

Minutes for GSR Committee Meeting (Approved)

August 23, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00 pm ET, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm 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 B

Spiritual Timekeeper, Leanne

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

Reading of UA 12 Traditions - Michele

Roll Call

GSRs (Including GSR Alternates) Present: 30

Name of GSR or GSR Alternate	Group Represented
1. Anita W (NJ)	Out of the Cave, Jersey City, NJ (F2F) Tuesday, 6:30 pm ET
2. Arden V. (CA) GSR Chair	Beyond 6 Figures Meeting (Phone), Wednesday, 8 pm ET
3. Chuck M (CA)	First Presbyterian Church (Library Room), Santa Monica, Fri, 6 pm PT and Saturday, 9 am PT
4. Christine	Beginners Meeting (Phone), Saturday, 11 am PT
5. Debora G. (LA, CA) GSR Interim Co-Chair	Evening Step & Speaker (Phone), Tu & F 8:30 pm ET; Wed 9:30 pm
6. Denise (PA)	Thriving Therapists Meeting,(Phone) Thursday, 8:30 am ET
7. Esther H. GSR Alternate	Sunday Night Video Community Meeting (Zoom), 6:30 pm ET
8. Jahara (CA)	Beginners Meeting (Phone), Sun, 11 am. ET
9. Janine (CA)	9:45 am Daily Step and Tools (Phone), Daily
10. Jeff N. (NY) GSR Treasurer	NYC UA (F2F), Sun, 11 am ET
11. Jennifer (MA)	Amherst Steps to Prosperity (F2F), Mon, 5:30 pm ET
12. Jessica (NY)	Business UA Visions in Action (Phone), Fri, 12:15 pm ET
13. John N. (AZ) GSR Webmaster	Basic Recovery (Phone), Sunday, 9:45 AM ET
14. Leanne (CO)	Step and Tools Meeting, (Phone) Daily, 8:30 am
15. Libby L.(CA)	Sherman Oaks Prosperity Meeting, (F2F) Wednesday, 7 pm PT
16. Linda A. (IL)	Prosperous Travel Vision (Phone) Sat 12:15 pm/Mon 4:15 pm ET
17. Mahdyie (Iran)	GSR for Iran Intergroup
18. Michele M (MI)	Last Gaspers (Phone), Mon – Fri, 7:15 AM ET

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| 19. Peter (UK)
GSR Alternate,
Temporary | UK Intergroup |
| 20. Quin B (CA)
GSRC Vice-Chair | Fresno Friday Freedom and Prosperity Meeting (F2F), Fri, 7 pm |
| 21. Rick (NY) | Prosperity in Our Relationships (Phone), Sun, 8:30 pm ET |
| 22. Rita (CA) | Early Bird Turning Point, Silverlake (F2F/Zoom), Sunday, 4:30 pm PT |
| 23. Robin (NY) | Healing the Inner Child (Phone), Wed, 7:15 pm ET |
| 24. Seth (NY) | New York Intergroup |
| 25. Shari Lynn (CT) | Prosperous Possession Consciousness (Phone), Sat 1:30 pm/Sun 2 pm ET |
| 26. Stephanie (CT) | 50+ Phone Meeting |
| 27. Stuart (CA) | Actioning Recovery Group (F2F), San Diego, Sat 10:30 am PT. |
| 28. Toni T (CA) | Daily Prosperity & Vitality (Phone), 12:15 am ET |
| 29. Wendy B. (OR) | From Hiding & Biting to Shining & Receiving (Phone), 11pm ET |
| 30. Zeus W. (NY)
GSRC Webmaster | Time for Prosperity Friday evening meeting (F2F), Brooklyn,
6:30 pm ET |

Non-GSR UA Members Present - 1

Clara T, GSB Vice-Chair

I. Reading and Approval of July 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the July 26, 2020 Minutes as emailed to the GSRC as read and corrected.

Proposed by Anita; Seconded by Jessica **Passed by Vote of Acclamation**

II. Welcoming Notes by Arden, GSR Committee Chair:

A warm welcome to all of our GSRs, and others in attendance today. Thank you for being here as we work together toward the completion of our Committee year, to culminate at the World Service Conference.

As specified by our GSRC election protocols and observing the principle of rotation of service, Debora and I will be rotating out of our service positions at the end of the WSC 2020. The Committee will have elections at that time.

If you are interested in running for election for our Committee leadership positions, please review the Qualifications and Duties of the GSRC Chair and Co-Chair Motions that were passed on May 19, 2019. Also, please review the Motion for the position of Vice-Chair, which was passed on June 18, 2017.

We also need to elect a Secretary. If interested, please read the two Motions to Establish the Qualifications and Duties of the Secretary, which were passed on November 24, 2019.

The GSR Committee Motions are also essential reading if you are interested in these positions. The WSC October, 2016 Motion originates the Committee and states the GSRC Mission.

The WSC October, 2018 Motion enumerates the Role and Guidelines of the GSR Committee. The “Motion to Create a New Branch of Committees in UA Called the ‘World Service Conference-Approved Committees’ “ provides additional Guidelines for the GSRC. This important Motion was passed on November 17, 2019 by the WSC 2019.

All these Motions have been included as attachments in the Agenda and Motions email announcement. Eventually, these Motions and our Minutes will be available on our future GSRC website.

The Interim Co-Chair, Debora, and I fulfilled our commitment to deliver on time on July 28th via email to the WSC Planning Committee the GSRC’s Recommended Motion Titles for the WSC 2020 Agenda. Four of these Motion Titles were passed on July 26th; in addition, three other Motion Titles were voted on and passed through a Straw Poll sent to GSRs on July 26th, immediately after our GSRC meeting. We submitted seven Motion Titles from our Committee. All Motion Titles were reflected in the WSC 2020 Topics of Concern Survey responses.

I would like to offer some amends to the Committee for the July 26th meeting being a bit rocky. At the top of the meeting, unbeknownst to me in advance, the recording could not be activated due to lack of storage space. We lost about 15-17 minutes on solving that problem before we could properly begin. For this month, the recording has been resolved.

Secondly, Debora and I had a conference call with our parliamentarian about Robert’s Rules on when new motions can be introduced and subsequently addressed. I had a misunderstanding of the procedures. It is now corrected.

To summarize: a member has the right to bring a Motion at any time for the organization to consider. It goes to the end of the Agenda items. It does not take precedence over the business matters that have already been laid out in the Agenda. If it is an urgent matter on short notice, it is good practice to talk with the Chair in advance about the Motion, so that the Chair can prepare for it, and if necessary, to adjust the Agenda.

My amends to you is that I did not know this, now I do. The way the two Motions happened during the Open Shares in July will not be procedurally allowed again, because it derailed our timing of the planned items to be addressed. The parliamentarian emphasized that members come to a meeting expecting to do the business of the organization as per the Agenda, in the allocated time, and this needs to be respected.

The GSRC Announcement and Agenda emails will specify that new Motions are to be sent in writing a minimum of one week in advance of the Agenda being posted, which now means two full weeks before the GSRC meeting.

Speaking of Motions, henceforth we will put in **bold** the complete text of Motions, to clarify what exactly is in the Motion. Last month, several members expressed feeling confused about what is and what is not in the Motion, my apologies for that as well. This is what I call a “learning expedition!”

In addition, we will work toward having more simplicity and less verbiage in future Motions. Detail is valuable when it is.

As always, with gratitude for being in service, be well, stay well and blessings,

Arden

III. Announcement regarding GSB Meetings. (Read by 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 public meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month, from 9:00 pm to 10:00 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.

Please read the following on your own:

Here is a list of GSB Committees if you want to volunteer:

<u>GSB Committee</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>E-MAIL ADDRESS</u>
Finance Committee	No chair	clarat@uagsb.org
Literature Committee	Joshua	literaturecommittee@uagsb.org
Phone/Tech Committee	Randy, Heidi	uaphonetech@gmail.com
Public Information Committee	No chair	clarat@uagsb.org
Service Structure Committee	Dorota T	dorotat@uagsb.org
Traditions Committee	Clara T	traditionscommittee@uagsb.org

Here is the contact information for the WSC Planning Committee if you want to volunteer:

Non-GSB Committee

WSC Planning Committee Jessica, Chair, Seth, Vice-Chair
uawscservice@gmail.com; and/or WSCPcommittee@underearnersanonymous.org

IV. Reports Given by: Co-Webmasters, Treasurer, and WSC Planning Committee.

See Addenda to Minutes for the Reports.

V. Open Shares about GSR Concerns/Announcements.

See Addenda to Minutes for the Open Shares.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Original Motion: That this Committee transition to any video platform, including FreeConferenceCall.com, as soon as possible to increase functionality of these meetings.**

Proposed by Stuart; seconded by Jessica. Motion result: not voted on

Substituted Motion Amendment: To Migrate the General Service Representative Committee meetings from Free Conference Call Audio to Zoom Video Conferencing Platform; to nominate and elect a Zoom moderator; and to adopt the suggested guidelines for Zoom that are published by New York AA Intergroup.

Background provided in answer to questions: The purpose of the NY AA Intergroup guidelines is to protect anonymity. The cost of Zoom is \$14.99 per month.

Proposed by Stuart; Seconded by Shari Lynn

Substituted Motion by Amendment was passed. In favor: 16; Opposed: 5; Abstentions:5

There were differences of opinion as to whether the original motion still needed to be addressed by the voting body, so Chair and Co-Chair made a decision to consult with a professional parliamentarian on our next steps regarding the Zoom migration. Chair asked if anyone was opposed to consulting with our Parliamentarian. No one was opposed.

From our Parliamentarian to instruct the Chair as Presiding Officer and for future Agendas:

She instructed that the following information be included in the Minutes:

Since the August 'Substituted Motion by Amendment' was passed by the whole Committee, it automatically cancelled the original Motion presented in July about migrating to a video platform.

'Substituted Motions' are rarely used as Amendments. Going forward, when there is a Motion remaining in Unfinished Business, which has been proposed and seconded, and the Motion Maker expresses interest to withdraw it and substitute a new Motion, the best procedure is for the Presiding Officer to call for the Assembly or the Committee to vote on whether they approve to withdraw the original Motion. A vote is then taken.

If the Assembly votes to withdraw it, the Motion is null and void, and no longer an item on the Agenda. The voting result is noted in the Minutes.

The new substituted Motion on the Agenda is then presented, not as an Amendment, but as a new Motion. The Motion process moves forward according to standard Motion procedures, specifically: the Motion is read by the Motion Maker, seconded, there are clarifying questions, pros and cons, and then the vote is taken.

B. Motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes

Proposed by Wendy (Oregon); seconded by: Debora and Anita

Motion was not passed. In favor: 9; Opposed: 10.

C. Motion to Amend the Voting and Procedural Guidelines for Convocation Sessions at the UA World Service Conference. Postponed from 6/28/20 GSRC meeting. Temporarily withdrawn due to revisions needed. It will be on the 9/27/20 GSRC Meeting Agenda.

D. Motion to Create a GSRC Website Subcommittee. Moved to Agenda for 9/27/20.

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

Motion to close the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Proposed by Zeus; Seconded by Jeff

Passed by Vote of Acclamation

The meeting ended at 3 pm ET / 12:00 pm PT

Greeting of new GSRs / Q & A .

Hosted by Arden, Chair

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

Addenda

I. Reports/Presentations

Due to time constraints, we asked each report presenter to include their email address in their report, so GSRs may send follow-up questions that are not addressed at today's meeting.

Webmasters Report from John N and Zeus W

From John N: Until we have an official GSR Committee website, I've been placing PDFs of all of our agendas, motions and approved minutes into Google drive folders arranged in date order. Except for our meeting in May of 2020, I have all of the approved minutes back to November 2019, and I have most of the Agendas going back to our first meeting on December 18th, 2016. If it meets with the committee's approval, I can add these GSR folders as subfolders within the Google drive folder that I sent by email last week to UA members in my latest newsletter. That way anyone who is on my mailing list can have access to the GSR archives right now. Any GSR committee documents that I am missing, I will request from our committee chairs, past and present.

John's email address: phonemeetings@gmail.com.

From Zeus: I sincerely apologize to the General Service Representative Committee leader body for my sloppy attitude. I neither conversed with, nor contacted my Co-Webmaster, John, nor took any actions in my Co-webmaster accountability from July 1 until now. It won't happen again.

Zeus's email address: zeusstyle8@gmail.com

Question from Janine: Is her Group able to put Step and Tools 9:45 am meeting minutes in a folder on the GSRC website?

Zeus: Each group can put their information on their own GoogleDrive, which can be linked to the UA Website. A GSB Phone & Tech Committee representative can explain how to do that. Zeus can provide contact information for that representative.

Treasurer Report from Jeff N:

This month we took in \$11.00, not including an anonymous in-kind contribution directly paid to FreeConferenceCall.com in the amount of \$3.00 for our recording space fees. Our total balance in our PayPal account is \$37.22. Our treasury is now open to collect funds to pay for our expenses. We are no longer in test mode.

Our PayPal account is uagsrctreasury@gmail.com

Email questions to: uagsrctreasury@gmail.com. I check this once or twice a week. You can also contact me on my personal email account which is on the GSRC Contact List.

GSR WSC Fundraising Information Subcommittee (FISC) (No report for this meeting). Email questions to: gsrccommittee4ua@gmail.com

WSC Planning Committee (WSCPC) Report from Jessica, Chair

Our last WSCPC Meeting was held on Sunday, August 2nd from 1:30-2:30 PM with 10 people present on the call. Since that meeting, we have had 3 working group meetings with 3-5 people present, to continue the work of that last monthly meeting. The goal of our work this month has been to assemble a realistic schedule for a virtual conference. The end goal is to incorporate the Topics of Concern results into a more concrete agenda for the Conference. We used the experience of the UA 2018 World Service Conference, as well as the model of the DA 2020 virtual WSC, along with data from our 2019 WSC phone conference (because we have the actual timing on presentation of motions, clarifying questions, amendments...) The goal of the committee was to have as close to a face-to-face conference as possible in spite of the limitations of a virtual conference. That means that we balance recovery time, fellowship time and work time, to avoid exertion exhaustion. While at the conclusion of our meeting on August 2nd we had a targeted breakdown of the conference time as roughly equal to the face-to-face conference of 2018 and the DA virtual conference of 2020, we have pared it down significantly to match the hours reflected in the survey you all responded to.

These are:

- 12 hours of convocation time including 2.5-3.5 hours of administrative work and motions, which cannot be avoided.
- 2.5 hours for presentations by committees and Q&A
- 3.25 hours of committee meeting times
- 1.5-2.5 hours of fellowship
- 4.25 -6.5 hours of recovery time
- 4.0 -4.5 hours of breaks (for meals or simply a break from the screen).

This brings us to the survey results. Thank you so much for your votes. There was a clear majority voting for the 4 day option, with 55% as opposed to 31% for the 3 day option and 10% open to either option. Of the comments that people left, there was an underlying concern of having overly long days starting in the early morning or extending into late night in other parts of the world.

I encourage anyone who is interested in participating to join our committee meetings the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm ET.

Email questions to: uawscservice@gmail.com.

Question from Arden: What are the dates of the WSC 2020?

Jessica: We are looking at October 15 – 18th, the original dates of the WSC 2020. The option of a second weekend is not being considered.

II. Open Shares about GSR Concerns/Announcements.

Introduction (Read by Chair):

Please review our Standing Rules for the GSRC. Communicate with kindness and respect. Refrain from cross-talk and criticism, and instead please make constructive suggestions.

Shares are 2 minutes per person. Responses act as 2 minute shares. Announcements are 1 minute in length, and should include event contact information.

Everyone is invited to stay after the meeting closes to welcome new GSRs and to discuss other GSR concerns, using the guidelines above.

If you have something else to discuss, please email us at:

gsrcommittee4ua@gmail.com. We will respond as soon as possible.

Open Shares:

GSR 1: (1) Will the WSC 2020 work product be available on a Google Drive so we can access them in real time? (2) She would like to see a policy that all amendments be done in writing – submitted to the committees if possible, or at least to the WSC Convocation Chair. Last year at the WSC people were formulating amendments off the cuff without prior thought.

Jessica: Thank you for that. One of the things that we have tried to include is to have a decent amount of Committee time - to hammer out the amendments before they hit the Convocation. I'm not sure if we need to add this to the voting rules and guidelines of the Conference. I'm hoping that we will have limited amendments on the Convocation floor.

GSR 2: My group and other members of UA continue to ask me what is the cost for registration for GSRs for the WSC?

Jessica – Will know by the end of the next WSC PC meeting.

Arden: What Platform has been selected?

Jessica: Zoom has been selected.