

GSR Committee Report for GSB Meeting 8/26/19

Hi. I'm Arden, Interim Chair of the GSR Committee.

We had a productive meeting yesterday on August 25th, with 21 GSRs and one ISR from Iran, for a total of 22 active participants.

Based on feedback we have received from GSRs and their group members, that they do not have enough time to read, discuss and vote on the three main proposed motions for the WSC 2019 in one business meeting, the GSR-C passed a motion to recommend that the deadline for GSRs to send in responses regarding group voting and discussion on the WSC 2019 Proposed Motions be extended to October 3, 2019.

We sent out a letter to the GSRs yesterday to let them know about the extension date and provide information on how to best address the motions. We are suggesting that the GSRs address, if possible, one motion per business meeting.

We had a straw poll on possible new dates for the WSC 2019, since the groups need more time to vote on the proposed agenda items for the WSC 2019. Both the WSC-PC (World Service Conference Planning Committee) and the GSR-C (GSR Committee) need more time to prepare. We also are waiting for approval from the GSB on a number of key items related to the WSC.

Here are the straw poll results:

On November 17, from approximately 2 pm to 7 pm ET – 16 GSRs could attend.

On November 24, from approximately 2 pm to 7 pm ET - 12 GSRs could attend.

Based on this straw poll, the GSR-C supports the November 17th date as a first choice, and hopes that this date works for the GSB as well, from approximately 2 pm to 7 pm ET.

We passed an important motion to establish a GSR WSC Fundraising Information Subcommittee. Its purpose is to provide GSRs with information on how to gather donations from their groups, set up a Treasury and PayPal account, and save money, in order to send their GSRs to the World Service Conference 2020.

Because the GSB mandated at the October, 2018 WSC that UA will have a WSC 2019, and that groups become self-supporting to pay the costs of their GSRs to attend WSC 2020, it is the intention of the GSR-C to take actions in order to fulfill the guidance coming from the Board.

Sincerely,
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