

MINUTES FOR GSR COMMITTEE MEETING

September 22, 2019, 1:30 pm ET – 3:00 pm ET

The dial-in information is: 605-313-4400 / Access code 645104#
GSR Committee email address: gsrcommittee4UA@gmail.com

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

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Reading of 12 Traditions – Graciela (San Diego)

Reading of Suggested Duties and Qualifications of the UA GSRs – Rich (LA)

(Motion passed December, 2017 by the GSR Committee)

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Timekeeper- Zeus (NY)

Roll Call – 17 GSRs

GSRs from Face-to-Face Meetings

Rich (LA), Artists in Prosperity meeting, in Los Angeles, Tues., 6:15-7:15 pm

Rita (LA), Early Bird Turning Point, Silverlake, CA, Sunday, 4:30 pm PT

Toni (NY), Farmers Market, Los Angeles, Sat, 11 am PT

Zeus (NY), Time for Prosperity Friday evening meeting, Brooklyn, 6:30 pm ET

GSRs from Phone Meetings

Toni (N. Cal), Daily Prosperity & Vitality, 12:15 am ET

Jessica (Upstate NY), Business UA Visions in Action, Fri, 12:15 pm ET
Wendy (Oregon), From Hiding & Biting to Shining & Receiving, 11pm ET
Marshall (Vancouver), Healing the Inner Child, Wed, 7:15 pm ET

Moein (Iran), GSR from Iran Regional Council
Janine (CA), 9:45 am ET Step and Tools Meetings, Mon – Sat
Amin, (Iran), GSR from Iran Regional Council
Michael (Maine), Underearning & Solvency Meeting (Phone) Daily, 7:15 AM ET
Graciela (San Diego, CA), Selling with Serenity 6 am ET
Arden (Berkeley, CA), Beyond 6 Figures Meeting, Wednesday, 8 pm ET
Debora (LA), Evening Step & Speaker Meeting, Tu & F 8:30 pm ET; Wed 9:30 pm ET
George (Chicago), From Hiding & Biting to Shining & Receiving, M–F, 1:30 pm ET
Shari Lynn (CT), Possession Consciousness, Sat 1:30 pm/Sun 2 pm ET

Non-GSR UA Members

None were present

I. Reading and Approval of August 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the August 25, 2019 Minutes as emailed and read.

Proposed by Graciela; Seconded by Jessica

Motion Passed: By Vote of Acclamation

II. Welcoming notes by Arden, GSR Committee Interim Chair

I'm encouraged to have conversations with people by phone or via email regarding GSR issues. The issue of whether to have an extra GSR Committee meeting in October to prepare for the WSC convocation is not clear yet. I want to welcome everyone here, and I appreciate all emails sent to me. Keep communicating – it's all very wonderful.

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.

IV. Old Business

1. Population of GSR Committee Subcommittees.

GSR WSC Fundraising Information Subcommittee

Janine, Graciela, Arden and George (Chicago) will be members of this subcommittee.

V. New Business

1. Motion to Recommend to the UA GSB that the Minutes of the WSC 2018 and WSC 2019 Convocations be Posted on the UA Website

Proposed by: Debora; Seconded by: Toni (N. California)

Unanimously Passed. In favor: 13; Opposed: 0

2. Motion to Recommend to the WSC Planning Committee and the GSB that the Following Three Motions are Placed on the WSC 2019 Agenda. The Motions' Titles Are as Follows :

Proposed by: Debora; Seconded by: Graciela

Motion Passed. In favor: 12; Opposed: 2

(1) Motion to Create a New Branch of Committees in UA Called the "World Service Conference-Approved Committees" and Guidelines for These Committees.

(2) Motion to Establish the WSC Planning Committee as a World Service Conference-Approved Committee and Its Duties and Guidelines.

(3) 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.

Background Information: Motions (1) and (3) were passed by the WSC Planning Committee and affirmed by the GSR Committee in 2019 and are currently being taken by the GSRs back to the UA groups for feedback. Motion # 2 was passed by the WSC Planning Committee in 2019 and is currently being taken by the GSRs back to the UA groups for feedback.

3. 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.

Proposed by: Debora; Seconded by Graciela

Motion to table until next month.

Proposed by Shari Lynn. Seconded by George (Chicago). Tabled by decision of Chair.

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

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Background Information: GSRs are Group Service Representatives of UA Groups and Intergroups; each Intergroup may have one GSR. Each group may have one GSR. Note that this motion was passed December, 2017 by the GSR Committee, after taking the motion back to our groups.

Important questions that came up during discussion:

1. Can an Intergroup Rep vote at the WSC?
2. How many intergroups does UA have?
3. Can a GSR represent more than one group?
4. If a GSR needs to represent more than one group and the groups represented disagree on a motion, does the GSR vote their conscience or refrain from voting on the motion at the WSC?
5. How do we address the needs of countries such as Iran where many groups do not have representatives who speak English?

Motion to extend meeting until 10 minutes after the hour.

Proposed by: Jessica; Seconded by George

Motion passed: by Vote of Acclamation.

4. Motion to Create a UA GSR Committee Website Page.

Tabled by decision of Chair.

Arden was hoping to establish a subcommittee to create the website.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting and Serenity Prayer.

Proposed by: Rich (LA); Seconded by Jessica (Upstate NY)

Motion passed: By vote of Acclamation.

Turned off recording.

IX. Greeting of new GSRs / Q & A

There was discussion regarding how GSRs are to bring their groups' concerns to the GSR Committee.

Addenda
Committee Reports

GSR WSC Fundraising Information Subcommittee

(Arden) We created this subcommittee last month. We will bring up populating this committee under old business.

Meeting Support Subcommittee

(Arden) This meeting has been in repose for a while. There is no one to report today for this subcommittee.

Service Structure Development Subcommittee

(Arden) This meeting has been in repose for a while. There is no one to report today for this subcommittee.

Unity-Building Subcommittee

There is no one to report today for this subcommittee.

GSB Phone/Tech Committee (PTC) (Wendy, Oregon)

Motion passed that the PTC should review for comment via email the PTC subcommittee recommendations for security protocol for the WSC 2019.

Use of editor tool was discussed. Guidelines are suggested only, due to the 4th Tradition. The committee voted to recommend not using the editor tool to put names on the dashboard due to concern about the 12th Tradition.

Motion passed to create a subcommittee to delineate what happens when names do appear on the dashboard due to the way members access the meeting.

WSC Planning Committee (Jessica, Co-Chair)

Hello all. Jessica here to report on our latest activities.

The WSC Planning Committee met on September 8 and there were 8 committee members present. We accomplished a good amount at the meeting and are continuing our work toward a WSC 2019 targeted for the 17th of November.

For old business, we approved the digital version of the registration form for the World Service Conference 2019 (the paper version was approved last month). This form will be going up on the UA Website shortly for GSRs, Committee Chairs and GSB Trustees to register for the WSC 2019. The form has been created so that the registration process is more efficient and so that we have better security to keep the possibility of disruption to an absolute minimum.

The section on new business began with a message from Debora. She, as many of you know, has been a key member of the WSC Planning Committee leadership for 1 and a half years, first as vice-chair and then as co-chair. Debora announced that she would, after 30 days, be stepping down from her position

as Co-Chair of the committee in order to devote more essential time to her business and personal life. Also, when she accepted the co-chair position in April, she said that she would be taking on the position for 6 months.

Gratitude for her tremendous service to the fellowship was echoed by a number of committee members. We will hold elections as soon as candidates for the co-chair or vice-chair of the committee present themselves. Anyone interested, please contact me!

Next, we brainstormed ideas for the UA Website that could benefit the WSC Planning Committee. The overwhelming theme of the discussion was that there is a need to have space on the UA Website that people access for service opportunities. This could include duties and guidelines for service, time requirements, and text that promotes the value of service (in general and specifically on the WSC Planning Committee).

We also passed a motion to create a digital Topics of Concern Survey on the UA Website for the WSC 2019 per the request of the GSB. It was acknowledged that time is limited but the form would allow groups, who have items they would like to address, the opportunity to bring them to a group conscience and put them forth to be considered by the fellowship as a whole.

I'm also happy to report that the WSC Planning Committee elected Tamara to be our recording secretary for a period of three months!

And, a last note... A gentle reminder that many GSRs haven't yet submitted results for the group votes on the 3 motions already targeted for the WSC 2019, and we are approaching the deadline of October 3. It's a simple form and if you haven't completed discussion and voting on all three motions yet, you can still submit responses indicating how your groups voted on the motions you've already discussed. I will be sending reminders to you all with the link so all you'll have to do is click and fill in the form!

Our meetings are on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM Eastern Time. We would love to have new members. Please contact us at uawscservice@gmail.com. There will be a link on the website to become a WSC Planning Committee member.

Arden thanked Debora and gave heartfelt appreciation for Debora being the Vice-Chair of the WSC Prep Committee for one year and for her strong leadership to create a successful WSC 2018 in Rancho Palos Verdes. She also thanked Debora for her six months of service as Co-Chair in putting together the WSC 2019.

She added, "It's amazing how much needs to be attended to in order to put on a World Service Conference, so everyone here please consider being a member of the WSC Planning Committee as well as the GSR Committee."

Arden thanked Tamara for becoming the WSC Planning Committee Secretary.

Minutes prepared by: Debora (Los Angeles), Temporary Secretary, GSR for the Evening Step and Speaker Phone Meeting