UA website for each committee and contact person.

**Moein** – Has concerns in Iran that he would like to share with us. They have translated the literature on the UA website into Persian. On the Step Guide – heard that it is not conference-approved – Iran UA fellowship people don’t know what to do about it. They need minutes from WSC 2018.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **GSR WSC Fundraising Information Subcommittee**

Arden: Did not have a meeting this month, because preparation for the WSC has taken higher priority.

### **Meeting Support Subcommittee**

Arden: No one to report for this meeting. The subcommittee did not meet this month.

### **Service Structure Development Subcommittee**

Arden: No one to report for this meeting. The subcommittee did not meet this month.

### **Unity-Building Subcommittee**

Arden: No one to report for this meeting. The subcommittee did not meet this month.

### **GSB Phone/Tech Committee**

Phone & Tech Committee (PTC) Meeting Report for September & October 2019, Submitted and Read to GSR Committee on 10/27/19 by Heidi in Oregon, Vice Chair, PTC

#### **In September:**

1. The PTC discussed the name and focus for the important subcommittee tasked with reviewing and aligning the UA Traditions with the technology and use of a dashboard on UA Meetings. The PTC voted to adopt the official name of **PTC Dashboard Subcommittee**, and also unanimously passed the following mission statement:

***“Our mission is to provide clarity and guidance to UA phone meetings and to the World Service Conference for the effective and safe use of a meeting dashboard to promote meeting safety and order, in alignment with the traditions and principles of our fellowship.”***

The committee humbly acknowledges that such clarity and guidance is offered in service to the fellowship as a whole, the meetings and the members, within Tradition Four. The committee further acknowledges that we do not govern, in alignment with Tradition Two.

2. By acclamation, the PTC committee voted Heidi from OR to the position of Vice Chair of the PTC. Heidi agreed to accept the position for two years of service.

3. Also in September, work continued on the **PTC Recommended Security Protocol for 2019** document drafted by the PTC for the WSC PC to help establish guidelines and actions for the secure use of a dashboard at the WSC.

#### **In October:**

1. The PTC received word that the **PTC Recommended Security Protocol for 2019** document was accepted by the WSC PC.

2. The WSC PC further asked the PTC to draft a list of dashboard trusted servants to serve on the dashboard for the WSC November 17, 2019. The PTC voted to accept this request, and to help secure trusted dashboard servants for service at the WSC.
3. The PTC Dashboard Subcommittee's work includes creating a series of documents to support dashboard servants, meetings and members on the use of a dashboard and our Tradition of Anonymity. The PTC discussed prioritizing audiences and items for these documents. The PTC also noted that any documents created by the PTC Dashboard Subcommittee may require support/approval from the Traditions Committee, and will require approval by the Board.

### **WSC Planning Committee**

Making tremendous progress in preparing for the WSC.

Extended deadline to Register to 11/4/19.

Topics of Concern Survey – Groups are encouraged to have group conscience votes on the ToC form. Not guaranteed that anything from the ToC will become a motion. If there are enough comments, will be on the agenda for 2019.

You will receive a letter in about a week regarding the conference. The most important thing is to follow the phone protocol so your access to the conference is guaranteed. You will also get a report on the proposed motions for the WSC that you presented to your groups.

If you have any questions about the conference after you receive the letter, contact Jessica at [uawscservice@gmail.com](mailto:uawscservice@gmail.com).

Minutes prepared by: Debora (Los Angeles), Temporary Secretary, GSR for the Evening Step and Speaker Phone Meeting and Arden V (Berkeley, CA), Interim Chair of the GSRC.