

Minutes for GSR Committee Meeting (Approved)

September 27, 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 – Quin

Roll Call – 36 GSRs

1. Arden V. (CA), Beyond 6 Figures (Phone), Wednesday, 8 pm ET, GSRC Chair
2. Andy (Australia), Southern Hemisphere Daily (Phone), 5 am ET
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), 1st Presbyterian, (F2F) Santa Monica, Fri 6 pm & Sat 9 am PT
6. Debora G. (CA), Evening Step & Speaker (Phone), Tu & F 8:30 pm; Wed 9:30 pm ET, GSRC Interim Co-Chair
7. Denise (PA), Thriving Therapists (Phone), Thursday 8:30 am. ET
8. Denyse (CA), Selling with Serenity (Phone), M-F, 11 am ET
9. Esther, GSR Alternate, Sunday Night Video Community Mtg (Zoom), 6:30 pm ET
10. Jahara (CA), Beginners Meeting (Phone), Sun, 11 am. ET
11. George G (TN), From Hiding and Biting to Shining and Receiving (Phone) M-F, 1:30 pm ET
12. Greta (Louisiana), UA Artists Meeting (Phone); Sat and Sun 5:00 pm ET
13. Jahara (CA) Beginners Meeting (Phone), Sun, 11 am. ET
14. Janine (CA), 9:45 am ET Step and Tools Meeting, Daily (Phone)
15. Jeff N (NY), NYC UA (F2F), Sun, 11 am ET, GSRC Treasurer
16. John N (AZ), Basic Recovery (Phone), Sunday, 9:45 AM ET
17. Jessica (NY), BUA Visions in Action (Phone), Fri, 12:15 pm ET, WSC PC Chair
18. Leanne (CO), Step and Tools Meeting, Daily, (Phone) 8:30 am
19. Libby (CA), Sherman Oaks Prosperity Meeting (F2F/Zoom), Wed, 7 pm PT
20. Lydia (CT), Selling with Serenity (Phone), Daily, M-F, 6 am
21. Mahdyie (Iran), Iran Intergroup
22. Mark B (NY), Symptoms and Solutions Speaker (Phone) Thursday. 10 am ET
23. Michele (MI), Last Gaspers (Phone), Mon – Fri, 7:15 AM ET
24. Moira (VA), Beyond 6 Figures (Phone) Mon and Fri, 7 AM ET
25. Peter (UK), Acting GSR for the UK Intergroup
26. Quin (CA), Fresno Friday Freedom/Prosperity (F2F), Fri, 7 pm PT; GSRC V-C
27. Rebecca (CO), Heartfelt Prosperity Step and Tools (Phone), Daily, 8:30 am ET
28. Rick (NY), Prosperity in Our Relationships (Phone), Sun, 8:30 pm ET
29. Rita (CA), Early Bird Turning Point, Silverlake (F2F/Zoom), Sunday, 4:30 pm PT
30. Seth (NY), New York Intergroup; WSC PC Vice-Chair
31. Shari Lynn (CT), Prosperous Possession Consciousness (Phone), Sat 1:30 pm/Sun 2 pm ET
32. Stuart (CA), Actioning Recovery Group (F2F), San Diego, Sat 10:30 am PT.
33. Stefanie (CT), GSR for 50+ (Phone), Thursday, 8 pm ET

34. Toni T. (CA), Daily Prosperity & Vitality (Phone), 12:15 am ET
35. Wendy (OR), From Hiding and Biting to Shining and Receiving (Phone), Daily, 11 pm ET
36. Zeus W. (NY), I Can See Clearly Now Visions Meeting (Phone) Mon., 7:00 am ET, GSRC Co-Webmaster

Non-GSR UA Members - 0

I. Reading and Approval of August 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the August 23, 2020 Minutes as emailed to the GSRC, read, and corrected.

Proposed by Denyse from SF; Seconded by Leanne

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 in October.

As I mentioned last month, Debora and I will be completing our terms of service at the end of the WSC 2020. As the current Motion states for GSRC elections, it is mandated that our Chair is nominated and elected at the WSC itself. We hope to amend this Motion at the upcoming WSC, so that the Chair and Co-Chair positions can be filled at other times in the year.

If you are interested in serving as GSRC Chair, Co-Chair or Vice-Chair, please review the Motions on the Qualifications and Duties of the GSRC Chair and Co-Chair that were passed on May 19, 2019. Please also review the Motion for the position of Vice-Chair, that was passed on June 18, 2017, which established the duties of the Vice-Chair.

In addition, the Committee needs to elect a Secretary. Debora has been the temporary secretary for over a year. If you are 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 essential reading, which describe the responsibilities of the Committee itself, as a World Service Conference-Approved Committee. Attached to this Agenda email you will find all the necessary Motions. Eventually, these Motions and our Minutes will be available on our future GSRC website.

The Interim Co-Chair, Debora, and I would like to shed some perspective on why it is so important that all GSRs be entitled to suggest Topics of Concern to our Groups, like any other Group members, to be considered at the World Service Conference. I'm bringing this up because there was controversy about whether it was appropriate for leaders of this committee to make suggestions to groups.

This Committee was founded at the WSC 2016, because the GSB was not responding to members and GSRs. Many felt invisible and discounted by the Board. UA needed a GSR

Committee to gather the feedback from the GSRs and their Groups; to draft, discuss and vote on Motions; and then present the passed Motions to the GSB and the World Service Conference.

The Committee's first meeting was held on December 18, 2016, with Mark B as the first Chair. (Mark served as Chair until the end of the WSC 2018, when he was elected as Trustee, and he now back as a GSR in our Committee.) Debora and I have participated in the GSR Committee as GSRs since the beginning of 2017. We have worked hard to establish the freedom of this Committee to represent individual GSRs and their Groups, and to act as a liaison between the Fellowship, the WSC Planning Committee and the General Service Board (GSB.)

To have other outside leaders and even some members of this Committee tell us, and we are GSRs, that we cannot make suggestions to Groups to be discussed and then voted on by the Groups feels like an attempt to disempower and invalidate GSRs, the same attitude that was present in UA only a few years ago.

This silencing of any GSRs in our opinion is contrary to Tradition Two, which states, "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as is expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern." Having an informed Group Conscience means allowing GSRs to speak.

Leadership includes the option to make suggestions for a direction to take, for the highest good of all concerned. Leadership includes having a vision of what is possible and suggesting it. Our intention has always been to represent and respect democratic values that are stated in Tradition Two.

The many Motions that this Committee has considered, discussed, and voted on have been oriented toward developing strength in the structure of UA, our Groups and this Committee. The rules and procedures used to discuss and vote on these Motions were in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and UA's Tradition Two. We have worked diligently to help create clear guidelines to function at an optimal level as a Group of volunteers.

We just wanted to set the record right as we move to complete our terms of service. As always, with gratitude for serving as your Chair, please be well, stay well and blessings,

Arden

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 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.

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.

There was no time for open shares.

VI. Unfinished Business

(The Motion below was postponed in June 2020 by Motion proposed by Jessica, seconded by Seth, passed by acclamation, and carried over to this Agenda.)

A. Motion to Amend the Voting and Procedural Guidelines for Convocation Sessions at the UA World Service Conference.

(This Motion is Recommended for Final Approval at the WSC 2020 Convocation.)

Proposed by Debora; Seconded by Janine and Chuck

Motion Passed. In favor: 25; Opposed: 7; Abstentions: 3

The Voting and Procedural Guidelines for Convocation Sessions at the UA World Service Conference are hereby amended to add the following guidelines:

11. Members are encouraged to be guided by their Higher Power in their discussion. Any voting member of the Convocation may call for a “Serenity Moment” which consists of one minute of silence. It is recommended that the Serenity Moment only be used when there is substantial discord.

12. Timed electronic voting of five minutes in length is an approved alternative for voting during the Convocation, provided that:

- (a) It is proven to be accurate and reliable through tests conducted in advance by the UA WSC Planning Committee, GSR Committee and/or GSB Phone & Tech Committee;**
- (b) It is instantaneous, so the results can be announced immediately after the motion has been discussed and voted on; and**
- (c) For voting members who cannot vote electronically, their votes will be counted by voice and name.**

13. These Voting and Procedural Guidelines are to be read at the opening of the first Convocation of each World Service Conference and are to be distributed in writing to the voting members.

Rationale for the Serenity Moment Guidelines: The Serenity Moment was used successfully at the UA WSC 2018, and these guidelines reflect the procedures used at the WSC 2018.

Rationale for Electronic Voting Guidelines: Our parliamentarian said that it is essential that we have electronic voting procedures approved by the Convocation before any electronic voting is conducted at the Convocation. She also informed the WSC PC Chair, the Chair and Co-Chair of

the GSRC that any Motions to be voted on by the Convocation need to be prepared, discussed and resolved during Committee work sessions before bringing them to the Voting Body.

She said that the Motions brought to the Assembly should be well drafted by their presenting Committees in advance of being presented, and are assumed to be ready for final approval. Typically, very little discussion is required by the Assembly, and voting happens quickly.

The WSC Agenda has set the first Convocation session ahead of the GSR Committee session and work time. Thus, it is important that our Committee discuss and vote on these Guidelines prior to the WSC.

VII. New Business

A. Motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes.

Proposed by Denyse; Seconded by Robin

Motion passed. In favor: 14; Opposed: 7; Abstentions: 4

B. Motion to meet on October 11 at 1:30 PM ET / 10:30 AM PT (for 60 to 90 minutes meeting)

Rationale: We need to address time-sensitive business such as protocols at the World Service Conference and our Action Items for Nov 2020 - Oct 2021

Motion Passed. In favor: 14; Opposed: 4

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

Proposed by Jeff; seconded by Zeus

Passed by Vote by acclamation

Meeting ended at 3:14 pm ET / 12:14 pm PT

Greeting of new GSRs / Q & A.

Hosted by Arden, GSRC 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: I updated the chart we created indicating the prices. Blue Host, and another plan recommended by Zeus are included. I have also learned that although a free domain is given for the first year, we will need to pay for subsequent years (\$15.99 to \$17.99 per year). If we go with an outside registrar, we can save money. I recommend going with the Basic Plan for Hosting. 50 GB will give 100 pages of text. This would be enough space for us if we put links to our meeting minutes to our GSR Committee drive.

From Zeus: I just wanted to add that we should include malware repair, and that would run us a lot more in costs. For GoDaddy, that would mean hosting would be \$215.99 annually, which renews at \$19.99 a month.

For HostPappa, the hosting plan would include a security certificate and back-up of the website. I think we would need to purchase additional plugins if we want to include donations. If we have a link to the Treasury on our Website, we will need a security encryption to ensure the privacy and security of the members of this body or anyone who has the intention to donate online to the GSRC.

Email questions to: phonemeetings@gmail.com. and zeusstyle8@gmail.com

Treasurer Report from Jeff N: The balance in our account is \$37.22. No new contributions have been received since his last report in August. Two members brought up a point to ask groups to donate to the GSR Committee.

To donate: uagsrctreasury@gmail.com

Arden: Confirmed that if anyone wants to contribute funds toward a particular allocation (e.g. website or Zoom) they may notate that in their donation via PayPal.

Email questions to: uagsrctreasury@gmail.com

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 committee has been focused on the final leg of preparing for the conference. Since our last meeting, we have:

- Established our zoom webinar for the conference
- Created and made live the registration form
- Created a draft for the website for all conference materials
- Been meeting with our Registration, hospitality, communications and tech subcommittees and working groups.

Registration is open. You all should have received an invite with a link to register.

As far as I know the WSC 2020 registration has not been updated on the UA Website. (The link is to an older version of the WSC which was the face-to-face conference.) As soon as that happens, there will also be a link added which will have all conference materials including:

- Opportunities for service needed for the conference
- Links to sign up for
 - the talent show
 - The visual art show
- Motions that will be presented
- Literature from the Literature Committee
- Schedules

I suspect that there may be questions and I'd like to reserve time for that.

Question from Arden and Denyse (from CA): How is the financial part of the registration being handled?

Response from Jessica: As soon as you complete the registration form, it will take you to the Zoom registration portal. You can forward to your Group's Treasurer the form you received, if you would like. Or you can pay from your own PayPal account, and get reimbursed from your Group's Treasurer.

Question from Shari Lynn: Can you clarify what portions of the conference can members-at-large attend. Also, can members-at-large get access to the Motions?

Response from Jessica: Members-at-large can pay for the whole conference (\$50.00) or just for the fellowship parts (\$5.00). Members-at-large can review the motions once they are live on the WSC Website.

Question from Robin: Is the whole event \$50.00 or \$55.00?

Response from Jessica: It is \$50.00.

Question from Chuck: If someone pays the \$50.00 and they are a member-at-large, will they not be able to share or vote?

Response from Jessica: Members-at-large will not be able to speak or share during the Convocations. They may be able to speak or vote at the committee sessions. It depends on the rules of the committee they will be attending.