

## First UA GSR phone meeting on 12/18/16

### Acronyms:

GSR = General Service Representative for a group  
ISR = Intergroup Service Representative  
WSC = World Service Conference  
GSB = General Service Board of Trustees  
UA = Underearners Anonymous  
PI = Public Information (committee)

Interim Chair Mark B opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 1:00 Eastern Time

Volunteer timekeeper: Jean Camille

Steve, General Service Representative (GSR) from the Intuition and Clarity phone meeting asked whether the meeting was being recorded, and Mark said yes. Steve said there was no advance notice that the meeting was being recorded.

### In attendance:

- ✓ Mark B, recruited to be Interim Chair for this meeting, GSR for the Bronx Group in NY
- ✓ Maggie, Seattle, Thursday Night Prosperity, recruited to take notes for this meeting
- ✓ Jean Camille, Intergroup Service Rep (ISR) for the Los Angeles Intergroup
- ✓ Clara, East Coast, 7:15 AM Underearning and Solvency phone meeting
- ✓ Geri, New Jersey, 9:45 Eastern AM Step and Tools phone meeting
- ✓ Pam, Colorado, 8:30 Heartfelt Prosperity Step and Tools
- ✓ Fay, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel's face to face meetings
- ✓ Marcia, Sherman Oaks (L.A.), Wed Night 7 PM Worth and Action meeting
- ✓ Athena, New York, 12:15 AM Monday Daily Prosperity and Vitality meeting
- ✓ Greg, Altadena, California, Thursday Night 7:30 PM Prosperity meeting
- ✓ Tom, New York, UA NYC Sunday 11 AM meeting
- ✓ Wayne in Canada just listening in.
- ✓ Alison, representing the General Service Board, currently the Vice Chair. Here to welcome everyone. Just here for 30 minutes.
- ✓ Ed W, New York, Upper West Side Visions Meeting of Manhattan, Wednesday nights
- ✓ Steve, New York, GSR for the Intuition and Clarity phone meeting, Sundays 12:15 PM
- ✓ Eve B, New York City, member at large, attended the WSC, not currently representing a group
- ✓ Henasusha, Massachusetts, Amherst Steps to Prosperity meeting Monday night
- ✓ Eliya, Los Angeles, Saturday Farmers Market meeting, 11:00.
- ✓ Shawn, New York

**Jean Camille** mentioned that the meeting was being recorded, in case the secretary missed anything.

**Mark:** The GSB has been created from our collective Higher Power. He then invited Alison, our liaison from the General Service Board, to speak.

**Alison** from General Service Board: 5 minutes with 1 minute warning. Delighted that everyone is here. Those of us who were at the World Service Conference are now understanding the kind of structure that the GSB worked hard to put in place over the last two years during the period when we didn't have a WSC. This is a wonderful example of what came out of that wonderful coming together of the UA representatives in New York. The fact that we now have this structure in place where we're going to have the GSRs meeting monthly and out to the groups, it's such a testament to UA recovery that we're in this place. Fantastic to our higher powers that you all created this for UA as a whole. Wish I could stay for the entire meeting. Absolutely delighted.

**Mark** asked Alison if she wanted to say anything about how this structure was created. It seemed that the GSB was created out of pure ether or from our Higher Power. I'm not an elected official, but to start something new you have to have some way to start. Could you address how the GSB came to be and led to the World Service Conference that we just experienced, and how this is linked to that?

**Alison:** Will do my best. UA is a 12 Step, 12 Tradition program. And the Traditions state that UA is membership-run. We are run by underearners. Over the years that the conference has taken place UA has been setting up structure so we can hear the voice of the conference, be here for the addict who still suffers, and then get the work of the conference done at the level of world service, always adhering to the Traditions. So this committee emerged out of the fabulous work that all of you did at the conference, working together to understand what would be helpful to UA as a whole. I wasn't part of this particular working group; I was just there as it all emerged. So it's part of understanding that as we grow in membership and fellowship, we set in place a structure of how we communicate and more people to do world service and understanding of the Traditions and how even though meetings are autonomous, meetings affect UA as a whole. I'm just speaking for myself, not for all the trustees. Each trustee might have a different take on this. I'm just thrilled because I believe this will help UA as a whole.

**Mark:** We did break into different committees, which we'll address later in this meeting. The committee that created this entity were Jean Camille and Eve and Geri. Would you like to address this Service Structure committee and the history of it and what it's doing?

**Eve:** I'm based in New York. I was fortunate enough to attend the recent WSC after not having been able to attend for several years. Was a GSR several years ago, but attended this year as a member at large. We started out with eight members in the Service Structure committee. Everyone at the conference was asked to populate a committee. Great options. The Service Structure committee included Geri, Rita, Peter S, Jean Camille, Eve, Steve, a couple of others. We're all getting together to do HP's work to move UA forward. Before we broke into committees at the conference we heard about the growth in UA over the last couple of years. Financially we have more abundance. We also have more abundance in terms of meetings, intergroups, GSR attendance. We heard a lot about the GSB and one issue that came up over the years

was that pretty early on we had a GSB, but we were missing a lot of the interim pieces because we weren't yet grown up enough, mature enough, to have all these various parts. We had no Intergroups, no formal GSR's, we just had various members who had started groups. However, in the last several years the more busy our GSB board has gotten and the more that needs to be covered at the GSB meetings, the less ad hoc and loose and open they have been and the less people have been able to have direct involvement at the actual monthly GSB meetings. So over the last year or so general service reps have not had the opportunity to speak up on issues and have direct interaction on the board meetings. There hasn't been enough virtual and temporal space for members to participate at the GSB meetings. So it seemed that UA has grown to the point that we need to have this other piece. In order for the GSB to be able to do its work like take care of finances and legal questions to support the groups and to support our identity as UA and to provide a virtual space and meeting time for GSR's to do their work, it's like we've grown up and the kids have moved out of the big