

Agenda and Motions for GSR Committee Meeting
Sunday, April 10, 2022
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm ET

Chair, George G; Co-Chair, Fred A
Secretary, Debora G; Co-Secretary and Zoom Co-Host, David O

UA GSRC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

(Note that the meeting will be recorded to aid in the preparation of accurate minutes)

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Please submit items for the Agenda at least **two weeks prior to the meeting.**

You can email us at: gsrccommittee4ua@gmail.com

GSRC Website: www.uagsrc.org

Complete Free Robert's Rules On-Line Reference: <http://www.rulesonline.com/index.html>

(Note that it's not the most recent version of Robert's Rules)

See our GSRC Standing Rules & Summary of Robert's Rules & Key Motions Passed in
[GSR Committee Service Handbook](#)

Agenda Items

Meeting Opening: (2 minutes)

Please start the recording for accurate Minutes.

Welcome to the **April 10th** GSR Committee Meeting on Zoom.

Our meetings are on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 8, 2022.**

I invite you all to join me in saying the "*Prayer for A Trusted Servant*"

***Higher Power, we ask for your guidance today
as we carry out this work in service to the Fellowship.
Relieve us of the burdens of our egos & perfectionism.
Remind us to place principles before personalities.
Grant us the grace of humor and humility
Give us faith to trust in You and the group conscience.
and...***

***Grant us the serenity
to accept the things we cannot change,
courage to change the things we can,
and wisdom to know the difference.***

Thank you for re-muting.

Zoom HouseKeeping Guidelines (Read by _____) (1 minute)

- The audio recording of today's meeting will only be available to GSRs via email request.
- Although we encourage visibility, you may turn off your video if you aren't comfortable being recorded.
- To be recognized by the Co-Chair, please use the "Raise Hand" feature under "Reactions" or speak up and ask if you may be recognized.
- If you are a GSR or GSR Alternate, please rename yourself with "GSR" or "GSR-A" and your meeting name after your name. To edit your name, click on the 3 dots in the right top corner of your Zoom square, and then on "RENAME"
- For GSRs who call in by phone, we will rename you with your first name and last name initial after you have identified yourself. Please press *6 on your phone to mute or unmute.
- Please mute yourself when you are not speaking and turn off your video when there is distracting motion on your video.
- We ask everyone attending to observe Tradition 12 and refrain from taking screenshots.
- The chat will be closed after approval of the last month's minutes to minimize distractions and cross-talk.

12 Traditions: Do we have a volunteer to read the **12 Traditions** of UA? (2 minutes)

Who would like to volunteer to be timekeeper to time members' shares during the meeting? (1 minute) The Co-Chair will time the sections of the meeting. Member shares are generally 1 to 2 minutes.

I. Roll Call (9 minutes). There is a link to a [Google roll call form](#) in the chat.

- ***For all members attending by video, please click on the link and complete the roll call form. [2 minute pause to complete form]***
- ***For any members attending by phone, press *6 to unmute and please identify yourselves by first name, location and the meeting you represent (if you are a GSR or GSR Alternate)***

[Secretary adds the information into the spreadsheet.]

[Once complete, Co-Chair or Secretary reads the [names we received via the form](#)]

- ***If you did not hear your name called, please unmute and let us know your first name, location, and meeting you represent, if any. Also, if you are new to the GSR Committee, please put in the chat your name and email address.***
- ***Our secretary will confirm the total number of GSRs and GSR Alternates attending this meeting at the second check-in roll call.***

II. Reading and Approval of March 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

- Abbreviated reading of the Meeting Minutes for **March 13, 2022.** (2 min)

(Assumption is that the Minutes were read in the email prior to now.)

- Corrections and approval of **March 13, 2022** GSRC Minutes. (4 minutes)

Motion to approve the **March 13, 2022** Minutes as emailed to the GSRC and read, with no corrections.

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____ Motion result _____

or:

Motion to approve the **March 13, 2022** Minutes as emailed to the GSRC, read, and corrected.

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____ Motion result _____

III. Welcoming Notes and Report by GSR Committee Chair, George, & Co-Chair, Fred

(6 minutes)

Hello everyone, my name is Fred, GSR for the Sunday Beginners Meeting and your Co-Chair for our Committee. On behalf of our Chair, George G and myself, I want to welcome everyone to the meeting.

Would the GSRs and GSR alternates new to our Committee **kindly introduce themselves** now so that we can give you a special welcome? Consider yourself new if you have been to 3 or fewer GSRC meetings. You are all invited to attend a 15 minute **new GSR greeting session** after the conclusion of our meeting, where you can ask any questions you have about our committee or world service.

World Service Highlights. We encourage you all to report to your groups a brief GSR Committee Report. We are posting on the uagsrc.org website a monthly sample report of World Service highlights. I'll read a few excerpts now from our current report:

Status of Mediation With the Standing Board.

"The Standing Board, which has 2 ratified members and 2 non-ratified members, has not agreed to resign from their positions as of this date, despite the **Motion to Reorganize the GSB** that was passed at the Special WSC Convocation on February 12. At their meeting on March 27 the GSB Trustees seemed to indicate they might possibly be open to mediation; the GSB Chair read a statement from a senior attorney at New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) that if this UA dispute went to court the judge would likely recommend that the parties resolve their differences through mediation. Three of the standing Trustees remained non-committal during the Town Hall meeting, and voiced concerns that any mediation be entered into without preconditions. One of the standing Trustees indicated that they were in favor of mediation.

In response to the standing GSB's concern about communicating with us directly, the NYCON attorney told them they could speak to our Committee, the new Trustees and the standing WSC Planning Committee without jeopardizing their non-profit status. This is apparently a reversal of what they were told by a NYCON staff member last October.

As a final note, in their hour-long meeting with the NYCON senior attorney on March 2nd, the GSB were also told [paraphrased]: *I've heard from the other party claiming to be the leadership of UA. NYCON has never been in this position for 95 years that we have been in existence. We cannot figure out who are the elected representatives of UA. We are refunding your membership money until you figure out your leadership. We don't want to take sides.*

Newly-Elected Board Trustees Update. At their meeting on Sunday, March 27, the newly-elected Trustees passed a motion to invite the standing GSB to mediation with a mutually-approved mediator who has experience with 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. A number of members participated in the motions discussion, as well as sharing in the Q & A and shares after that meeting. On March 30th, the Eight Newly-Elected Trustees sent an invitation to the Standing GSB to mediate. The GSB Chair and Vice-Chair each sent an email acknowledging receipt of the invitation to mediate. There has not been any formal acceptance yet, but I will keep you posted.

GSRC Motion Today. The foregoing was given in part to give you some background for a motion on our agenda today to invite the standing GSB to mediate with our GSR Committee in conjunction with the Newly-Elected Trustees.

Suggested Action Items. Last of all, we sent out a letter with a deadline of **March 23rd** asking you to submit up to **five action items** you would like our committee to accomplish in 2022. Eight GSRs sent in their suggested action items. Many of the action items submitted concerned our next steps with the GSB, which we will be discussing today. Our goal is to complete the GSRC World Service Conference 2021 Report at our May meeting, and we will continue discussing the items at that meeting.

IV. Reports and Announcements (16 minutes) We have limited time for reports today, so we invite you to bring any questions you might have to our after-meeting discussion or via email, phone, or the “contact us” form on the GSRC website.

- **Treasurer Report from Arden V, Treasurer** (2 mins total for report) Email questions or make donations via PayPal to: uagsrct@gmail.com
- **Report from GSRC Website Subcommittee and Webmaster from Arden V, Subcommittee Chair** (2 mins total for report). To communicate with Arden or John, go to our Website at uagsrc.org and complete the form under the “contact us” tab.
- **Group Inventory Subcommittee Report from Denise P and David O, Co-Secretaries**, (2 mins) Email questions to: Denise P denisejmswho@gmail.com and David O, tallnychef@mac.com.
- **WSC Planning Committee (WSCPC) Report from Peter, Co-Chair** (4 minutes for report). Please email any questions to: uawscservice@gmail.com.
- **Bylaws, Concepts and Charter Subcommittee Report. Prepared by the subcommittee; read by Debora.** (2 minutes)

- **WSC-Approved Literature Committee Report by Shari Lynn, Vice-Chair.** (2 min). The WSC Literature Committee meets on the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm ET. The next meeting is Sunday, March 20 at 12:00 pm ET. We are looking for a secretary to serve on the committee. If you would like to serve in that position or would like to become a member, email questions to: literature@uagsrc.org
- **WSC-Approved Phone & Tech Committee** report by Randy or another PTC member (2 min). The PTC meets on the first Sunday of each month at Noon ET. If you are interested in becoming a member, please send an email to: uaphonetechcommittee@gmail.com

2nd Roll Call (2 min) - If you came in after our first roll call was taken today, please introduce yourself now. If you're new, and we do not have your email address, please put it into the Chat.

- Our Secretary will now confirm the total number of GSRs at this second roll call.
GSR Count _____ Non-GSR Count _____

[The plan is to be at 2:15 pm ET /11:15 am PT at this time in the meeting. How are we doing?]

V. Old Business

Co-Chair: I'd like to remind everyone here that only GSRs may vote at the GSR Committee meeting, and GSR Alternates may vote if their Group's GSR is not voting. Because of the size of our committee, we unfortunately have to limit shares on motions to GSRs and GSR alternates, who are the voting members present. We ask that you all limit your shares to 1 to 2 minutes and help us stay focused on the topic at hand.

A. Motion to Re-Elect Webmaster. (5 minutes)

Proposed by Arden, on behalf of the GSRC Website Subcommittee; Seconded by _____

Our current Webmaster, John N, has agreed to be re-elected as Webmaster for a one-year term. This is due to the fact that no one has volunteered to cover this position who has the time to handle the Webmaster duties since we announced the position as being available in February.

John has agreed to hold this position if all communication is done in writing, with specificity, and he is given at least two to three days lead time for website updates. The Website Subcommittee voted to approve these requests from John and to support his re-election. John has held this position for two years. It is a good way for him to do service as GSR. Due to his work schedule, he cannot make it to GSRC meetings.

VI. New Business

A. Motion to Amend Motion to Establish a GSR Committee Treasurer and/or Co-Treasurer Position, Qualifications and Duties. (7 minutes)

Read motion, see if there are any clarifying questions, then take one pro and one con.
See if we can pass this motion by vote of acclamation.

(Motion History: The original motion passed on Feb. 23, 2020.)

Proposed by Arden; seconded by _____.

These are the qualifications of the GSRC Treasurer:

- Can serve for a suggested one-year term.
- Consistently attends monthly GSRC meetings.
- Can commit to ~~5-8 hours~~ 2 to 4 hours service per month as GSRC Treasurer.
- Is a GSR.
- Has the suggested qualifications of a GSR as passed and amended by the ~~GSR Committee on October 27, 2019.~~
- Has completed up through UA Step 10 with a UA Sponsor, maintains a 12-Step relationship with their UA Sponsor and/or UA Step Partners who have completed the UA 12 Steps with a UA Sponsor, and actively works the Steps in UA.
- Has solvency for 90 days, (solvency being self-defined) and maintains solvency during term.
- Has adequate computer skills and access to the internet in order to work with PayPal account and other duties.

The duties of the Treasurer or Co-Treasurers will include:

- Set up ~~new~~ PayPal Account linked to ~~a new~~ the GSRC Treasury gmail email.
- Keep accurate records of contributions and expenditures.
- Make payments that have been approved by the GSR Committee.
- Give oral reports at GSR Committee monthly meetings.
- Submit monthly written GSRC Treasury Fund reports to the ~~Secretary Chair~~ to be included in the Minutes. The Report will include the previous month's balance, and total contributions, itemized expenditures, and ending final balance for the month.
- Educate GSRs on how to donate to the GSRC Treasury ~~and UA General Fund.~~
- Use the internet and computer programs to do proper accounting of the GSRC Treasury, and to prepare monthly reports.

B. Election of Treasurer. (12 minutes)

- ★ Nominations. (4 minutes)
- ★ Candidates Statements. (1 to 2 minutes each)

- ★ Place candidates in breakout room.
- ★ Vote and announce the vote count.
- ★ Bring candidates back into the main room and announce the results.

C. Restoring UA Unity: Next Steps Regarding the GSB. (30 minutes)

The following are the proposed next steps regarding the GSB that came in through suggestions from our members. Today we will vote to select one of these possible GSRC action steps for the period of April 10 - May 7, 2022.

Option (1) Spiritually-based Mediation.

Motion to approve sending the GSRC letter to GSB dated April 10, 2022 to the standing GSB Trustees, to invite them to a mediation with representatives of the GSR Committee and the Newly-Elected Trustees, without preconditions, facilitated by a mutually-agreed to mediator, who is experienced with 12 Step programs and is knowledgeable about the Traditions and Concepts for World Service.

Proposed by: Debora; Seconded by _____

Background: Mediation as a suggested next step with the GSB was submitted by four GSRs, Debora G, Essence, Lela P and Monica P. The GSB Trustees have not resigned, despite the **Motion to Reorganize the GSB** that was passed with 96% in favor by the Special Convocation. At the GSB's meeting on March 27, 2022, the GSB Chair read a statement from a senior attorney at New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) that if this UA dispute went to court, the judge would likely recommend that the parties resolve their differences through mediation. Therefore, it seems to make logical sense to not lose money going to court and engage in formal mediation now. The eight newly-elected Trustees sent an invitation to mediate with the GSB on March 30, 2022.

(2) Spiritual Inner Work Only Solutions (i.e. no mediation)

Proposed by _____; Seconded by _____

- A motion is made for the standing GSB and the GSRC to work through the 12 Steps and Traditions of recovery regarding their conflict and division. Further, that no decision impacting UA as a whole be made until this occurs.
- A motion is made that before proceeding further, the individual members of the standing GSB and the GSRC pray, meditate, and do their own inner work.
- A member of a meeting group suggests that what is happening in the standing GSB/GSRC current conflict is a reflection of the conflict in the world around us and within ourselves. A motion is made that the current conflict and division be worked with this perspective in mind.

Background: These motions were submitted by Monica P as suggestions from the members of the group she represents, I can see clearly now visions meeting, Monday, 7 am.

We will now open the meeting to discuss these two options. We will then vote on which option is our next step for the next 30 days.

We will allow 15 minutes of discussion on each option that is proposed and seconded: One 1-minute question is allowed; and one 1-minute response. 5 minutes of friendly-amendments - including offers and responses. Then two 2-minute pros and two 2-minute cons.

VOTING: *You can only vote in favor of **one option** for our action step for this period of April 10 - May 7, 2022.*

I will now put the [Voting Form on the GSR Committee's Next Step re GSB](#) into the chat.

Here is the [voting responses spreadsheet](#).

At 2:57 ET / 11:57 PT -Fred: This is just a reminder that after our meeting today, we will have:

- 15 minute Q&A for new GSRs and GSR Alternates.
- 15 minutes open shares on questions and concerns from others.

We encourage all of you to speak with your UA fellows and ask if they are interested in becoming GSRs or GSR Alternates.

VII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting (2 minutes)

Proposed by _____ ; Seconded by _____; Result: _____

After a moment of silence, please join me in saying the 'We' version of the Serenity Prayer.

End recording and note time of closure for Minutes.

Attachment A (Optional Reading)

Calendar of Upcoming Elections & Motions

May 2022 Meeting:

- Election of Chair. (Survey to be sent in April to GSRs inviting interest in Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary and Co-Secretary Positions.)
- WSC 2021 Report and key action items discussion and approval.
- Motion to Approve the UA GSRC Website Design and Implementation.
- Motion to Amend GSRC Standing Rules regarding Recording Policy, and other items.
- Approval of group inventory format, date and time, and facilitator.

June 2022 Meeting:

- Motion Re GSRC Leadership Autonomy from the GSB, WSC Planning Committee and other World Service Conference-Approved Committees. -Arden, CA
- Motion for GSRC to play a role in UA Regional Forums - Debora
- Motion to create a pamphlet on serving as a GSR that contextualizes the guidelines in individual stories on Experience, Strength and Hope. - Jessica

July 2022 Meeting:

- Election of Co-Chair
- Election of Secretary and Co-Secretary.