

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 2, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Gabe

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - None

- **Tradition 4 Workshop Recap: Lauren**
 - Tradition 4: “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”
 - Long Form: “With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the Trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.”

- **Concept 4 Workshop Recap: Chris**
 - Concept 4: “Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.”
 - Synopsis: “The principle of ‘Right of Participation’ is built into the General Service Conference through the Conference Charter. Voting members include not only delegates, but also the trustees, and the directors and staff members of A.A. World Services (i.e., G.S.O.) and the AA Grapevine. In the same way, the boards of these two operating entities include as voting members not only trustees, but also nontrustee directors and paid administrators and staff members. The chairperson of the General Service Board appoints nontrustee members to the standing committees in order to have the advantage of their expertise, and staff members serve as committee secretaries. “There are no ‘superiors,’ no ‘inferiors,’ and no ‘advisers.’”

- **Panel Reports:**
 - **DCMC – Romy**
 - Upon motion duly made, and seconded, March 2020 minutes approved
 - Attended PRAASA
 - Has been working hard at trying to ensure our district stays active and engaged through the coronavirus pandemic
 - **Alternate DCMC – David**
 - Zoom meeting guidelines for our monthly GSR meeting
 - Attended PRAASA

- Treasurer – Bob
 - We're still in great shape financially
 - Financial statements shared
 - If you went to PRAASA and have expenses you want considered for reimbursement, email your receipts to Bob at d12treasurer@gmail.com
- Secretary – Lynne
 - Please see Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes.
- Registrar – Alex
 - See him if you don't know your meeting number
 - Can't take attendance tonight, still trying to work out process for doing that virtually
- Old business
 - None
- New business
 - How to gather a group conscience "virtually" (read, Zoom, discuss, vote)
 - Ask secretary for 5 minutes at end of regular virtual meeting (Zoom) to present a few agenda items and collect a group conscience
 - Do a poll, waive, raise hands, etc within Zoom
 - Review the agenda materials that were compiled by Area 09 for more information on the agenda items, including a video
 - Candice T.: Chose four topics from the Boot Camp items, reviewed with her group last week, and will collect a vote next meeting
 - Jennie C.: Sent out a group email three weeks in a row and then collected a group conscience on the third email. Same process as last year. Her opinion is that it should be postponed because she's not getting the same amount of feedback that she usually does; she's worried many voices will be unheard during this time
 - Area 09 Delegate, Ed L.
 - Four of the seven board members are present on our meeting tonight
 - Has been attending Zoom meetings with other delegates
 - 93 agenda items, 56 of which require feedback
 - He has heard other people opine that Pre-Conference should be postponed, but doesn't believe it will be because there are 135 participants that have been preparing for months, including scheduling time off from work
 - Reports are published in July
 - New York recently polled to see how many are comfortable continuing with Pre-Conference virtually (Zoom)
 - Round tables virtually will be a unique challenge
 - Even though participation and feedback levels are much lower than usual, all we can do is continue to make the information and tools available and carry on with business as usual
 - Preview of agenda for this Sunday:
 - Zoom room will open at 8:00am

- Meeting will open at 9:00am by Hiro
 - 9:15 – 9:45: Ed will do a live version of one of the agenda item videos including how to vote using Google forms
 - 9:45 – 12:45: Open up the meeting to discuss agenda items
 - 4th Concept: Right of Decision – should be an *informed* decision
 - Ed will then open the floor for people to ask for discussion on specific items of their choosing
 - Conference agenda items and Pre-Conference Workshop Q&A
 - Google Forms will be used to share/submit group conscience decisions with our
 - Lynne W. will email the Zoom meeting link for Sunday's Pre-Conference meeting to the GSRs on Friday
 - Gabe C.: His meeting has had diminishing attendance and hasn't really been doing Zoom.
 - Are only GSRs able to vote? No! You don't have to be a GSR to vote or participate. The process is open to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous.
 - PRAASA Share-Backs
 - Tabled until next month
 - Questions for the board or delegate
 - Open Q&A
- **Announcements**
 - Join the Area 09 e-mail list at <https://mailchi.mp/74cb5a173686/emailssubscribe>
 - <http://www.msca09aa.org/>
 - Ed L's email (our delegate): delegate@msca09aa.org or
- **Birthdays for March**
 - Candice T. – 23 years
 - Bob M. – 34 years
 - Phil A. – 10 years
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Pre-Conference Boot Camp in Laguna Woods, March 14th – **CANCELLED**
 - Area 09 ASC in Buena Park, March 15th – **CANCELLED**
 - Pre-Conference Workshop in Garden Grove, April 5th – **VIRTUAL** 9:00am – 1:00pm
 - Orange County AA Convention in Costa Mesa, April 10-12th – **CANCELLED**
 - General Service Conference in New York, April 19-25th – **VIRTUAL**
 - Memorial Day Picnic in San Clemente, May 25th – **CANCELLED**
 - 2020 International Convention in Detroit, July 2-5th -- **CANCELLED**
 - General Service Office in New York is **closed** and staff is teleworking until further notice
 - Orange County Central Office in Santa Ana is **open** for phone calls and information only
 - South Orange County Satellite Central Office in Laguna Niguel is **closed** until further notice
 - Most physical meetings in District 12 have been **suspended** and are moving to an online format – OC Intergroup online directory can be found on oc-aa.org

- **Close with Responsibility Pledge:**

- I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.

**** For corrections or changes to the minutes, please email mscadistrict12@gmail.com ****