

## UA WSC ELECTED TRUSTEES MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING

Sunday, February 26 , 2023; 1:00 PM ET - 2:15 PM ET

### Minutes

#### Open with Serenity Prayer:

- Reading of Traditions Karin A GSR
- Reading of Concepts Justin
- Ask for volunteer to time Rachel
- **Roll Call 25 Attendees:**  
5 Trustees: Jessica, Chair; Seth, Treasurer, Beatrice; Mehdi; David (Class B)  
13 GSRs;  
7 Members at Large

#### Welcome by Chair:

February is month two so I will share briefly on Concept 2 and how that has served my recovery because, as in all parts of my life, I can only speak from my personal experience, strength and hope.

UA has not conference approved our Concepts of World Service. The AA version of concept 2 states that “the groups have “delegated to the **Conference** complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the **Conference**—[with some exceptions]—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.”

So, how does Concept 2 serve recovery?

Before this program, I felt untrustworthy when it came to taking the right actions to ensure my practical survival, not to mention keeping me on a path towards prosperity. And yet, I also had the mindset that I had to do it all alone so as not to be a *burden on* or be *vulnerable to* others. Concept 2 helps me find my trustworthiness through trusting others. Concept 2 is connected to tradition 2. It's about delegating authority to the wisdom of the many....the group conscience in voice and action.

Being an exertion exhaustion poster girl and recovering from that is much of my conscious work in this program. My time and energy are limited and in service, I have the opportunity to practice consciousness around these. Awareness makes it possible for me to experience the relief that's found in delegating responsibility to the wisdom of our collective conscience. Amazing things happen when I let go of that heavy sense of responsibility and see that responsibility is held by all of us.

In my own life and business, I am incapable of doing everything necessary to keep everything functioning. In my business, the responsibility and authority belongs to everyone working for and with me. When fear tells me to focus on tasks that have been delegated to others, I am not accountable to my own tasks. I make others and myself untrustworthy. I diminish the prosperity that listening to others and receiving their contributions can build. Concept 2 gives me the gift of being in right relationship with my actions, my voice and the voice and actions of others.

I want to express my gratitude to all of us who embrace and own our authority and responsibility in this fellowship through action and voice because that is what makes it possible for UA to continue to serve recovery long into the future.

**Reading and approval of Public Trustee January Meeting Minutes:**

Read by Seth; Motion made to adopt by Seth: seconded by Mehdi; and passed by vote of acclamation

**Committee reports:**

Reports placed in addendum

- Private Trustee meeting minutes recap by Jjessica
- Treasury account report by Seth
- Finance Committee by Brad
- Unity Committee: none
- GSR Committee: by Debora
- WSC Literature Committee: by Shari Lynn
- WSC Phone and Technology Committee: by Jessica
- World Service Conference Planning Committee: by Sara

**Business:**

Discussion of budget proposal to submit to the Finance Committee led by Seth.

Budget items for actively incurring expenses:

Zoom; Google Suite (for Trustee and Committees); Web hosting; Annual audit

We are restoring the 60,30,10

Future expense may include:

Postage; establish 501c3 status; Printing; Translation.

**Recovery Session & Closing:**

Jessica led a breathing exercise, followed by 2 minute shares.

Motion to close proposed by Seth, second by Mehdi, and passed by vote of acclamation

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 2:17

## **ADDENDA**

### **WSCPC Report by Nancy, presented by Sara**

#### **WSC Planning Committee Report**

The WSCPC meeting took place via mZoom, on Saturday, January 7, 2023, from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm EST

Primary Focus of the meeting was the UAWSC.ORG website.

Discussion:

What is our primary purpose? We are a servant to the fellowship to put on the World Service Conference.

How do we support the fellowship? By being a source of information regarding World Service Conferences past and present as well as UA business that has been conducted at such conferences.

The group reviewed current website content and agreed that information pertaining to the canceled WSC 2022 be taken down.

The group decided that more work on the website was needed before launching the site live. Also, more thought and discussion are required regarding a possible 2023 WSC.

Next WSC Planning Committee Meeting – Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 EST, 10:30 PST.

### **Literature Committee report by Shari Lynn**

#### **Treasurers report by Seth**

Period Jan 23 to Feb 26, 2023

PayPal donations to Legal Fund ( [legalfund4unity@gmail.com](mailto:legalfund4unity@gmail.com) ) : \$67 -donation transferred

PayPal donations to General/Unity Fund ( [weareallua@gmail.com](mailto:weareallua@gmail.com) ) \$\$550.10 - transferred

Expenses: Zoom \$14.99; Google Suite \$13.07

Ending balance in Legal Fund Account: \$4022.99

Ending balance in General Unity Account: \$1924.59

### **Phone Tech report by Jessica**

#### **Finance Committee report by Brad**

The Finance Committee held its second meeting on Thursday February 9th 2023. Four members attended and we were pleased to welcome WSC-elected trustee Seth C., who is serving as the treasurer for the new trustees and who will work with the finance committee as a

non-voting member. Thank you so much, Seth. Susy I and myself Brad H served as co-chairs. Our role as a committee, is to work with the Treasurer and committee chairs to put together an annual budget for the fellowship to be presented at the next World Service Conference for amendments and passage.

Over the course of the last month, we have begun to reach out to committee chairs and vice chairs of active committees, including the Literature, World Service Conference Planning Committee, the newly re-activated GSR committee, the website subcommittee, and the WSC Elected Trustees. We also will be reaching out to the Phone/Tech Committee when it elects a chair, and the International Speaker coordinator. At this point we understand that there may be some uncertainty as to what a committee budget might look like going forward as the fellowship deals with current roadblocks, but we do want to establish contact with all committees and encourage them to begin planning “as if” things will continue to improve. We are very optimistic about 2023.

If you are a current committee chair, co-chair, or treasurer and have not yet heard from us, please drop us a line to identify your role and establish communication. Even a rough outline, or wish list for a budget is helpful to think about at this point. We also ask that former committee chairs and treasurers reach out to these committees to share any documentation and experience they have, to be of help these committees start thinking about a budget. You can also get in touch with us directly with any budget records you may have.

At our meeting on February 9th we did discuss our role and came to a consensus that we should not be directly involved in any fundraising activities, such as for the legal defense fund. We have also collected a number of sample statements on Seventh tradition which we will forward to the GSB committee for their feedback, which will hopefully lead to the creation of a standardized statement that can be adopted if so desired.

One concern we have is the ability to present a budget if there is no WS Conference on the calendar. We will keep in close contact with the planning committee and hopefully determine another way to present a proposed budget if necessary, perhaps at another WSC Special Convocation. We’ve also noted that according to the Bylaws of the UA WSC Elected Trustees as presented at the trustee meeting last November, the Association’s fiscal year begins on September 1 and concludes the following year. And I was happy to hear that the trustees are launching discussions around that topic. The committee realizes the need to remain flexible in our deadline expectations.

If you would like further information about the committee, its mission, or if you are interested in attending our next meeting, scheduled for Thursday March 9th from 7:30pm to 8:30pm EST, you

can contact the committee by emailing [FinanceCommittee@uawsc.org](mailto:FinanceCommittee@uawsc.org) or you can email me directly at [brad@macartistry.com](mailto:brad@macartistry.com).

In closing, we again ask that if you are a current Committee Chair, or co-chair, or treasurer and have not heard from us yet, please just drop us a line to identify your role. We also ask that former committee chairs and treasurers reach out to these committees to share any documentation and experience they have, to be of help to these committees start thinking about a budget.

We are very excited about our work on the committee and look forward to assisting the fellowship as it moves forward.

Thank you.

### **GSR Committee report by Debora**

Greetings and warm regards from the GSR Committee of UA. I'm Debora G, GSR Committee Secretary. Thank you to the WSC-Elected Trustees for hosting this meeting and inviting the GSR Committee to share our report.

At the GSR Committee's meeting on February 12, 2023, 41 UA members were in attendance, including 30 GSRs and 2 GSR alternates from 7 different countries, 3 WSC-Elected Trustees and 7 Members-at-large.

### **Here are the highlights of the meeting:**

- **Two International Speaker Co-Coordinationators were elected.**
- **A motion was presented and discussed to Create a Petition for UA members to Sign in Support of Spiritually-Based Mediation *Without Preconditions*, between the General Service Board (GSB) ratified in 2020, the GSR Committee and the UA Trustees elected by WSC 2021 and 2022. That motion passed with substantial unanimity - 95% in favor.**

The exact details and wording of the proposed petition will be worked out by a Mediation Petition Working Group which was established at the meeting.

Part of the rationale for the petition is that mediation without preconditions, supported by the voice of the larger fellowship, that allows all sides to be heard in a respectful manner is in alignment with the upside-down triangle, 1st Tradition of Unity; Concept for World Service 9, which includes the principle of compromise; and the words "*talk to each other, reason things out with someone else*" that we hear repeated at the end of almost every UA meeting.

### **A Motion to Reactivate the GSRC Website was presented, discussed, and passed by vote of acclamation.**

The rationale for the motion is that the GSR Committee needs a place to post important notices and reports. Also, we need a place to post our GSR Committee minutes, so we can give the UA Fellowship an opportunity to view the Minutes.

### **The following working groups and subcommittees met this month:**

**The GSR Committee Leadership Training Working Group** is preparing a workshop for the fellowship, and in the process of doing that the working group members are building up their own leadership skills. GSRs, Trustees and Members-at-large are welcome to attend our meetings. At our meeting on February 19th, 11 members attended from four different countries, and our focus was on Concept 9 in the AA Service Manual, which includes an well-known article written by Bill W on Leadership in AA. The next working group meeting is on March 19th at 2:30 pm EST.

**The GSRC Website Subcommittee** met on February 24, 2023. 5 members were in attendance from three different countries. The Subcommittee is revising the content and design of the website. GSRs and members-at-large are welcome to join this subcommittee. The next meeting will be on March 9 at 7:30 pm EST.

Finally, the **Mediation Petition Working Group** met on February 18, 2022. Six members were in attendance, from 3 countries. The subcommittee is working on preparing a petition for meditation between the standing GSB and the GSR Committee and WSC Elected Trustees. The goal is to circulate the petition throughout the fellowship. The next meeting of this working group will be on March 4 at 2:30 pm EST.

If you are interested in joining any of these working groups or the Website Subcommittee, please email us at [gsrcommittee4ua@gmail.com](mailto:gsrcommittee4ua@gmail.com).

Our GSR Committee meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month. All are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is on **March 12th, which will begin at 1 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time**. Please remember to set your clocks forward by one hour, if you are in the United States or Canada. Other countries such as Ireland, Ukraine and Spain will not change time until March 26.

I thank you for the opportunity to be of service.