

DA HOW INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

Friday, 14 November 2014, 10:30-11:30 am ET

Talking points for Intergroup Reps:

- DA-HOW PMI Website will be live in the next week. Link:
www.dahowintergroup.weebly.com
- Each meeting will decide in their group conscience/business meeting whether to be listed on the site. If a group has questions as to what it means to be listed on the site, a list of specific information about what this entails will be available on the site when it goes live.
- For information on how to donate to the DA-HOW PMI, email
dahow.pmitreasurer@gmail.com.
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The meeting opened with the serenity prayer.

Agenda Items:

1. **Website review** – Are we ready to ‘go live’?
2. **Meetings to be included on website** – reports back from specific DA HOW meetings on whether they want their information to be included on the website
3. **Treasury and donation issues** – updates and discussion
4. **Service position to respond to requests from members/newcomers**
5. **“Meeting representatives”** – discussion and clarification of issues around of what it means to be a ‘group representative’
6. **Reading the 12 Traditions at the Intergroup Business Meetings**

Discussion of Agenda Items:

Issue 1: Are we ready to ‘go live’?

Discussion of whether we are ready to ‘go live.’

If all the information is not there, can we still ‘go live’? We have already received a request for information. We don’t have anyone to respond to contacts from the site. We haven’t heard back from all the meetings as to whether they want to be represented.

Motion: We should ‘go live’ with the website as it is now, listing only the meetings that have elected to be listed, and remove the “Contact” page.

Vote: Passed unanimously. Rebekah will post what we have now on the website. The website address is: dahowintergroup@weebly.com

Issue 2: Which meetings will be listed on the website?

Reports: regarding feedback from specific meetings - Rebekah reported that the Wednesday HOW Format meeting information will be listed and that she has not had an opportunity to contact the Wednesday Visions meeting, the Friday DA HOW Business Owners Meeting, or the Thursday DA HOW Format meeting. Sharon reported that the Wednesday Recovery from Compulsive Spending meeting information would like to be included. She reported that she is awaiting a call back from a Tuesday DA HOW and Mental Health group member and that other groups (Tuesday Promises, Thursday DA HOW format and Sunday Ways & Means) have discussed it at their business meetings, but they have all tabled the issue until their next respective business meetings.

Question from member: "Why would a group not want to be on the website?"

There is concern about DA-HOW PMI being seen as exclusive, so we want to err on the side of including every DA-HOW meeting. On the other hand, PMI respects the autonomy of each individual group and cannot make decisions for them. In light of this, PMI has discussed in the past that it must be left up to the individual groups' conscience whether to be included.

Question from member: "What does it mean to be included on the website? Isn't it just a contact number? Why not just direct everyone to the DA website?"

The PMI website will provide each group who elects to be listed with their own page, giving call-in information, dates and times, a description of the specific focus of the meeting, a link to the format and any other information that group might want to provide to the newcomer. It is much more detailed information than can be found on the DA website.

Motion: That the DA HOW intergroup website include meetings who have indicated that they would like to provide information for the website. Language will be included that states there are other DA HOW meetings and will direct people to the DA website for more information.

Motion passed unanimously.

Issue 3: Treasury and Donations

Discussion: should we use PayPal?

DA WSO has held off on using PayPal for DA donations because it may provide an opportunity for people to donate by credit card. Should we do something that is not in keeping with what

DA WSO is doing?" (more discussion followed). Group decided to table discussion of using PayPal at this point.

Allison (current Treasurer) would like to keep her personal mailing address off the website (anonymity concerns).

Action: Allison and Rebekah will create an anonymous email to contact the Treasurer for information on how to donate to the DA HOW Intergroup. Members interested in making donations will be able to contact the Treasurer at this anonymous email address and can be given mailing information upon request.

Issue 4: Creation of service position to respond to requests from newcomers or other members for more information

Discussion: what would this service position entail? (more discussion: it is not totally clear what this position would/should entail).

Motion: Hold off on establishing a service position to handle/respond to inquiries.

Motion passed unanimously.

Issue 5: "Meeting Representatives" – what does it mean to be a representative for a particular DA HOW meeting?

Discussion: Some of the terms may be confusing: i.e., 'GSR,' 'ISR,' 'group representative,' etc., may mean different things to each person hearing these terms. What are the duties and/or responsibilities of these 'group representatives'? What should the responsibilities be? Some groups may not have a 'group representative.'

Further discussion included the subject of 'talking points' or 'bullet points' – this was previously discussed and voted on at the September and October meetings. That is, there will be a number of issues that could be cohesively reported by each 'group representative' at each group's monthly business meeting.

In case a group does not have a 'group representative,' the 'talking points' from each DA HOW Intergroup meeting will be posted on the DA HOW Intergroup website in order to provide access of this information to all DA HOW members who may be interested in this information.

Action: A list of talking points from each meeting will be included in the minutes. Individual group representatives to DA-HOW PMI will share these talking points and their own meetings.

Action: Rebekah will make a list of talking points (FAQ) to answer questions about what it means to be represented on the PMI website and/or have a meeting representative to PMI.

Issue 6: Reading the 12 Traditions at the DA HOW Intergroup meetings

Motion: That the 12 Traditions be read at the beginning of each DA HOW Intergroup Meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: That the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions be included on the DA HOW Intergroup Website.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 11:30 am ET.

Next DA HOW Intergroup Meeting:

Friday, 12 December 2014

10:30-11:30 am Eastern Time

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In service,

Sharon S