

**Agenda and Motions for the GSR Committee Meeting  
Sunday, June 12, 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

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

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

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

**AGENDA**

**Meeting Opening: (2 minutes)**

Please start the recording for accurate Minutes.

Welcome to the **June 12, 2022** GSR Committee Meeting on Zoom.

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

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 10, 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.

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

**Zoom HouseKeeping Guidelines** (Read by \_\_\_\_\_) (2 minutes)

- 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.
- 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 now with your first name, last name initial, "GSR" or "GSR-A" and your meeting 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 after you have identified yourself. Please press \*6 on your phone to mute or unmute. Press \*9 to raise your virtual hand.
- 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 limited to chats to co-hosts after the roll call to minimize distractions and cross-talk.

**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** (6 minutes). It was suggested that we streamline our roll call by using the BlueSky App (used at the WSC 2021 and at our last GSRC meeting) that automates the process which we are trying today. If you have not done so yet, please rename yourself now with your first name, last name initial, your position (i.e. GSR or GSR Alternate, Trustee or Member-at-large) and the meeting you represent if you are a GSR.

- *For any members attending by phone, **press \*6 to unmute and please identify yourselves by first name, last initial, your position in UA, location and the meeting you represent if you are a GSR or GSR Alternate.***
- *Once the app records the list of attendees, the Co-Chair or Secretary will read out loud the list of attendees.*
- *If you did not hear your name called, please unmute and let us know. Also, if you are a new GSR or alternate, please put your email address, name, and group you represent in the chat to Debora or David O.*

**Our dashboard monitor will now change the chat feature so it's limited to chats to the Co-Hosts.**

**II. Reading and Approval of May 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes.** (6 min)

- Abbreviated reading of the Meeting Minutes for **May 15, 2022.** (2 min)  
(Assumption is that the Minutes were read in the email prior to now.)
- Corrections and approval of **May 15, 2022** GSRC Minutes. (4 minutes)

Motion to approve the **May 15, 2022** Minutes as emailed to the GSRC and read, with

no corrections.

*Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Motion result \_\_\_\_\_*

or:

Motion to approve the **May 15, 2022** Minutes as emailed to the GSRC, read, and corrected.

*Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Motion result \_\_\_\_\_*

### **III. Welcoming Notes 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 this is your first or second GSRC meeting. 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](http://uagsrc.org) website a monthly sample report of World Service highlights. I'll read an excerpt now from our current report:

#### **“Updates Regarding the Previous Board.**

The outgoing GSB to date has not been willing to mediate on issues with the GSR Committee or the newly-elected Trustees. The latest development is that on June 5, 2022, the old Board voted one of their members, Rina, off the Board. She was the only GSB member in favor of mediation and resolving the differences between the WSC-Approved Committees and the GSB. As a result of their action, the Board no longer has a quorum according to our GSB Bylaws.

*Background: The outgoing Board, which has 2 ratified members and 1 non-ratified member, 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 with 96% in favor. Nor have they agreed to our latest invitation to mediate sent on April 10, 2022, with a follow-up letter sent on April 25.”*

**GSRC Motion Today.** The foregoing was given in part to give you some background for our Agenda item today on next Steps regarding the previous GSB.

**Streamlining Our GSRC Meetings.** We received several suggestions for streamlining our meetings after our last meeting. Thank you to all for your suggestions. We began trying out the suggestions at our May 2022 meeting and will continue to do so at this meeting and at upcoming meetings, or they will be referred to our Group Inventory Subcommittee for placement on the Group Inventory Survey.

If you have input or feedback that you would like to convey to us, please feel free to reach out to me or George individually, or send an email to [gsrccommittee4ua@gmail.com](mailto:gsrccommittee4ua@gmail.com).

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**IV. Reports and Announcements** (15 minutes) Please make your reports within the time allowed.

- **Treasurer Report from David O, Interim Treasurer** (2 mins total for report)  
Email questions or make donations via PayPal to: [ua4gsrc@gmail.com](mailto:ua4gsrc@gmail.com)
- **Report from GSRC Website Subcommittee and Webmaster by Laurie P, Subcommittee Chair** (2 mins total for report). To communicate with Laurie or John (our Webmaster), go to our Website at [uagsrc.org](http://uagsrc.org) and complete the form under the [GSRC Contact Us Tab](#). Or email Laurie at [laurie@bigheartcoaching.com](mailto:laurie@bigheartcoaching.com) and John from Arizona at [phonemeetings@gmail.com](mailto:phonemeetings@gmail.com).
- **Group Inventory Subcommittee Report from Denise P, Secretary.** (2 mins)  
Email questions to: Denise P [denisejmswho@gmail.com](mailto:denisejmswho@gmail.com).
- **Bylaws, Concepts and Charter Subcommittee Report. Read by Debora.** (2 minutes) Email questions to: [deboraingratitude@gmail.com](mailto:deboraingratitude@gmail.com)
- **WSC Planning Committee (WSCPC) Report from Peter, Co-Chair** (3 minutes for report). Please email any questions to: [uawscservice@gmail.com](mailto:uawscservice@gmail.com).
- **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. If you would like to become a member, complete the form under the [GSRC Contact Us Tab](#).
- **WSC-Approved Phone & Tech Committee** report by 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: [uaphonetech@gmail.com](mailto:uaphonetech@gmail.com)

Thank you all for your reports! Please send them today to Debora and David if you have not already done so.

**2nd Roll Call** (2 min) - If you came in after our first roll call was taken, please introduce yourself now you are a GSR or GSR Alternate. Please tell us your first name, last name initial, your position (i.e. GSR or GSR Alternate, Trustee or Member-at-large) and the meeting you represent. If you're new, and we do not have your email address, please put it into the Chat to Debora or David.

- Our Secretary will now confirm the total number of GSRs here today.  
GSR Count \_\_\_\_\_ Non-GSR Count \_\_\_\_\_

[The plan is to be at about 11:12 am PT by now. 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. Election of International Speaker Coordinator(s) (4 minutes)

#### Qualifications

1. Proficient in an international texting app such as WhatsApp.
2. Is a GSR.
3. Has the suggested qualifications for GSRs that were approved by the WSC 2021.
4. Able to serve a one-year term.

#### Duties:

1. Communicate via text, phone calls and email with UA members from outside of the U.S. who request speakers for their meetings.
  2. Find speakers who have completed the 12 Steps and are willing to speak at a slower pace when necessary and with an interpreter present.
- ★ Nominations. Is there anyone who would like to serve?
  - ★ Co-Chair asks nominees if they have the qualifications and are willing to do the duties outlined in the motion we just passed.
  - ★ Place candidates in breakout-room.
  - ★ Vote and announce the vote count.
  - ★ Bring candidates back into the main room and announce the results.

## VI. New Business

### A. **Motion to approve the virtual WSC 2022 on Zoom being prepared by the WSC Planning Committee.** (15 minutes)

Proposed by Jessica W; seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**Background:** The motion to prepare a virtual WSC 2022 on Zoom was unanimously approved by the WSC Planning Committee. The outgoing Board, which has 2 ratified members and 1 non-ratified member, 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 with 96% in favor. Nor have they agreed to our latest invitation to mediate sent on April 10, 2022. The GSB is charging \$500.00 per person to register for their WSC on Zoom, rather than the usual cost of \$50.00 for our World Service Conferences, and has not invited the GSRC and other WSC-Approved Committees to present motions at their conference, so we need a Conference which will allow us to present our motions in service to the fellowship.

Even if we attend the WSC 2022 prepared by the GSB, it does not confirm that our voice will be honored as binding. See report in VI. C. for additional background.

- B. Vote regarding preferred dates for WSC 2022.** All possibilities include 5 days, with committee and **convocation** sessions taking place between 11 am and 4 pm Eastern Time to better accommodate international time zones. (10 minutes)

Proposed by: Peter M and Nancy P.

Which of these ~~two~~ **three** options can you attend? (~~You will vote for both options if you are available to attend both options.~~)

1. **October 28, 29, 30** (Friday through Sunday); and **November 5 & 6, 2022.** (Saturday and Sunday). Approved by the WSC Planning Committee.
2. **November 4, 5, 6** (Friday through Sunday) and **November 12 & 13, 2022** (Saturday and Sunday). Approved by the WSC Planning Committee.
3. **October 1 & 2 (Saturday and Sunday) and October 7, 8 & 9 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)** (This option was suggested by two GSRs and approved by the WSC Planning Committee Chair after the Agenda was sent out to the GSRs. If the GSR Committee is in favor of this option, it will go to the WSC Planning Committee for approval.)

*Note: The old GSB's WSC will be held on October 21-23.*

After discussion of the options, Fred or Debora will put the [WSC 2022 Dates Voting Form v 2](#) into the chat. You will have 5 minutes to vote.

For those who are unable to vote using the form, we will take your votes by voice.

- C. Next Steps regarding the GSB** (20 minutes)

**Motion to send a survey to the groups to be completed by our next meeting to measure the level of support for the options below.** The survey will ask members to click on which options they are in support of.

**Proposed by Debora; Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_**

**Background/report:** Some of the Newly-Elected Trustees and the officers of the GSR and WSC Planning Committee met with an attorney on June 9th who has 40 years of experience in Non-Profit Corporation law, including several years of service with the New York Attorney General's office. **We took this initiative at the guidance of a UA Service Sponsor, and per the multiple requests of members-at-large and GSRs for clarity on our legal rights.** The attorney reviewed the GSB Bylaws, the UA Certificate of Incorporation, and the summary of facts and then gave us a 45 minute free consultation. **(He told us that his normal billing rate is \$650.00 per hour.)**

The attorney said that the Special Convocation in February 2022 was based on the UA Charter which is a spiritual document, but has no legal effect. Moreover, at the Special Convocation, the WSC voted to ask the GSB Trustees to resign, which they did not do. It was not a removal of Trustees. In order to remove the old GSB Trustees, we need to have a Motion brought to a WSC Convocation per Section 3.7 of the UA Bylaws, which is the section on removal of Trustees..

He outlined three legally-feasible options concerning our next steps regarding the GSB to restore unity and democracy to UA. These are the first three listed options below.

Following are the options that will be listed on the survey:

**1. Continue to recognize the newly-elected Trustees as the legitimate "guardians" or trustees of our Fellowship, along with the other WSC-Approved bodies** (GSRC, World Service Conference Planning Committee, WSC Literature Committee and Phone & Tech Committee), and by extension "boycott" the old GSB and their continued attempts to govern UA. This **may include** ~~includes~~ withdrawing financial support, not attending any old-GSB sponsored meetings and conferences, and putting guidelines in place that limit disruptions on meetings caused by old Board members or their supporters. **This option will include proposing new Bylaw amendments at the WSC 2022 that will protect the fellowship from another GSB taking over control of World Service.** We would take **those actions while being open to the GSB having a change of heart regarding mediation. The old GSB just voted off the Board the only member who was in favor of mediation and resolving the serious issues created by the GSB's "governing."**

**2. Pre-Legal action option: Have a Special WSC Convocation to remove the GSB under Section 3.7 of the UA Bylaws** and appoint and install new **trustees officers.** **This would give the members of the fellowship legal standing in keeping with our spiritual standing provided by the Traditions, Concepts for World Service and Charter. Unlike the February 12 Special Convocation, this is a formal proceeding, and each side would be entitled to have an attorney represent them.** If the motion to remove the GSB Trustees passes, and the old GSB **Trustees do not step down from service as Board members, did and do** not turn over the **GSB and fellowship records and** fiduciary, treasury and website information to the new GSB, our attorney ~~could~~ **would then** send a letter to the GSB. **There will be another survey to the fellowship and then follow it up with legal action** if the Board fails to respond with what is requested in the letter.

**3. Form a new 12 Step & 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts fellowship of underearners in recovery,** incorporating the new WSC Charter and World Service Conference-Approved Committees that have been created over the past 6 years, as well as a General Service Board and GSB Committees. This option will include creating new Bylaws that will protect the fellowship from another GSB taking over control of World Service. If the Groups vote in favor of this option, then a motion to create a new fellowship along with a proposed name, Articles of Incorporation, new

Bylaws and a new Logo will be on the Agenda of the World Service Conference. The logo will **probably** include Unity, Prosperity, Serenity (and Freedom or Service.)

4. **There will be a fourth option listed on the survey, for those to select who prefer to ask the UA World Service bodies (old GSB, GSRC, and **WSC Planning Committee**) to do individual **group** inventories and **then** a collective inventory for all three service bodies.** *Note: the GSRC is already well into the process of designing a group inventory for our Committee; all GSRs are invited to attend our Group Inventory Subcommittee to take part in our efforts; the GSB recently voted down a request for a GSB internal group inventory. So this option is probably not feasible.*

5. For those who may not want any of the above options, **there will be the “none of the above” option.** This will also **allow members** allows them to **write in their own option or idea.**

**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.

**Our dashboard monitor will now change the chat feature so it's not limited.**

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

**VI. 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**

#### **July 2022 Meeting:**

- Election of Chair and Co-Chair.
- Election of Secretary and Co-Secretary.
- Election of Treasurer.
- Approval of spending plan for July 2022 - June 2023.
- Motion to Amend GSRC Standing Rules regarding Recording Policy, and other items.

#### **August 2022 Meeting:**

- Motion to Approve the UA GSRC Website Design and Implementation.
- Approval of group inventory format, date and time, and facilitator.
- 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

#### **April 2023 Meeting:**

- Election of Webmaster.