

**DA-HOW PHONE MEETING INTERGROUP  
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
MAY 14, 2018  
MINUTES**

Meeting started promptly at 8:35 pm EST. Chair: Amy. Secretary: Melissa D.  
Members present: Amy from Arizona, Sarah from Hawaii, Mary from Michigan, Melissa from WA

- **Previous meeting minutes** were read. Approved as read.
- **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer was not able to attend meeting. Treasurer report was sent to and read by Melissa:
- \$ 1541.44 Balance at last DA-HOW PMI meeting  
    .06 Interest Earned  
    69.44 donations received since last mtg  
    \$ 1610.94 current balance of treasury as of 5/10/18

**Reports:**

- **Sponsor/Sponsee Coordinator report:** Coordinator was not present. Chairperson read report:  
**Summary:** In 10 week period 40 people sought sponsorship. 15 people were placed with sponsors, 5 found sponsors on their own. Several dropped out. Currently 19 are seeking sponsors. Coordinator is getting 4-6 newcomer calls weekly.
- **Newcomer Committee Report:** By Newcomer Committee Chair:
  1. **Re. Newcomer Greeter position:**  
PMI Newcomer Committee (NC) recognizes the sponsor/sponsee coordinator's service to the newcomer (A recently created trusted servant position to help newcomers find sponsors)
    - NC PMI recommends Intergroup meeting members discuss how the current functions of the sponsor coordinator position are incompatible with DA HOW definition of the tool of anonymity.
    - NC PMI encourages instead newcomer greeters at each meeting, (& other forms of outreach and support to newcomers) instead.
  2. **Regarding phone list:**  
NC PMI suggests addressing anonymity issues in relation to phone list.
    - (Chair noted: DA HOW's most recent phone list has an added statement at the top "use of list is solely for DA HOW connections.")
    - **Group Discussion:** Other 12 step groups have clear instructions on their website and phone lists about how members phone/emails are and are not to be used. Example: Not using phone/email list for announcements, spamming etc. Suggestion: DA HOW adds this to our phone/email list.
  3. **"For the Newcomer"**  
PMI Newcomer Committee is prioritizing writing a draft of information
    - "For The Newcomer" by a consensus process. This draft is intended for use on

the DA HOW Intergroup Website under “Resources. This information can also be used by newcomer greeters .

- Once completed, this document will be sent to PMI as an agenda item for review, discussion and group approval.
- (Note: By group conscience the PMI Intergroup committee agrees that all written information representing DA HOW method shared with newcomers by individual DA HOW members needs to first be reviewed and approved group conscience during a DA HOW Intergroup meeting.)
- Discussion: A member noted that our DA HOW webmaster should first be contacted to find out about how possible it is to make changes/add information to DA HOW PMI website

Old business:

### **1. Intergroup Service Rep.**

- Discussion and information was shared prior to vote. Main points included:
- ISR Position was announced during DA HOW meetings and also via an Intergroup email
- Re. John H. Scholarship: (Note: Per suggestion of a DA HOW PMI member and World Service Board Member who had attended the April meeting, an email was sent out after the April meeting to all who attended, to ask for a group conscience about whether to proceed with the John H. Scholarship that had an application deadline of April 25th. Group Conscience responses were in agreement to proceed with the scholarship application prior to the May meeting in order to meet the deadline for application. This took place between the April and May meetings)
- The John H. Scholarship was submitted by the deadline and **\$530 was awarded** by World Service for Intergroup Service Rep. position for 2018.
- Re. DA HOW Definition of “abstinence”
- Discussion ensued regarding 1 year DA HOW version of abstinence requirement for DA HOW ISR. Several members support a DA HOW PMI review and update of our DA HOW sponsor/sponsee guidelines, including DA HOW 'definition' of abstinence, since these currently are different than DA World Service definition.
- Mention was made that this could be a part of a DA HOW wide 'Group Inventory' process.
- VOTE: Motion, seconded and approved unanimously for Melissa D. from WA to serve as ISR
- PLANE FARE: Motion was made, seconded and approved for ISR to proceed with purchase of airfare prior to next meeting, provided cost was not more than \$100 over the price listed on the John H. Scholarship spending plan on April 25th of \$328.39, (Total permitted would be a maximum of \$428.39. for airfare purchase.) This decision was based on the common occurrence of airfare costs increasing as seats are filled for a flight.

### **2. Discussion re. DA HOW anonymity definition and sponsor coordinator position.**

Discussion Main points:

- Concerns were raised regarding breaches of DA HOW anonymity associated with the basic function and duties of the Sponsor Coordinator position (Created 10

- weeks ago)
- DA HOW definition of anonymity from DA HOW Intergroup Website was read.
  - Functions of sponsor coordinator position include “matching” and “placing” newcomers with sponsors.
  - Having one person who places sponsors/sponsees is not in keeping with DA HOW anonymity
  - Motions were made, seconded and approved to extend meeting until 10 pm PST
  - Re. newcomers seeking sponsors: DA HOW new members are encouraged to take actions that will lead them to the sponsor that they are seeking. These actions include engaging in prayer, attending meetings, outreach to sponsors, service at meetings etc.

### **3. World Service “Issues and Concerns”**

The new ISR invites individual DA HOW groups to consider whether they have any 'questions, issues or concerns' or input about DA HOW that they'd like to have considered by World Service. Please put these in writing and send to [roseheartsmile@gmail.com](mailto:roseheartsmile@gmail.com) by July DA HOW Intergroup Mtng..