

GSR Information

THERE IS A SOLUTION Special Meeting - Topics to Review for New York GSO March 26, 2026 at 7:30 pm in the Zoom Room

Chair: Misty G

Minutes: Michelle R

Attendance: 18 Members in attendance, excluding the Chairperson

Misty G opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

Manny M read the Traditions.

1. Finance - Consider a request to create a 12 Step Study guide or workbook.

-Approved Literature and non-approved literature is confusing. If workbook came out, members may only use guidebook for recovery and not work through the Big Book. Thought New York was in a deficit – money could be put toward core needs, not new needs. Opposed.

-My Sponsor got a 12-step worksheet and used it as a guide to work the Steps. In favour of a universal guide.

-There's already an easy-read Big Book out there. Need a good Sponsor to guide someone through the steps. Opposed.

2. Grapevine - Consider that the AA Grapevine accept contributions.

-Is Grapevine separate from NY? Yes. Opposed.

-Grapevine could/would be a 5th arm of service. Grapevine receives money from NY GSO already (\$300,000). Opposed.

3. Report and Charter – Consider the request to remove the quote from Dr. Bob in the Service Manual

The Quote was read aloud to the Members in attendance

-Why remove that? Sounds like Big Book? How much literature was printed before the Service Manual? Just because Dr. Bob passed away at a certain date, they are pioneers. Opposed.

-Dr. Bob is major contributor to AA and the Big Book. Why remove it? It's a quote. Keep it in.

-Opposed as Dr. Bob one of the original founders.

-Opposed to removing the quote – these are the words of Dr. Bob. Part of Tradition 5.

-Big Book mentions in Preface that advises that because this book has worked so well with so many, the language etc. has been preserved. This extends to any original material.

4. Trustees

a) Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet, “The Twelve Steps Illustrated”

A video to illustrate the format of the video (using a video that explained the 12 concepts) was shared with the membership

-Pamphlet was helpful in my recovery. Video would be good, especially newer, technical members.

-Great if it could be tied into Everything AA App so it can be viewed by all.

-Not applicable for this area.

b) Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet, “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated”

-It couldn't hurt. -It's a fantastic idea.

5. ARCHIVES - Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for member residing outside of the geographic area they want to Serve.

-Can we have people outside Winnipeg serve on the Committee?

-There are currently people outside Winnipeg that serve on the committee

-Treasurer should be close to Winnipeg to access bank.

-We are an online group, banking can be done online. There are no barriers. Opposed.

-Area 80 includes Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

-Could I perform duties of a trusted servant if I was in another country? Culture, Language etc.

-Each group is autonomous. This is an online group.

-At the area level, Area 80 serves Manitoba. -We need to know what's going on locally, Each province can have their own area

-Keep is at home. Sometimes people (trusted servants) can take money from safe or online account. Time changes can be problematic.

6. International Conventions/Regional Forums

a) Review progress report from Subcommittee on inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the IC Flag Ceremony

-Take out flag ceremony as it takes a long time and flags displayed on screens throughout convention.

-AA is all unity. No matter who you are, stays outdoors. Could make one unified flag with AA triangle in centre of all participating countries' flag on the outside.

-Flag ceremony is really long – would be good to shorten it.

b) Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums

-What's a regional forum?

-TIAS is in the Western region, includes BC, AB, SK, MB. Saskatoon is next host for regional forum this summer. People from New York attend – get to hear more about local issues.

-We should pay for our GSR's to attend, and others can attend if they like.

Having gone through all the questions, the meeting was adjourned.

Kelsey S closed the meeting at 8:21 pm with the Pirate's Prayer.