

**GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup Service Manual Committee Minutes – June 25, 2016**

**7:30 – 8:30 am EDT**

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*"This we owe to GSA's future; to place our common welfare first, to keep our Fellowship united. For on GSA unity depend our lives, and the lives to come."*

1. Opened at 7:30 am EDT with *Declaration of Unity Prayer, Serenity Prayer*, and the reading of the *12 Traditions*
2. GSRs present: 9; Trustees present: 4; Listeners present: 6
3. First topic discussed:
  - Who will participate at what level? Proposed approach:
    - All are welcome to listen.
    - 1 Year of B to B abstinence to share in initial discussions.
    - 3 Years of B to B abstinence to actually write.
    - Once documents are in draft form they will be posted so that **all** members who are interested can view and submit comments

Proposal **Agreed**: 15; Proposal **Opposed**: 4

**PROPOSAL PASSED**

Motion made and seconded by majority opinion to hear minority opinion speak again.

Question posed by minority opinion speaker, Is this meeting valid, or was notice not early enough?

**Legitimate**: 14; **Not Legitimate**: 3

**MEETING IS LEGITIMATE**

Proposal amended to all people with 90 days B to B abstinence share in discussions, but not to vote.

**Amended Proposal Agreed**: 10; **Amended Proposal Opposed**: 6

**AMENDED PROPOSAL PASSED**

- Approved Participation in Service Manual Committee Meetings:
    - All are welcome to listen.
    - 90 days of B to B abstinence to share in preliminary discussions.
    - 1 year of B to B abstinence to vote on proposals.
    - 3 Years of B to B abstinence to actually write.
    - Once documents are produced in draft form they will be posted so that **all** members who are interested can view and submit comments
4. Next committee meeting will be:

**Friday, July 1, 2016 at 6:30 AM EDT and topics are listed below.**

Topics will continue:
    - How often will we meet and when? Proposed approach:
      - Initially every other week, then as needed.
      - Difficulty is finding time that suits all faiths and time zones 😊
    - How will we communicate between meetings? Proposed approach:
      - Primary suggestion is Google Docs and e-mail for those participating in discussions and writing.
    - What topics will we be covering? Proposed approach:
      - To be determined (service positions, service entities, service needs, service experience that has worked effectively, anecdotes and illustrations)
  5. Closed with the "I am responsible..." prayer and the "WE" version of the *Serenity Prayer* at 8:45 am

*"I am responsible...when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help. I want the hand of GSA always to be there. And for that; I am responsible."*

**Note:** at this initial meeting ALL participants were allowed to vote. At all future meetings, only participants with 1 year of Back to Back abstinence will be allowed to vote.

**Note:** Reading Level Grade 6.4