

Minutes for the GSR Committee Meeting (Approved)

Saturday, April 15, 2023

1:00 pm EDT

The meeting was held on Zoom

Meeting Opened with the “Prayer for A Trusted Servant”

The 12 Traditions were read by a GSR

The Zoom HouseKeeping Guidelines were read by a GSR

The Time Keeper was a GSR

Co-Chairs Dwight F and Fred A

Dwight facilitated the meeting today.

I. Reading and Approval of March 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Read by a GSR - David O

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2023 GSRC Meeting.

Proposed by David H; Seconded by Shari Lynn

Passed by Vote of Acclamation

II. Roll Call

In attendance:

25 GSRs

3 GSR Alternates

2 WSC Elected Trustees

4 Members-at-large

III. Welcoming Notes by GSR Committee Co-Chair, Dwight F.

Hello everyone, my name is **Dwight, GSR for the Tuesday morning Coaches and Consultants Meeting** and your Chair for this meeting. Thank you all for taking time out of your calendar and choosing to show up in service to the Fellowship.

Welcome. To start off I would like to invite any and all GSRs and GSR alternates who are new to our Committee to prosperously **introduce yourselves** by **first name, meeting and location**, so we can give you a special welcome. Consider yourself new if this is your first or second GSRC meeting.

Thank you all for speaking up and for being here today. Please note that everyone is invited to attend a 20-minute **new GSR and member-at-large greeting session** at the end of our meeting, where you can ask any questions you have about our committee or world service, or get feedback on issues your group needs help with.

This past March, the time for many countries moved their clocks forward by an hour, and

my life moved forward in service as a result of our GSR Committee meeting in March. It's truly an honor to have been elected as Co-Chair of the GSR Committee. I know that it involves a substantial commitment of time, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to provide this service to UA and to my Higher Power. I have been in UA since January 2018, and UA has helped me to become the person I was meant to be. Working the Steps with a UA Sponsor and sponsoring others has been key to my recovery, as well as plenty of service. I have enjoyed the UA service positions I held as business chair and moderator of my home group and my current position as GSR. I thank our Co-Chair, Fred, for mentoring me on carrying out the responsibilities of this position. I appreciate you, Fred.

Feedback If you have input or feedback that you would like to convey to us about the GSR Committee, please feel free to reach out to Fred or me individually, or send an email to gsrccommittee4ua@gmail.com

IV. Reports and Announcements.

Please see Addenda at the end of these Minutes for the Reports.

V. New Business

A. Election of Co-Webmasters for one year term

**John N - (self nominated) - Seconded by Debora
Passed by Vote of Acclamation**

**David H - (self nominated) - Seconded by Shari Lynn
Passed by Vote of Acclamation**

B. Vote on the Date of Our GSR Committee Meeting in May, Since it Falls on Mother's Day

Our next GSR Committee meeting will be on **May 13, 2023 at 1pm EDT**

In favor of May 21 at 2 pm EDT: **16**

In favor of May 13 at 1 pm EDT: **20**

In favor of May 14 at 1 pm EDT: **5**

C. Motion to Approve Final Wording of Draft Mediation Petition developed by the GSRC Mediation Petition Working Group.

Our "Motion to Create a Petition for UA members to Sign in Support of Spiritually-Based Mediation Between the UA World Service Bodies Without Preconditions" passed at our February 12th meeting. The Mediation Petition Working Group that formed as a result has worked diligently over the past 2 months to draft this [Petition](#) for our review and approval. Please don't share this outside our committee until we approve it and decide on methods of dissemination.

Upon approval of the petition, the GSRC will delegate to the Working Group the authority to decide how to circulate the petition among the general UA membership to gather signatures.

Proposed by Fred; Seconded by Rick

Friendly Amendment accepted by Fred to add wording in Petition to include Facilitator in #2: "That the mediation be conducted by a trained mediator(s) or facilitator(s)"

14 In favor; 0 opposed; 3 abstentions.

Vote Passed Unanimously.

D. Motion to extend by 15 minutes

Proposed by David at 2:26 pm ET - Seconded by GSR

Passed by Vote of Acclamation

VI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting and close with the Serenity Prayer at 2:43 pm EDT.

Proposed by **David**; Seconded by **Kirk**

Passed by vote of acclamation.

A question and answer session was held after the meeting.

Addenda

1. **Treasurer Report**

Opening Balance March 12, 2023	\$597.36
Transactions	\$000.00
Closing Balance April 15, 2023	\$597.36

Email questions to David O at uagsrct@gmail.com.

The GSR Committee is not accepting donations at this time.

2. **Report from GSRC Website Subcommittee.**

My name is Kirk, I am a Co-Chair of the Website Subcommittee. We are meeting again this week. The website is back up and running, and the subcommittee and webmaster are doing everything to keep it going. If you would like to become a member of the Subcommittee, contact Kirk.

3. **Leadership Training Working Group Report.** Given by a GSR - Debora

The purpose of the Leadership Training Working Group is to plan a workshop or workshop series for trusted servants and members in our fellowship based on UA Traditions, Concepts for World Service, Voting and Procedural Guidelines (passed at the 2018 & 2020 UA WSCs), and Sponsorship and Step 12.

Our working group had its third meeting on March 19, 2023. 14 members attended the meeting, from four different countries.

We opened with the Prayer for a Trusted Servant, and then voted to approve the Minutes from our previous meeting.

The full DA World Service Concept 9 was read out loud by several members. Several members then shared each for 2 minutes on their favorite section or sections. There were two members who also shared on what they felt could be improved in this Concept.

Next, the draft bullet points on **Leadership Training Curriculum were read by a member.** Several Members shared their thoughts and feedback in a round robin discussion on what was presented.

Our next meeting is on April 16, at 2:30 pm Eastern Time. All are welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending our meetings and are not already on our contact list, please put your name and email address in the chat and let me know that you would like to attend the Leadership Training Working Group meeting, or email us at gsrccommittee4ua@gmail.com. It's a great opportunity for people to learn to be leaders as we prepare the workshop.

4. **Mediation Petition Working Group Report.** Given by Fred A.

This is Fred A, GSR from Santa Cruz. Thank you, Dwight, for your service. The Mediation Petition Working Group has been meeting since the GSRC passed a motion in February to have a Petition supporting mediation among the World Service level bodies in UA.

The purpose of the Petition is to ask the World Service level bodies in UA to sit down and mediate over the issues that divide us. There have been other attempts to have a mediation, but this is the first fellowship-wide petition to ask the bodies to sit down and mediate.

We have had six meetings, where we prepared the Petition and cover letter and discussed dates to begin circulating the Petition. I'm happy and proud to say that we have a very good draft petition. You will hear more about it during our meeting today.

5. **GSRC International Speaker Coordinator Announcement.** Given by Dwight.

If you are interested in being a speaker for any of our UA meetings in countries outside of the United States, please contact Olga or Missy. Their contact information will now be put into the chat.

6. **WSC Planning Committee (WSCPC) Report.** Given by the WSC PC Chair.

Our last meeting was on Sunday, April 2nd, 1:30-2:30 PM EDT

The Meeting took place via Zoom

Mission Statement

The World Service Conference Planning Committee's mission is to serve the UA fellowship by creating the space where we gather annually to build and achieve the group conscience which, as the expression of our higher power, is the sole authority for our fellowship. We do this by soliciting the voice of the fellowship through the Topics of Concern Survey; making preparations for the gathering; and serving as hosts for the World Service Conference.

In attendance – 3 WSC Elected Trustees and 6 GSRs for a total of 9 members

Minutes were read and approved with adjustments.

Treasury Report - Current account balance was given along with breakdown of expenses.

UA World Service Conference – 2023:

Motion was presented and passed to Start Topics of Concern, offer dates for World Service Conference 2023 on Zoom and present invitation to the GSRC.

Dates for Conference – October or November.

Discussion of taking the conference outside of the country.

Motion to postpone discussion of dates and funding until the next meeting, as well as invitation to GSRC

Next WSC Planning Committee Meeting – Sunday, May 7th at 1:30 EDT, 10:30 PDT.

7. **WSC-Approved Literature Committee Report.** Given by Shari Lynn

The WSC Literature Committee is continuing to work on all projects, anyone interested in helping by attending committee meetings and/or taking on tasks to support literature such as editing or help with google drive and/or other computer-related tasks please contact Shari Lynn K Vice-chair of WSC literature committee. If you want more literature, join our team. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 pm ET.

Please use the following emails: wsliterature@gmail.com for general questions, uabigbook@gmail.com to contribute to the big book, dailyreaderproject@gmail.com to contribute or work on daily reader. We are working with Chair of Trustees Elect to put up links on the www.weareallua.com website for all literature currently available to the fellowship stating what body approved it and when, as well as make all works currently in progress available for GSRs to have their groups review and let us know how they feel about them.

Shari Lynn K, GSR for Paris English-speaking meeting, Tuesday, 12 noon EDT / 6 PM Paris time, Vice-Chair Literature Committee.

8. **WSC-Elected Trustees Report.** Given by Jessica W (Chair)

Trustees-elect meetings March 13 through April 10, 2023

Since our last report we have had a public meeting and 5 private meetings.

We have continued beginning every other meeting working the concept of the month in a recovery context. The focus of our private meetings has been primarily on the app, duties and guidelines of trustees, and the actions we can take to better serve the fellowship.

Last monday we set our agenda for the next public meeting, which will be next Sunday at 1PM again, the business item on the agenda is voting on applying for the 501c3. We discussed this at the following private meeting and are clear that this is a key action that we need to take to empower the Trustee committees to move forward, principally, through technology - Gmail accounts and drives for each committee as well as access to other resources. We ran out of time at the last public meeting to present and vote on this motion.

While the discussion that happened was very much an exercise in voicing thought and forming group conscience around something that it seems we need to join together in action on, we need to find or build a better venue for these discussions because for the trustees to take significant actions, we need to vote on those actions in our public meetings. We have extended the report time for the upcoming meeting to allow for more Q & A after the reports, and we have committed to one another to keep the meeting on track with the agenda so we can get to the votes on actions that help us all move forward. We are also committed to holding space for conversation after the close of the meeting. If we need to add something beyond our after meeting, we are open to discussing this.

We did spend most of a meeting beginning to outline all of the tasks needed to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees. The starting list is long. Since one of our symptoms is exertion/exhaustion, it is really clear how important it is to have fully functioning board committees and to have a paid trusted servant. We are continuing this exercise as we

move forward and are hoping to have something ready for discussion at our May meeting.

The final top topic at our private meetings has been the APP. We are in beta-testing. There have been two meetings thus far with low attendance. The apps are not yet available on the Google Play Store or Apple Store, but can be downloaded. The app team is working on a tutorial and a powerpoint that can help people access and navigate the app. People interested in participating in the beta testing should be committed to getting on the app regularly to practice using different parts of it, as well as willingness to take notes and suggest changes and improvements as well as issues you encounter. To help with beta testing, please reach out to Denyserecovery2011@gmail.com or uaptc@uawsc.org.

Anyone interested in serving on the UA WSC Elected Trustees should reach out to Trustees@uawsc.org. If you are interested in serving on committees, please go to <https://www.weareallua.org/service-opportunities> and to find out more about what all the different committees do: <https://www.weareallua.org/committees-in-uas-service-structure>