

**Phone Bridge Open Intergroup Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2009**

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

The **12 Traditions** were read.

The following GSRs were present: [REDACTED]

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

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the general tone of the letter drafted to raise phone bridge concerns according to the 12 Traditions, and the three motions to broaden group representation at the 1st GSA World Service allowing our Delegates (Melissa, Molly, Reggie, & Kathleen) to edit and send the letter sent prior to the next GSA World Service Delegate Assembly.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to acknowledge that all Phone Bridge WSC Delegates are free to act within the context of their interpretation of the Steps and Traditions keeping in mind the expressed phone bridge concerns.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to resume monthly Phone Bridge Intergroup meetings in preparation for the 2010 WSC.

The Treasurer's Report was deferred to a meeting when the Treasurer is in attendance.

The meeting closed with the *Serenity Prayer* at 6:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen

Brief announcement to be used by GSRs if they wish:

The GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup had an open meeting Sunday December 13, 2009 5-6pm EST. Eight GSRs were in attendance. The upcoming 2010 First GSA World Service Conference and preparations toward that were discussed – especially how our Delegates will be participating. The Intergroup voted to move for greater group representation and to begin to raise our specific concern in reference to the observance of the 12 Tradition within the WSC Delegate Assembly. We also decided to resume monthly Phone Bridge Intergroup meetings to have more opportunities to hear from the groups.

Dear Delegates, Alternates, Writers, GSRs, observers, and WS Board members,

On behalf of the GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup delegates, we would like to say that it has been a tremendous service experience to begin to meet together with the goal of having a World Service Conference in 2010. Thanks, also, to the WS Board for being willing to open a dialogue with the Delegates about matters that are of most interest to our groups. In the spirit of that open dialogue, we are writing on behalf of the GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup to raise questions concerning four of the **Traditions** (2, 6, 7 &10) to discuss with the Board. Could these please be added to the agenda for our next open meeting?

2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants - they do not govern.

- a. History of Board members and commitment to rotation of service?
 - b. Group conscience on incorporation?
 - c. Does the Board consider itself interim?
- 6. A GSA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the GSA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.**
- a. Facebook, Twitter, GreyNet?
 - b. Publishing/endorsing literature that has not yet been approved?
- 7. Every GSA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**
- a. Financial transparency?
 - b. Financial accountability?
 - c. Financial stability?
- 10. GSA has no opinion on outside issues; hence the GSA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.**
- a. History of lawsuit
 - b. Status of lawsuit

In addition, the Phone Bridge Intergroup Delegates would like to bring the following motion(s) to the floor for discussion and a vote:

For the first WSC only, it is moved that any registered GSA meeting may send a voting delegate to the conference (and to participate in the Delegate Assembly Meetings/Standing Committee Meetings) with future WSC Delegate representation to be determined by the appropriate standing committee.

It is moved that the current WS Board would limit itself to no more than 40% of the total votes (determined by how many elected Delegates are participating) in the delegate assembly (to be determined by the Board, as to who would be the voting members) in order to assure that primary direction for our WSC is initiated from the groups.

It is moved that the first GSA World Service Conference include a telecommunication conference option to allow maximum world-wide group representation.