

Minutes for the GSR Committee Meeting (Approved)

Sunday, October 29, 2023

1:00 - 2:30 pm EDT

Note that the meeting was held on Zoom. It was recorded to aid in the preparation of accurate minutes

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The meeting opened with all reading together 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!*

Dwight served as Chair/Facilitator of this meeting.

The **12 Traditions** of UA were ready by Seth, Trustee

Zoom HouseKeeping Guidelines were read by Dwight F, GSRC Co-Chair.

Volunteer for Timekeeper: Rich F, GSR

I. Reading and Approval of October 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Abbreviated reading of the Meeting Minutes for **October 8, 2023 by Co-Secretary (David)**.
- **Motion to approve the October 8, 2023 Minutes as emailed to the GSRC and read, with no corrections.**

Proposed by George M; Seconded by Rich F

Passed by vote of acclamation.

II. Roll Call via BlueSky App.

Total attendees present: 35

GSRs present - 24

GSR alternates present -5

Trustees present - 2

Translator - 1

Members-at-large - 3

III. Welcoming Notes by GSR Committee Co-Chair Dwight

Hello everyone, my name is **Dwight F**, GSR for the Spiritual Marketing for Coaches and Consultants Meeting, and your Co-Chair for this meeting, sharing that position with **Fred A**, GSR for the 11 am Sunday Beginners Meeting.

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, your location and group**, 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.

Our focus for this meeting will be on preparing our motions for the World Service Conference. Let's go right to it!

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 me, Fred or Debora, or send an email to gsrccommittee4ua@gmail.com

IV. Reports and Announcements.

We had reports today which are related to the World Service Conference.

- Leadership Training Working Group Report.
- WSC Planning Committee (WSCPC) and Q & A.
- Trustees Report (including Joint Trustees & GSRC Concepts Working Group Progress Report.)

See Addenda for reports.

V. New Business

A. Motion that the World Service Conference supports reconciliation efforts between the GSB and the WSC Elected Trustees, the GSR Committee and the WSC-Approved Planning Committee, for the purpose of reunifying UA through a spiritual solution. We remain committed to working in cooperation with the existing world service leadership to restore unity to UA. We support bringing in mutually-acceptable outside resources and people experienced with the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions to facilitate reunifying our fellowship.

If passed at the GSR Committee's meeting today, this motion will be recommended for the WSC Agenda. It will be inserted after the first motion on the GSR Committee's list of proposed motions. Here is a link to the proposed [revised list of GSR Committee motion titles](#).

Proposed by: Fred (Santa Cruz, CA) and Karin (Toronto)

Passed by vote of acclamation.

Background: At the GSB's World Service Conference a motion was passed regarding reconciliation. While we don't have the exact wording yet of the motion that was passed, here is a paraphrase: I move that the GSB or the GSB appointed delegate seek counsel from the AA 12 Step liaison to explore if there are options for a spiritual solution around legal conflicts in our fellowship.

Also, 573 UA members signed a petition in support of mediation to reunify the fellowship. Many of us believe that it is important that our World Service Conference also has a statement in support of reconciliation.

B. Motion to Amend Voting and Procedural Guidelines for Convocation Sessions at the UA World Service Conference

Click on this link for the full text of the motion:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VxP45ypfEDRu1llkCjVtCBCzxufHDssVjbHlkdDIub4/edit>

Proposed by Debora G (Los Angeles); seconded by Rick L

Passed by vote of acclamation.

Background: The WSC Voting and Procedural Guidelines for Convocation Sessions were originally passed by the WSC 2018 and amended by the WSC 2020. This Motion to Amend was passed at the September 2022 GSRC meeting and recommended for placement on the Agenda of the WSC 2022, which unfortunately was canceled. Dwight and Debora added additional suggested revisions in Sept. 2023. We will discuss and vote on the full motion again today at our meeting. The changes were reviewed and approved by our parliamentarian on October 25, 2023, and include some minor changes she recommended. If passed at the GSR Committee's meeting today, the full motion will be on the WSC 2023 Agenda.

C. Motion to Amend the World Service Conference Charter of Underearners Anonymous
(Original motion was passed at UA WSC 2021)

Click on this link for the full text of the motion:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1acWY3nhm0O8eFtkoR_gXhJUu4BuNLLEUtJlxUicrJQ/edit

Proposed by Debora G (Los Angeles)

Passed by Vote of Acclamation

Background: This Motion to Amend was passed at the September 2022 GSRC meeting and recommended for placement on the Agenda of the WSC 2022, which unfortunately was canceled. Per Jessica's suggestion, Debora, Fred and Dwight added other proposed amendments indicated in purple font. If passed at the GSR Committee's meeting today, the full motion will be on the WSC 2023 Agenda.

D. Motion to extend by 10 minutes

Proposed by Debora; seconded by George

Passed by Vote of Acclamation

VI. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Proposed by Joe; seconded by Neil.

Passed by vote of acclamation.

The meeting closed with the “We” version of the Serenity Prayer at 2:41 pm EST.

The Minutes were prepared by Debora G, GSRC Secretary, and David O, GSRC Co-Secretary.

Addenda

I. Leadership Training Working Group Report for the October 29, 2023, GSR Committee Meeting - presented by Debora

Hi. I'm Debora, and I'm pleased to give the report for the Leadership Training Working Group.

The Leadership Training Working Group has been meeting regularly since January 2023. We met three times in October. We decided to focus on general principles for the training at the WSC. We also prepared and approved a Guide to Having a Prosperous Business Meeting, which is on the Agenda for today's meeting.

We are designing the workshop so it will be informative, easy to remember, enjoyable and will involve role playing and other participation from the members attending. Our workshop will be held on Nov 4 at 4:15 pm ET

We'd love everyone 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 us know that you would like to attend the Leadership Training Working Group meetings, or email us at gsrccommittee4ua@gmail.com.

II. WSC Planning Committee Report presented by Sharon, a member of the WSCPC (+ Q & A)

The biggest thing is make sure you can get access to the conference - you were emailed your Zoom link - everyone's Zoom link is individual. If you registered and cannot find your Zoom link, please put your name, telephone number and email address in the chat.

If you need help with registering, put your name and contact information into the chat. We'll make sure to do our best to support you. Registration is closing on Wednesday, November 1.

We are putting the final touches on the conference - on the details of the workshops; meeting with Zoom hosts; meeting with our recording secretary and our parliamentarian this week. We're getting ready!

If you would like to volunteer at the Conference, please complete the service form on the uawsc.org website.

III. Trustees report (including the Joint GSR Concepts Working Group Progress Report) presented by Jessica

Since our last report, we passed 2 motions for items to be included on the WSC 2023 Agenda. The two items are a motion to approve a budget for the fellowship for 2024 and the other is a motion to approve the UA app for continued development and publication for use within the fellowship.

I'll also add a note about the Joint Concepts Working Group. We have had 3 meetings and have agreed upon edits for 3 of the 6 concepts that were most in need of revision. We are on target to

have a working draft to be discussed during the GSRC Committee session at the conference. We hope that after discussion, it will be approved as a 1st draft revision of the Concepts to be used and further discussed within the fellowship for the coming year. Our next meeting is at 4:30 PM Eastern time US. Please put your name and email in the chat if you are interested in joining us.