

SUMMARY OF THE MOTION TO REORGANIZE THE UA GSB

Motion for GSR or Another Member to Present to Your Group in Support of Motion to Reorganize the GSB :

“Motion to support the GSR Committee’s Motion to Reorganize the UA General Service Board, which will be presented at the Special World Service Conference Convocation on February 12.”

This motion is being presented because the Board has not agreed to mediation with the GSR Committee and the WSC Planning Committee.

SUMMARY OF THE MOTION TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SPECIAL CONVOCATION

The motion to reorganize the GSB does the following:

- Asks the GSB Chair and GSB Treasurer to resign as Officers and Trustees.
- Offers the GSB-elected Trustees Rina R and John A to be considered for ratification at the Special Convocation. Ratifying means approval by the World Service Conference of the GSB’s selected Trustees.
- Elects additional Class A and Class B Trustees to the UA Board. (5 Trustees were elected at the World Service Conference 2021.)
- Elects GSB Officers.
- Installs new Trustees and UA Officers.
- Authorizes the new GSB Chair to send a letter to the GSB asking for resignations and for the Board’s Records.

SUMMARY OF GROUNDS FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD WHICH ARE LISTED IN THE GSR COMMITTEE’S MOTION TO REORGANIZE

The main reason for the Reorganization of the GSB is the Board’s breaches of the Traditions, Concepts for World Service and the Bylaws, as well as the breach of the duty of care regarding finances. This has fragmented UA, and we want to restore unity by installing new Trustees who will abide by the UA Traditions, Concepts for World Service and the Bylaws.

1. The GSB made decisions throughout 2021 without a legal quorum in New York State. The GSB only has two ratified Trustees, and the GSB Bylaws require four trustees for a quorum.
2. The GSB made four serious attempts to shut down the planning of the World Service Conference 2021, and are not recognizing the motions passed and Trustee elections at that Conference. They did not have the authority to cancel the World Service Conference. It was scheduled by the World Service Conference 2020. According to the experience of AA and Al-Anon, an annual World Service Conference is essential for the harmony and survival of 12 Step Fellowships.
3. The GSB did not abide by the 2014 World Service Conference motion for fund allocations, which requires that 30% of the donations go to the World Service Conference Fund and 10% go to the World Service Conference Scholarship Fund. In 12 Step Fellowships, the GSB is supposed to follow all of the motions passed at the World Service Conference.
4. The GSB mismanaged monies from the World Service Conference Fund and WSC scholarship fund. As of November 2021, a total of approximately **\$14,315.00** is missing from the World Service Conference Fund and the WSC Scholarship Fund combined. Two of these financial decisions involving several thousand dollars were made in January and February 2021, when the GSB only had two Trustees, the Chair and the Treasurer, so they did not have a GSB quorum and they did not have authorization from the World Service Conference.

5. The GSB operated with disregard of the UA Traditions 1,2,7, and 9 by engaging in authoritarian and punitive behavior. 11 examples are listed in the motion. The GSB Trustees are legally required by the UA Bylaws to follow the UA Traditions and Concepts for World Service.
6. Without having the authority to do so, the GSB declared the UA GSR Committee to be an outside enterprise from UA, though it was approved as an interdependent, autonomous committee at the World Service Conference 2018. It is the World Service Conference designated Committee for all UA GSRs. Only the World Service Conference has the authority to declare the GSR Committee to be an outside enterprise.
7. The GSB rejected the upside-down triangle model of service in UA, which is the model of service structure in 12-Step Fellowships.
8. The GSB refused to mediate or dialogue with the WSC Planning Committee and the GSR Committee, which are UA conference-approved committees.
9. The current Board has departed from the practice of UA Boards to have its motions voted on publicly. During 2021 the Board only had its motions passed at its private meetings, so the Fellowship has no way of knowing whether the GSB votes have a quorum or substantial unanimity, as required by the UA Bylaws. Also, our Fellowship does not know if they are being apprised of all of the motions being passed by the GSB, because of the secrecy.
10. The GSB has built and maintained an inordinately expensive Website, which lacks sufficient functionality, including that group meeting and event updates take an unreasonable amount of time (sometimes months) and are often incorrect. The website costs from October 2018 through December 2021 were \$19,030.00, with the costs incurred continuing to mount since then. During his term as GSB Trustee, Treasurer and Chair of the GSB Phone and Tech Committee, Randy W, brought this issue to the attention of Webmaster and Vice-Chair, who is now the GSB Chair. She did not follow through on his idea of having more than one bid for the website and web developer.
11. The GSB had no public meetings until 9 months after the 2020 World Service Conference. This is a departure from the previous UA Boards that would have public Board meetings whether or not they had a quorum to vote on business in order to facilitate communication with the Fellowship.
12. The GSB failed in its duty to properly handle updating of meetings and Group registration.
13. The GSB caused material harm to the Fellowship, including to UA's reputation and Mission.