

Minutes for GSR Committee Meeting (Approved)

April 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 – Chuck (CA)

Spiritual Timekeeper – Jessica (NY)

Roll Call - 35 GSRs Present

The following Face-to-Face meetings are currently on virtual platforms due to governmental social isolation requirements in order to stop the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19.

1. Andy (Australia), Southern Hemisphere Daily (Phone), 5 am ET
2. Arden V. (CA), Beyond 6 Figures Meeting (Phone), Wednesday, 8 pm ET, GSRC Chair
3. Anita (NJ), Out of the Cave, Jersey City, NJ (F2F) Tuesday, 6:30 pm ET
4. Celia (MA), Being in Somerville (F2F), Wed, 9 am.
5. Chuck M. (CA), First Presbyterian Church, (F2F) Santa Monica, Fri 6 pm & Sat 9 am PT
6. David (VA), Sunday Night Video Community Meeting (Zoom), 6:30 pm ET
7. Debora G. (CA), Evening Step & Speaker (Phone), Tu & F 8:30 pm; Wed 9:30 pm ET, GSRC Interim Co-Chair
8. Denise (PA), Thriving Therapists Phone Meeting, Thursday 8:30 am. ET
9. Gina (Vancouver), Spiritual Marketing for Coaches and Consultants, Tuesday, 10 am ET
10. George (TN), From Hiding & Biting to Shining & Receiving (Phone) M–F, 1:30 pm ET
11. Graciela S. (CA), Selling with Serenity (Phone) 6 am ET
12. Jahara (CA), Beginners Meeting (Phone), Sun, 11 am. ET
13. Janine (CA), 9:45 am ET Step and Tools Meeting, Daily (Phone)
14. Jeff N (NY), NYC UA (F2F), Sun, 11 am ET, GSRC Treasurer
15. Jennifer (MA), Amherst Steps to Prosperity (F2F), Mon, 5:30 pm ET
16. Jessica (NY), Business UA Visions in Action (Phone), Fri, 12:15 pm ET
17. John (AZ), Basic Recovery (Phone), Sunday, 9:45 AM ET, GSRC Co-Webmaster,
18. Kara (UK), UK Intergroup
19. Leanne (CO), Step and Tools Meeting, Daily, 8:30 am
20. Leila (KY), Underearning & Solvency Meeting (Phone) Daily, 7:15 AM ET
21. Quin (CA), GSRC Vice-Chair, Fresno Friday Freedom and Prosperity (F2F), Fri, 7 pm PT
22. Ralph (Toronto), (Temporary GSR) Last Gaspers (Phone), Mon – Fri, 7:15 AM ET
23. Rebecca (CO), Heartfelt Prosperity Step and Tools (Phone), Daily, 8:30 am ET
24. Rich S. (CA), Artists in Prosperity meeting (F2F), Los Angeles, Tues., 6:15-7:15 pm
25. Rita (CA), Early Bird Turning Point, Silverlake (F2F/Zoom), Sunday, 4:30 pm PT
26. Robin (NY), Healing the Inner Child (Phone), Wed, 7:15 pm ET
27. Seth (NY), New York Intergroup
28. Shari Lynn (CT), Prosperous Possession Consciousness (Phone),

Sat 1:30 pm/Sun 2 pm ET

29. Stefanie, GSR for 50+ (Phone), Thursday, 8 pm ET

30. Stuart (CA), Actioning Recovery Group (F2F), San Diego, Sat 10:30 am PT

31. Terri (FL), Beyond 6 Figures (Phone) Mon and Fri, 7 AM ET

32. Toni T. (CA), Daily Prosperity & Vitality (Phone), 12:15 am ET

33. Wendy (CA), Speaking of Prosperity, Farmers Market (F2F), Los Angeles, Sat, 11 am PT

34. Wendy (OR), From Hiding & Biting to Shining & Receiving (Phone), 11 pm ET

35. Zeus W. (NY), Time for Prosperity Friday meeting (F2F), Brooklyn, 6:30 pm ET,
GSRC Co-Webmaster

GSB Committee Officer Present - Heidi – Vice Chair of PTC Committee

I. Reading and Approval of March 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the March 22, 2020 Minutes as emailed to the GSRC and read, with no corrections.

Proposed by Jessica; Seconded by Zeus

Passed by Vote of Acclamation.

II. Welcoming Notes by Arden/ GSR Committee Chair.

Welcome, welcome! We are here as a community to support UA guided by our Higher Power, as we understand it for ourselves individually, and to continue with our commitments as GSRs in the midst of a global health and economic crisis. I feel heartfelt gratitude that we can continue our work together as we move toward the World Service Conference 2020, one day at a time.

Here are some updates on our progress over the month:

One of the most important topics that was addressed at our last meeting was the large back-log on the updating of the UA Website Meetings Calendar.

I did report to the GSB at the recent Board Meeting the importance of updating the Meetings Calendar quickly. They responded that the Meetings Calendar will be updated more efficiently. I received a call from Randy, who said that everything was up to date.

Regarding the UA website: the GSB Vice-Chair said at the February GSB public meeting that the GSRC will have its own page (or tab) on the UA website, and that we can put on it what we want. On April 10, Debora and I submitted the content for our GSRC page to Clara, the GSB Vice-Chair, who is handling the UA Website additions. What we submitted is similar to our own GSRC upcoming website, except that our website will have more substance, documents and tabs.

We will continue to develop our GSRC website spending plan, design and more.

Due to face-to-face meetings moving to virtual platforms and hosting visual or video meetings, it has been suggested by a GSR that we as a Committee consider doing this as well. Next month a formal motion may be presented for discussion.

We have 5 1/2 months in which to prepare for our next World Service Conference in October. The WSC PC and GSB will inform us as needed on whether it will be held in the New York City area, or whether it will be held by phone or video conferencing.

Thank you again for being here, stay strong and be well, and with blessings.

III. Announcement regarding GSB Meetings. (GSRC Chair reads)

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 public 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. Reports Given by: Fundraising Information Subcommittee, Co-Webmasters, GSB Phone/Tech Committee and WSC Planning Committee.

See Addenda to Minutes for the Reports.

V. Open Shares about GSR Concerns.

See Addenda to Minutes for Open Shares.

VI. Old Business

1. Election of Treasurer

Motion to elect Jeff N for a one-year term.

Proposed by Shari Lynn; seconded by George

Passed by vote of acclamation.

Jeff N's Candidate's Statement:

He has all of the qualifications of our Treasurer. He has done work with PayPal and has been a treasurer numerous times for groups in DA.

2. Motion that the GSRC Standing Rule 'M' Regarding Recordings Be Amended as follows:

M. GSR Committee recordings are solely for Committee members' use. The GSR Committee official recording playback telephone number and access code will be emailed to GSRs and not posted on the internet. Unauthorized and unofficial recordings of GSR Committee meetings will not be accepted by the GSR Committee.

Rationale: This is based on concerns for anonymity on the internet and privacy in our discussions.

Proposed by Debora; seconded by Jeff N

Friendly amendment suggested by Rich: will be “emailed to GSRs if requested and not posted on the internet.”

Friendly amendment not accepted by Debora.

Motion Passed. In favor: 20; Opposed: 1

3. Motion to Close the Meeting.

Proposed by Chuck, Seconded by Shari Lynn

Motion Not Passed. In favor: 11; Opposed: 12

4. Motion to Continue the Meeting until 3:15 pm ET

Proposed by Graciela; seconded by Debora

Passed by vote of acclamation.

5. Motion to Approve the FISC GSR Fundraising Strategies Packet (Version 8).

Proposed and presented by Debora; seconded by Chuck

Amendment read and proposed by Graciela to the Suggested Guidelines for Selecting a Group’s Treasurer or Co-Treasurers is highlighted in the FISC GSR Fundraising Strategies Packet (Version 8).

Motion to postpone this motion until our next meeting.

Proposed by Jessica; seconded by Graciela

Passed by vote of acclamation.

VII. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Proposed by Leila; Seconded by Graciela

Passed by vote of acclamation.

Closed with the ‘We’ version of the Serenity Prayer at 3:15 pm ET.

Greeting of new GSRs / Q & A.

Hosted by Arden and Debora

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

ADDENDA

I. Reports

GSR WSC Fundraising Information Subcommittee Report (FISC) from Debora

The Fundraising Strategies Packet is on our Agenda today for voting and approval. No new changes were made by the subcommittee to the Fundraising Strategies Packet from what was sent to the GSRs last month. Graciela will propose an amendment to be voted on by all the GSRs at today's meeting. Then we will vote on approval of the whole packet. Please open the Fundraising Strategies Packet now so you can see the amendment, which is on the first page, so we are all ready for discussion and voting later in the meeting.

Co-Webmasters Report from John N. and Zeus W

Since the last meeting, the Webmasters added the documents to the GSRC website mock-up that Arden and Debora sent to the GSB Vice-Chair for the GSRC Page on the UA Website. These were the items added: "About Us;" email address for the contact page; the GSRC positions; and duties and qualifications for the positions, as well as for the GSR. Our content has not yet been uploaded to the GSRC page on the UA Website.

Phone/Tech Committee Report from Heidi, Vice-Chair

Hello, Everyone. Thank you for your service to your meetings. Thank you for the opportunity to update everyone on the current activity of the Phone and Technology Committee.

The "Meetings Settings" slideshow tutorial, and a pdf of this information is now live on the GSB Phone and Technology page on the UA website.

The PTC discussed the importance of adding a note to the slideshow that on Apple mobile devices (iPhone or iPad) an app is required to view the website (i.e. the Chrome Browser app) as it will not work in Safari due to an outside issue of Apple's decision not to accommodate Adobe Flash in its mobile operating system. GSRs, please bring this to the attention of your Trusted Dashboard Servants.

Two forms, now under the responsibility of the PTC, are in two locations on the UA website. The forms are: "Meetings Registration/Update Form" and "Tech Support Form." The two locations are: on the GSB PTC page and they are also under the "Meetings" tab on the Underearners Anonymous.org website.

The PTC has formed three subcommittees for current activities of concern:

Subcommittee: One of the disruptors has been identified and a task force has been created to explore with the GSB possible actions that can be taken.

Subcommittee: Discern technical guidelines for anonymity on platforms such as Zoom and Startmeeting as some meetings are leaving FreeConferenceCall.com and Face-to-Face meetings are also transitioning to virtual platforms.

Subcommittee: Ongoing for similar concerns regarding the dashboard on FreeConferenceCall.com.

The latter two Subcommittees could use additional service volunteers.

Question from Shari Lynn: Have the face-to-face meetings that have gone to Zoom due to COVID-19 been updated on the Calendar?

Response from Heidi: Her understanding is that there has been an effort to get the Calendar updated. The way to get your meeting information updated is by going to the Meetings Tab on the UA Website and completing the registration form.

Question from another Jeff N: He does not see Zoom guideline information on the website.

Response from Heidi: No Zoom guideline information has been put on the website. Have a subcommittee that was created to develop guidelines on the use of new platforms for UA Zoom and Startmeeting.

World Service Conference Planning Committee Report from Jessica, Chair

Our last meeting was on Sunday, April 5, 2020 from 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM and we had 8 committee members present. The motions that were brought forth for discussion and voting were not what had been expected at our March meeting. The world has changed! Given the changes, we passed a Motion to delay opening Registration until the 15th of June at the earliest and made a commitment to revisit this question at both the May and June meetings.

We also passed a Motion to postpone work on the Scholarship Application until there is greater clarity on the form the WSC 2020 will take. Additionally, with the realization that whether or not we are able to have a face-to-face portion of the 2020 WSC, we would need to begin work now on exploring virtual platforms to support an either entirely virtual or hybrid WSC 2020.

Towards that end, we passed a Motion to create and populate a Virtual Platform Workgroup to put together a wish list for Platform features that will serve the goals of the WSC. We have also brainstormed a list of concerns about potential risks to be avoided. This Workgroup will be reporting back to the entire committee at our May WSCPC meeting. It should be noted that all of the platforms we are researching that allow for video conferencing, also allow for screen sharing (whether or not the attendee is participating with audio only or audio and video). The ability to see the text of motions and information being discussed is an essential feature that will enable us to work collaboratively and efficiently so that we can accomplish the tasks set forth in the WSC 2020 agenda.

Given the number of things we find ourselves unable to take action on at the moment, one of the agenda items at our last meeting was to discuss the Topics of Concern Survey. This is something that the entire fellowship can take action on now. As many of you know, the ToC has been up and ready to receive Topics of Concern since the beginning of this year. We explored ways of spreading the word to get individuals and groups started on raising topics that can be discussed in groups, supported by group conscience and passed along via the ToC survey.

After concerns/issues/opportunities are reported via the ToC survey, they go to the committees whose work it is to address the specific topics, and incorporate those concerns/ideas/opportunities reported to them, into motions that can be submitted for inclusion on the WSC 2020 agenda.

We are currently working on an announcement which we will share with the GSRC email list and which we hope can go groups without GSRs so that everyone will participate. The Topics of Concern Survey will be open out to until July 1 for items to be on the WSC 2020 agenda.

Lastly, with registration and scholarship being delayed, there was no urgency to make a final selection on the theme for WSC 2020 and we elected to postpone our decision. We are also opening space to consider including suggestions that reflect the transformation of our world by the coronavirus, such as themes related more closely to the ideas of healing, recovery and restoration.

Bottom line, our focus for the coming months is to be grounded in acceptance of the things we cannot change in the world, the courage to take bite-sized actions towards an uncertain future and maintain clarity in distinguishing between the two as we work toward the World Service Conference 2020.

Question from Shari Lynn: Can she get the Topics of Concern language sent to her?

Response from Jessica: We are working on a Topics of Concern statement to be sent to the GSRs.

Question from Gina: What is meant by hybrid?

Response from Jessica: Hybrid means partially face-to-face and partially virtual. We have a contract with a conference center in New York.

Question from Wendy (CA): Where can she find this WSC Planning Committee report?

Response from Arden: It will be included in the Minutes for this meeting which will be sent to the GSRs.

Question from Zeus: Are the Topics of Concern for 2019 going to be coupled with the Topics of Concern for 2020?

Response from Jessica: Yes. The Topics of Concern for 2019 were sent to the appropriate Committees for their work for the WSC 2020.

II. Open Shares about GSR Concerns

GSR from Actioning Recovery Group in San Diego: He would like to see this committee transition to Zoom. He believes it will be more productive. He is willing to serve to prepare the motion. If anyone would like to join him with drafting it, he is open to that. He will be working with Arden on preparing the motion. His passion is the 33 Traditions in AA. UA adopted 12 Traditions. UA did not adopt what is a formal Group in AA; there is a Pamphlet in AA about what is a Home Group. He would like to be in touch with the Literature Committee about this.

GSR 2: Would like GSR from Actioning Recovery Group's contact information after the meeting.

GSR 3: Would like to work with GSR from Actioning Recovery Group. FreeConferenceCall has an option to do video-conferencing as well as screen sharing. This would allow more of a seamless flow since we currently are on FreeConferenceCall.com.

GSR 4: She is on the Literature Committee. She would be happy to discuss with GSR from Actioning Recovery Group his idea.

GSR 5 – In favor of Zoom for WSC. He thinks it works well.

GSR 6 – Her meeting uses FreeConferenceCall.com Video, and it's not very good quality.