

DA-HOW Phone Meeting Intergroup

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 12, 2015

Talking Points for Intergroup Reps

- \$218.48 in treasury. All funds collected will go toward sending an ISR to World Service each year.
 - PMI will be represented at the DA Telephone Intergroup (DATIG)
 - Sponsor/Sponsee Suggestions document now available for download from the PMI website.
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- I. Opened with Serenity Prayer
- II. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$218.48 in treasury
 - b. \$100.00 of this to be given to our ISR to attend the World Service Conference in August in Portland, OR.
- III. ISR Report
 - a. The DA Telephone Intergroup (DATIG) is continuing to meet
 - i. Meetings will occur quarterly
 - ii. Meeting day changed to Thursday
 - iii. Next meeting will be the first week of September
 - b. DATIG currently has enough funds to continue hosting its website
 - c. Thanks to DA-HOW PMI for contributing to attendance at WSC
- IV. Old business
 - a. Distribution of additional funds to other levels of DA organization
 - i. DA Treasurer's Manual states that each group should meet its own financial needs before sending donations to GSR.
 - ii. The PMI originally stated that its funds were to send an ISR to WSC. We have yet to raise enough money to do that. Therefore:
 - iii. **Motion: DA-HOW PMI does not donate to GSR until we have fully funded sending an ISR to WSC. A spending plan for this purpose will be developed by the ISR and Treasurer for approval at our next meeting.**
 1. **Motion Seconded**
 2. **Motion Carried (Sharon S. abstained as ISR)**
 - b. Is DA-HOW PMI a part of DATIG or a separate entity?
 - i. There is nothing that precludes one Intergroup from participation in another Intergroup.

- ii. The purpose of both DATIG and PMI is to facilitate communication and provide support for the still-suffering debtor. Therefore, it would be best if we provided service with membership in that group (and received service as a member of that group).
- iii. Some concern was raised whether this was asking too much of the PMI ISR, but as the DATIG meetings are only quarterly, it was thought that the benefit of participating in DATIG was worth it.
- iv. ***Motion: The DA-HOW PMI ISR is not required to represent PMI at DATIG. However, the PMI ISR is highly encouraged to do so.***
 - 1. ***Motion Seconded***
 - 2. ***Motion Carried (Sharon S. abstained as ISR)***

c. Sponsee Guidelines Document

- i. Clarification: the decision is only whether to post these documents on the PMI website, not to determine that these are the “correct” way to work the program. They are to be a resource for those working the DA-HOW Concept, not an edict.
- ii. Discussion: Concern was raised about the term “guidelines” as sounding too much like enforceable rules. Many possible alternatives were discussed with purpose of getting to the idea that these are just a resource and not a mandate. It was pointed out that a “guideline” carried the connotation of “suggestion” rather than “rule” but that we’ll go with group conscience.
- iii. ***Motion: Document will be posted on the PMI Website with the title: “Sponsor/Sponsee Suggestions.”***
 - 1. ***Motion Seconded***
 - 2. ***Motion Carried***

V. New Business

a. Meeting List

- i. Concerns raised about how outdated the DA website is. Several DA-HOW meetings listed are not happening consistently or at all. It is giving a negative image to HOW, which is supposed to be known as disciplined and structured. What is our role in this issue?
- ii. Discussion
 - 1. We have no authority to request any meeting be removed from the DA website. Supposedly, meetings have to update their registration annually and those that do not are removed from the list (though there is some question as to whether this actually happens).
 - 2. It is critical that we as a PMI help direct the still-suffering debtor to available HOW meetings. Do we just list all the DA-HOW meetings whether or not that meeting has voted to be listed?
 - a. At least one DA-HOW meeting has, per group conscience, requested to be completely unaffiliated with PMI. Other than that, there has been little movement from meetings as to whether they want to be listed.

- b. Should we just list them (unless specifically requested otherwise) since we have a stake in making sure correct, up-to-date information is available to the still-suffering debtor?

3. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

VI. Closed with Serenity Prayer