

**Open GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup Minutes**  
**March 8, 2009**

We opened with the *Serenity Prayer* at 5:00pm.

The **12 Traditions** were read.

GSRs present: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as distributed.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow [REDACTED] to organize an Easter Marathon.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** [REDACTED] is unable to continue serving as GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup Treasurer due to health concerns. We are now opening the position to any GSR or any regular phone bridge member who meets the service guidelines: 2 years GS abstinence, financially solvent, willing to serve for two years, interested in helping the phone bridge grow as a fellowship (particularly as it relates to the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition), and finally, is able to attend GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup and Steering Committee meetings.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to decrease the frequency of Open Intergroup Meetings to Quarterly with the Steering Committee meeting monthly (on the second Sunday of each month).

Inform all present that the World Service response to our letter regarding questions from the Phone Bridge to GSAWS Board has been posted on the website. The URL is located under the header World Service and called Official Response: <http://www.greysheet.org/MemoToPhoneBridgeIntergroup.pdf>.

In light of the GSAWS response, the Steering Committee asked [REDACTED] as chairperson, to request further financial clarification from the assistant GSAWS Treasurer listed on the greysheet.org website.

[REDACTED] reported that she had no success in attempting to contact the acting GSAWS Treasurer, but will continue working on that.

**Open discussion:** Are the groups requesting that the GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup provide help regarding whether or not to send contributions to GSAWS at this time?

The following GSRs participated in the discussion: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

- Groups need to be informed about the current status about communication with World Service.
- Perhaps the GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup could receive contributions until we have clarity about the financial transparency of World Service and that are distributing monies as the groups see fit.
- 501(c) 3 needs to be established.
- Would it be possible that the groups do not ask for further contributions once the group has reached a prudent reserve until the issue has been resolved.
- The simplicity of this approach is appealing.
- Every phone bridge meeting does not have a treasurer and some are electing to send contributions to World Service.
- No problem with GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup holding financial contributions without incorporation.
- Are people willing to do the service of treasurer?
- Would like to state that [REDACTED] hold on to this money, so that the groups do not have to be so burdened.

- It seems it would be OK to receive contributions as a GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup without the need for incorporation.
- Would we make the checks out to an individual?
- Has had experience establishing a bank account (for a HOW meeting in CO) to hold the cash.
- Need to have a co-signer.
- We would want to have multiple co-signers.
- We need to have a Tax-ID number in the long run.
- Has had previous experience in AA and things were easier at that time to obtain a Tax ID number.
- We don't need to re-create the wheel.
- Do we want to elect an Interim Treasurer?
- Perhaps the Steering Committee could lay the ground work and be prepared for the next Open Intergroup Meeting.

The next Open GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup Meeting will be 5-6pm EDT, June 14, 2009 with subsequent meetings each quarter (second Sunday in September, and December). The next scheduled Steering Committee meetings would be April 12, 2009 and May 10, 2009 (5-6pm EDT). Due to Easter and Mother's Day respectively, the GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup Secretary would like to suggest that the Steering Committee continue to meet on the first Sunday of the month until the end of the second quarter (July). So the Steering Committee meetings would be April 5, 2009 and May 3, 2009.

The meeting closed with the *Serenity Prayer* at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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