

Summary of WSC 2021 for Use as GSR Report

The World Service Conference 2021 took place on November 5-7 and November 13-14. The Conference theme was “Prosperity in Our Global Vision.”

The general consensus of those who attended the five-day UA World Service Conference 2021 was that it was an amazing event.

It was the most productive World Service Conference in UA history in terms of the quantity and scope of the motions passed. This was a result of the committees’ hard work during the last several months in preparing for the World Service Conference. It was also due to the spiritual ambiance created by the prayers said at the beginning of each day’s first work session, as well as the Workshops. This atmosphere facilitated unity, collaboration and negotiation. There were 95 full conference attendees, including 37 members-at-large, 48 GSRs, and 9 GSR Alternates, in addition to 70 volunteers. 74% of the active GSRs attended the World Service Conference, and 90% of the GSR Alternates attended.

Also, this Conference had the highest level of participation from our international members. In fact, two Trustees were elected at the Conference from outside of the United States.

15 substantive motions were passed with substantial unanimity or greater percentages. I will give you now a summary of the most significant motions that were passed.

Without a doubt, the most significant motion passed was the **Motion to Approve the UA World Service Conference Charter**, which is one of the essential foundational service structure documents in a 12-Step Fellowship. The Conference Charter outlines the role and duties of the World Service Conference, and the relationship of the World Service Conference to the UA fellowship, the General Service Board, and the World Service Level Committees. The Conference Charter specifies that because the Conference represents the collective conscience of all of the UA Groups in the world following Tradition Two, the General Service Office and the Board act with the guidance of the Conference.

Important Motions were passed to establish three World Service Conference-Approved Committees: **the WSC Planning Committee, the WSC-Approved Phone & Tech Committee and the WSC-Approved Literature Committee.**

Another motion that passed with far-reaching importance is the **Motion to Establish Requirements and Guidelines to Register a UA Group.** This motion establishes the first comprehensive set of registration guidelines passed by a UA World Service Conference. The new guidelines are designed to streamline the process of registering UA Groups.

The Motion to Approve the UA Phone & Tech Committee as the Webmaster of UA's Website was passed with the purpose of streamlining the process of updating the UA website with much lower costs of maintenance.

Another important motion that had been on the GSR Committee docket since 2017 finally passed at this Conference. It is the **Motion to Approve Suggested Duties and Qualifications of the UA GSRs**.

Two additional motions were passed that established **the WSC Convocation Chair and Vice-Chair Selection Guidelines, as well as Guidelines to Elect Trustees from the Floor of the World Service Conference**. These guidelines serve to open up the process so that these significant positions will be filled democratically. The hope is that UA will never be in a place again where there is an insufficient number of Trustees to constitute a quorum.

There were other noteworthy motions passed at the Conference that were related to UA Literature:

- **Motion to Approve Translating All Conference-Approved UA literature into Farsi, Russian, Ukrainian and Spanish, as requested by the Iranian, Russian, Ukrainian and Spanish Intergroups; and**
- **The Motion to Bundle-Conference-Approve the “Process for Creating New UA Literature” and the “Creating New UA Literature: Style Guide.”**

Last, but not least, the World Service Conference passed a motion to elect new Trustees, since there are still openings for Trustees, and to invite the GSB to mediate, because of the “serious unresolved issues of the GSB’s management in UA, which are impacting members globally and are hindering the ability of the fellowship to recover from underearning and to carry out our fellowship’s primary purpose in Tradition 5: ‘to carry the message to the underearner who still suffers.’ “The motion specifies that if the GSB does not accept the offer of the WSC and WSC-Approved committees to mediate by December 5, 2021, then steps will be taken to reorganize the existing Board. These steps include asking the current Trustees to step down, in conjunction with the six newly elected Trustees serving as the reorganized Board.

This report will be posted by November 28 on the GSR Committee’s website at uagsrc.org. The full version of the motions is located on the uawsc.org website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to text me at _____.

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