

DA HOW Intergroup Meeting Minutes July 10, 2022

Open the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 1:08 pm EST

Ask for all members present to introduce themselves with trusted servant position, GSR of what group, or if visitor

Ask for Trusted Servant Reports:

Secretary's Report (Old and New Business from last month):
no report

Treasurer's Report: given by Michelle B.

Intergroup Service Representative's Report: thanks Michelle B. For timely reimbursement, has registered and purchased plane tickets and parking and hotel for World Service Conference. All Set for August 3rd. Staying an additional 2 days, but will pay own way for those 2 days and will present spending plan when he returns. Plans to use 2 minutes at opening of world service conference to address conference as a whole regarding DA HOW's revoked intergroup status.

Webchair/and co-chair's Report: created announcements section on website to notify groups that intergroup is voting to offer funding for zoom accounts for groups.

Intergroup Contact List Chair's Report:

Intergroup Notification Email Chair's Report:

GSR Reports: (None)

(Any GSR's present may give a short 1-3 minutes update on their groups current events)

Old Business (carried over from last month):

Melissa D. Proposed \$500 be set aside to fund half of a groups zoom account - tabled, as Melissa is not here, no groups present to accept funds for zoom.

New Business (emailed ahead of time addressed first, brought up during the meeting addressed second):

Dixie: are groups aware of DA HOW intergroup losing it's intergroup status? - Domingo states that he has been told that DA HOW was denied intergroup status due to DA HOW not being a geographical intergroup. Domingo states he has spoken to members of the general service conference who have told him DA HOW losing intergroup status is "no bid deal" Domingo has countered this perspective, letting them know it is to the members serving at the DA HOW Intergroup

Eunice: what will we do since our intergroup status has been revoked? - Domingo - going on acting as intergroup for now

Michelle B.: how can we apply for intergroup status again? - Domingo - we have applied and been denied intergroup status, we are working to re-establish our intergroup status.

Discussion continues as to what to do now that we are no longer recognized as an intergroup. Domingo states that we were suggested to operate as a group with each DA HOW meeting being a meeting of the group and rather than sending an Intergroup Service Representative we could send a General Service Representative. Domingo cites a case where the Brazilian DA intergroup is totally online and has an intergroup status, even though no meeting is held at a physical location, and Domingo asked if we simply added a geographical location to our name could we be an intergroup. Something that Domingo read between the lines was that the world service conference does not want a collection of DA Groups that have a different focus. Domingo reminds the group that this revocation of DA HOW Intergroup status began due to Business Debtors Anonymous wanting to create an intergroup, and they were denied, then BDA asked why DA HOW was allowed intergroup status so the world service decided to revoke the DA HOW intergroup status as “collateral damage”.

Eunice states that this is frustrating and asks who we are talking to. Domingo states that the Intergroup committee or caucus made this decision, the chair of the general service board communicated to us and the vice chair also attended a past DA HOW Intergroup meeting.

Domingo adds that he would welcome emails from members who would like to send an an email voicing concerns, sort of like “writing your congressman”.

Announcements: (None)

Close with the “We Version” of the Serenity Prayer at 1:50pm
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