

WSC November 2023 Summary Report

The UA World Service Conference 2023 took place on November 4, 5, 11 & 12. It was hosted by the WSC-Approved Planning Committee. The Conference theme was “Prosperity Through Global Unity & Serenity.” This theme was co-created in 2022 by our Co-Founder, Andrew D, and our WSC Planning Committee. The vision of this powerful theme inspired global participation, unity, collaboration, and serenity, which together served to create a successful Conference.

159 members registered for the Conference, including 50 GSRs, 14 GSR alternates, 6 Trustees and 89 Members-at-large. 14 additional UA members attended the Conference Talent Share. The total number of GSRs and GSR Alternates registered surpassed the World Service Conference 2021. Quorum was met each day, with 6 Trustees and approximately 40 GSRs and voting GSR Alternates attending. **This Conference had a high level of participation from our international members, who attended from [21 countries](#).** In fact, five of our Trustees are from countries outside of the United States.

The success of the World Service Conference was in great part a result of the hard work of our Committees over the past year. It was also due to the serenity, collaboration and unity inspired by the prayers said at the beginning of each day’s work session, skillful facilitating by the Conference Chair and Vice-Chairs, the four speakers who spoke movingly on our theme at the opening of the Convocation, the six prosperous recovery workshops, including UA’s first leadership training, and of course the participation of all the UA members who came together in harmony, service and celebration over the two weekends. (Audio recordings of the workshops are being posted on the uawsc.org website. A list of the workshops is provided at the end of this report.)

Five of our Class A Trustees agreed to an additional term of service, and were ratified by a majority of group representatives present, in accordance with the UA Bylaws and WSC Charter. In addition, three new Class A Trustees were elected from the floor of the Conference, following our WSC Charter. This is the first time that all of the eight Class A UA Trustee positions have been filled. (Class A Trustees are recovering underearners.) We also elected a Class B Trustee from another Twelve Step Fellowship who met the required qualifications. In addition, four of the Class A Trustees who volunteered to serve as officers were ratified in their positions. A list of the new Class A and B Trustees is provided at the end of this summary.

Here is a short summary of the 12 substantive motions passed at the Conference:

- A Motion presented by the Phone & Tech Committee to approve development and publishing of the UA app to the entire fellowship was unanimously approved.
- A Motion to approve the 2024 Allocation Based Budget for the UA Trustees General Fund, with expenditures subject to available funds. (Unanimously passed.)

Five UA Literature motions were passed:

1. **A motion to approve the Artist 8.0 Pamphlet, Service Pamphlet and Vision of Earning Wellness and Wholeness (Card).** (Passed with substantial unanimity.)
2. **A motion to approve Business Marketing and Promoting for Underearners Pamphlet, with minor additional edits to be made by the committee.** (Passed with substantial unanimity.)
3. **Motion to Conference Approve the first 10 stories of a book of stories of recovery from underearning.** (Unanimously passed.) The exact title of the book will be approved at an upcoming World Service Conference. It will be determined with input from the fellowship.
4. **Motion to postpone until the 2024 WSC, or when a special Convocation is called, whichever occurs first, Conference approval of “A guide to Recovery from Underearning for Newcomers and Beginners” with Literature Committee work to be done in the interim.** (Passed with substantial unanimity.)
5. **Motion to postpone the approval of the “From Hiding and Biting to Shining and Receiving Booklet” until the 2024 World Service Conference.** (Passed by majority vote.)

All of this literature will soon be posted on the weareallua.org website.

The WSC-Approved Literature Committee is requesting participation from the Fellowship to complete the last two pieces of literature.

Five Motions presented by the GSR Committee were passed:

1. **A Motion that the World Service Conference Strongly Supports Reconciliation Efforts between the GSB and the WSC Elected Trustees, the GSR Committee and the WSC-Approved Planning Committee, for the Purpose of Unifying UA through a Spiritual Solution.** (Passed with substantial unanimity.)
2. **Motion to approve a first draft of the amended UA Concepts for World Service for use in the fellowship, to be reviewed and voted on by the groups and to receive a final approval at the next World Service Conference.** (Passed with substantial unanimity.)

(Background: The UA World Service Conference has not yet passed a set of Concepts for World Service. This draft of the Concepts was prepared by a joint subcommittee of the GSR Committee and the WSC Elected Trustees, which includes amendments to eight of the UA Concepts for World Service passed by the GSB in 2016. The draft Concepts were passed at the GSR Committee’s session at the World Service Conference and were subsequently passed at the World Service Conference Convocation. The

Convocation is where the full voting body meets to discuss important motions affecting the fellowship.)

3. **Motion to Amend the World Service Conference Charter of Underearners Anonymous.** (Unanimously passed.)

(Background: 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 the UA Groups following Tradition Two, the General Service Office and the Board act with the guidance of the World Service Conference.)

4. **Motion to Amend Requirements and Guidelines to Register a UA Group.** (Unanimously passed.) The amendments were designed to further streamline and clarify the new requirements and guidelines passed at the WSC 2021.

5. **Motion to Amend Voting and Procedural Guidelines for Convocation Sessions at the UA World Service Conference.** (Unanimously passed).

The Conference closed with the Serenity Prayer sung in multiple languages and gratitude shares from many conference attendees.

This report has been approved by the GSR Committee Co-Chairs and Secretary, the WSC Planning Committee Chair and the WSC Literature Committee Chair. It will be posted on the GSR Committee's website at uagsrc.org, the WSC Planning Committee's website at uawsc.org as well as weareallua.org. The final Minutes of the Conference will be available in mid-February 2024.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to be of service and provide this report.

Addendum A

List of Trustees elected:

Jessica W (USA), Trustee, Chair
Rich F (UK), Trustee, Vice-Chair
Seth C (USA), Trustee, Treasurer
Neil R (USA), Trustee, Secretary

Ali H (Iran), Trustee (Class B)
Beatriz R (Spain), Trustee
Denyse J (USA), Trustee
Mehdi W (Iran), Trustee
Ryna P (Ukraine), Trustee

List of Prosperous Recovery Workshops Held at the WSC 2023:

Time Recording: A Spiritual Tool for Recovery
Service Leadership Training
Steps 1, 2 & 3
How We Create & Use Our Visions in Our UA Journey
Sponsorship
Museum States & Prayerfirmations; How They Relate to Working the 12 Steps in UA