

Responses to the [Oct 24, 2021 GSB Letter](#)

Sun. Oct 24, 2021, at 4:23 PM

Dear Clara, Rina, Toni and John:

I acknowledge receipt of this email.

I find it inexcusable and disturbing that anyone, who considers themselves a trusted servant of a 12 step fellowship would use such tactics to cause harm and strife to the very fellowship that they claim to be in service to. If anyone has put the reputation and legal non-profit status of UAGSB Inc in jeopardy it is this GSB, by disregarding its own bylaws and the State of NY by operating with only 2 ratified trustees for this entire year. New York State Law requires a minimum of 3 trustees, and the UA Bylaws require a minimum of 4. The damage done to this fellowship as a whole and the newcomer alone by seeing the public conflict and controversy that continues with the letters in red ink on the front page of the UA website cannot be measured, however it may still be possible to reverse.

As a recovering underlearner in this program since 2011, working the steps with a UA sponsor, studying the traditions and concepts and using the many tools of this program, I have overcome time vagueness, divorce, homelessness, become solvent and gained incredible support from my fellows in dealing with a life threatening illness, and the death of both of my parents. Giving service and practicing the principles I am learning by working with others has been immensely uplifting, satisfying and an incredible opportunity to learn how to "play nice with others even when we disagree". It continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve my group, and work with many of the members of the two GSB Committees I participated in for most of this year. I have served on the GSB Literature Committee (before its abrupt transition less turn over of leadership), and the Service Structure Committee, as well as the GSRC and several GSRC working groups. I am appalled and ashamed however by the actions of this GSB. As this is a spiritual program, and as is my practice I will continue to pray for all of you. May G-d bless you and all of UA.

Sincerely,

Shari Lynn K.

GSR Saturday/Sunday phone bridge Prosperous Possession Consciousness Meetings Group

Active UA Member since May 27, 2011 Mon, Oct 25, 2021 at 10:13 AM

Tue, Oct 26, 2021 at 12:05 PM

Dear John, Mark, Arden and Jessica:

I spoke with George the other day after responding to the recent "legal" letter from the GSB. He was in favor of posting public transparent responses to both the red letter on the UA website calling the WSC an outside enterprise side by side with the GSRC carefully thought out and approved response as well as the most recent letter sent to the GSRS, ISRs, etc and very spiritual and well thought out responses such as the one by myself and Graciela below.

Can we please find someplace that is easy to find on the UA GSRC website and the UA WSC 2021 website to post these, and give someplace for GSRS and members of the fellowship who are confused to see some possible ways to respond in a healthy manner to these threatening, disturbing, bullying, shaming actions on the part of this current GSB. I think that to totally ignore this, especially as we have no recourse at present to respond on the UA website, is a form of denial. Let us shine and receive, rather than hiding and biting. And give members who have concerns or questions a place to address them as well. Our fellowship is under attack from within. We are in pain and hurting and we need to acknowledge this and give those who are confused and don't know what to believe a place to air their questions and concerns.

Thank you for your kind consideration and if there is anything I can do, to help make this happen (other than technical as that is not my strength), let me know.

Yours in Service,

Shari Lynn K.

Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 7:25 AM

Yes everyone! There is a page on the uawsc.org website which is titled "Timeline to WSC 2021" located in the footer of each page. It has all of the back and forth letters and I think that perhaps creating a more open and visible space on the uawsc.org website for people to share their experiences around this is very important. Given how much material is on the uawsc.org website I think it would be pretty amazing if there were really visible link on the GSRC website pointing to that page.

And I will once again take an opportunity to express my gratitude for all of you and the fact that none of us is in this alone!

Jessica in upstate NY

Mon, Nov. 1, 2021 10:46 AM

The great importance the Board is placing on the feared legal risks are antithetical to 12 Step principles. The certificate of incorporation has, in terms of the upside down triangle, effectively nothing to do with the fellowship itself. It is a tool that allows the GSB to serve the fellowship as stewards to the fiscal and legal necessities of the fellowship's operations, as DICTATED BY THE FELLOWSHIP. **Their responsibilities are in service TO the Fellowship and recovery first and in service to the corporate entity only insofar as that entity serves the fellowship and recovery.**

The GSB has not shown up in service to the groups or the other service arms of the fellowship and it has not shown up in a spirit of recovery. Indeed **it has withheld the very service which is the sole purpose for which it exists.** It is only for this reason that there is need for other groups to fund the WSC. The WSC has been showing up open to and in dialog with the broadest part of the fellowship. Additionally, it *was* (before becoming part of the GSRC) and the GSRC *is*, a group in service to the whole fellowship. As with all groups, it is autonomous and, according to the Traditions, self supporting through it's own contributions...and, free to share those contributions in service to other fellows.

Jessica in Upstate NY

Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 11:23 PM

Dear GSRs, GSR Alternates, and UA Group Members,

We acknowledge and appreciate the GSB's concern for the integrity of the UA Fellowship, insofar as they have been entrusted to follow certain laws and protocols related to the non-profit corporate identity associated with UA. We feel in good conscience, however, that our actions have not done anything to undermine or endanger the legal standing of our Fellowship.

To the contrary, we have worked in good faith to foster global inclusivity and ensure that our Fellowship's group conscience has the opportunity to be expressed in the manner provided by our Bylaws, which is the World Service Conference. Our efforts to date have been devoted to the empowerment and growth of the Fellowship, building on the structures, work and actions of those who came before us. And just like all the groups and intergroups in UA, we remain autonomous and committed to being self-supporting through our own contributions, in support of the recovery of our members worldwide.

It is with deep and heartfelt pain that we have collectively seen the current Board acting against the Traditions and Concepts of our Fellowship, insofar as they have chosen to act from a model of top-down authority, governing by edict, rather than leading through engagement and open communication. The majority of those who have been working at the World Service level, dedicating their time and energy in service to the growth and advancement of UA, have experienced the GSB as actively undermining their efforts, rather than being a source of support and encouragement.

It is for these reasons that we strongly believe in the need to hold a World Service Conference 2021, in alignment with the Traditions and Concepts of the Fellowship and our "upside triangle" model of service, which puts the group conscience of our Fellowship at the top of the hierarchy. The overwhelming "straw-poll" consensus of the participants who attended the GSRC meeting after the Zoom training on October 30, 2021 was to continue with the planning and execution of the WSC 2021, consistent with the prior vote at our October 10th regular GSRC meeting.

Thank you so much for your service and participation,
George (Tennessee), GSR Committee Chair