

## DA HOW Intergroup Business Meeting

February 13, 2022 @ 10am PT

**Meeting Start Time:** 10:08 AM PT – meeting was started a bit later to give everyone the opportunity to join via our new Zoom mtg.

**Meeting End Time:** Approx. 11:15 AM PT

**Business Chair:** Rene

**Attendees:** Melissa, Dixie, Jessica (Wed 8:00am Format Mtg), Linda D (Fri 2:30pm group), Michele B - visitor, Sara - visitor, Anne, Domingo, Andy, Barbara D, Eunice (Mon 730am Mtg), and Maria S.

**12 Traditions:** Domingo

**Timer:** Michele

### REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** Andy is the Interim Treasurer but note that **Maria** was voted in during Feb IG Mtg.

### Outflows:

1/9/2022: Weebly annual subscription: \$60.00

1/9/2022: Zoom annual subscription: \$163.91 (tax added to transaction)

### Inflows (Last 30 days):

\$348.16 (\$165.37 received from old DA HOW intergroup account)

**Balance as of 2/13/2022:** \$2,677.7

**Intergroup Service Representative:** Domingo gave an update on the subcommittee and his report is included below. He also said he would give an update on the cost of the WSC and that is also included below - excluding cost of travel which will be determined as we get closer to the date since there may be COVID restrictions to travel. In which case, the WSC would be held virtually.

This report is a result of a call with the DA Chair during the week of Jan 31st for clarification:

### Current State:

The DA Chair, Sharon, clarified that they are not removing DA HOW 's Intergroup designation. We are still listed as a DA HOW Intergroup on the DA website (Intergroup DA Meetings - debtorsanonymous.org) and can continue to function as one until further notice.

### Future State:

She said that sometime in the future, likely sometime after March 2022, that the WSO will send out notices for all Intergroups (not sure if DA groups are included or just Intergroups) to re-register if they wish to continue as an Intergroup.

At that time, they will approve groups who meet the definition of an intergroup. Per the current board's interpretation, a DA Intergroup is a DA service body who is voted to represent and help support a group of DA Meetings in a geographic location. Furthermore, all telephone, Zoom, Skype, and other virtual

meetings are expected to register as part of the Debtors Anonymous Telephone/Internet Intergroup (DATIG).

I stated that the fact that the DA HOW Intergroup does not represent meetings in a geographic location is a moot point and does not apply to us. That we have the right to exist because nothing in the Debtors Anonymous Manual for Service (DAMS) nor the Intergroup Service Handbook (ISH) states that all telephone and internet groups must belong to DATIG. ISH manual says that an Intergroup can also serve the needs of members who attend meetings on the telephone or on the internet. The name of DATIG is inserted in the middle of that sentence but it does not specify that all telephone/virtual meetings must only belong to that sole intergroup DATIG.

**Suggestions for next steps:**

I propose that we be write an issue and concern appealing the DA Board's interpretation that the DA HOW Intergroup do not meet the requirement to be considered a DA Intergroup. I believe that will be the best use of our time. Not only will it help address our issue but will also be a timely discussion considering the immense migration of D.A. in-person meetings to virtual mediums of communication. Many of whom may not return to in-person after the pandemic is over. This means that the current definition for a DA Intergroup does not meet the current and future state of the DA fellowship.

Estimated Cost of attending the WSC in Aug of 2022: The cost of registration fee, meal plan, lodging (single room, Wednesday through Saturday nights), Fellowship Day, and Gala is \$1,435 USD

The cost of air travel is still to be determined.

**Website Chair:** Andy

**Website Co-Chair:** Mara

**Phone List Chair:** Lynn

**Phone List Co-Chair:** Jessica

**E-mail Announcement Coordinator:** Melissa

## Old Business

- A new PayPal account is needed for every new treasurer. Andy is the interim Treasurer.
  - **Discussion held during Jan 9, 2022 IG mtg:**
  - A member inquired as to the requirements for the position and stated their own experience and possible desire to step up and fill the Treasurer role. They will consider taking the new position and report back later.
  - **Discussion continued on this issue during Feb 13, 2022 IG mtg:**
  - Rene asked if there is anyone interested in becoming our Intergroup Treasurer.
    - Maria volunteered
    - A motion was made to vote Maria in as our new treasurer
    - The motion passed unanimously
- Rene stated that we needed access to the dashboard for the FreeConferenceCall.com HD Intergroup meeting number and asked if anyone had that info.

- **Discussion held during Jan 9, 2022 IG mtg:**
  - A discussion was had. No one on the call had that info.
  - Rene tabled this item for a later date and asked the Intergroup members present to ask members of their group to see if anyone has this info.
  - **Discussion continued on this issue during Feb 13, 2022 IG mtg:**
  - Since we now meet for our Intergroup Meetings on Zoom this item is not longer needed and is closed effective 2/13/2022
- Domingo would like to discuss the best way to bring up new business so that we can make the best use of our time. He suggested that new business items are sent to the meeting chair and secretary beforehand via email. Members could still bring up items extemporaneously at the meeting, and they would be addressed after the items that were submitted beforehand via email.
    - **Discussion held during Feb 13, 2022 IG mtg:**
    - Domingo moved that all new business items be emailed to the Intergroup (IG) secretary the Wed before the start of next business meetings. All mtg items will be posted on the DA HOW website, verbatim, between IG meetings. New items not emailed prior to the deadline can still be brought up at end of IG mtg and addressed, time permitting. Any unfinished business items will carry over to next month's IG mtg.
    - Motion voted
    - Motion passed unanimously.

## New Business

- Lynn and Jessica are rebuilding the phone list from scratch. They are asking that all Intergroup meeting attendees announce this at their meetings and direct members to the DA-HOW Weebly site to be added to the phone list to receive a copy.
  - **Members who presented this motion were not present so this item will be carried forward to Mar 2022 mtg.**
- After talking to the representative listed for the Tuesday zoom meeting, she let me know she no longer attends, the person who created and manages the zoom account no longer attends. The zoom account is funded by an old DA HOW Intergroup PayPal account - that I and no past treasurer I know have access to. I was told by the Tuesday meeting listed rep, who no longer attends. that members have likely set up repeating contributions and while an account has those, PayPal will not close the account. I propose we create a DA HOW intergroup zoom account, buy an annual subscription for \$149.90 (monthly is \$14.99, annual saves 2 months, or \$29.98, or 17%)
  - **Discussion held during Feb 13, 2022 IG mtg:**
  - A representative of the Tuesday mtg requested that the Intergroup allow the Tue mtg to use the Intergroup Zoom account
  - Sara made a motion that the DA HOW Intergroup create a reoccurring Zoom mtg, on the DA HOW Zoom account, to start 30 minutes prior to the meeting time and last for 30 minutes after the scheduled meeting end.
    - Melissa asked for clarification on the Zoom account

- Andy said that Alisson opened the Zoom account, and he does not know if she can assist
  - Domingo said that he was part of starting a Zoom account for another Intergroup and that this process requires additional work and ongoing management in addition to avoid major security issues and to keep meetings safe. There needs to be an IG role as the Zoom administrator who updates the Zoom account for all, provides Zoom IDs and credentials to trusted servants, and manages the overall Zoom account settings. There also must be preferably 2 or more members at each Zoom mtg to serve as co-hosts and are in charge of the security of and running of the meeting (allowing screen sharing, chat settings, handling Zoom bombers, etc.)
  - Melissa said that if we give one group access, we need to be prepared to give all groups access and asked if we are ready to do that? She also made the point
  - Another member said their meeting has been Zoom bombed and it is not just having a Zoom mtg ID that is enough.
  - The motion was brought to a vote and did not pass
    - (3) for the motion
    - (5) opposed the motion
    - (2) abstained
- Melissa suggests that we add a blurb on our DA Website that we are part of DA as a whole and include a link to the DA website and let DA HOW members know that there are other meetings they can attend and DA resources available.
  - **Discussion held during Feb 13, 2022 IG mtg:**
  - Sara seconded the motion and asked to bring to vote
  - The motion was passed unanimously
- Sara asked that the name of the person who gave us the info regarding our Intergroup status be named at our minutes and what was said.
  - **Discussion held during Feb 13, 2022 IG mtg:**
  - This info was given in the subcommittee report listed above. The person was the DA Chair Sharon.
- Sara stated that she believes it is important that the DA HOW Intergroup continue as an Intergroup and she wants to put forward a motion that we remain an intergroup and do everything possible to do so and support other groups that want to become intergroups such as the BDA group
  - **Discussion held during Feb 13, 2022 IG mtg:**
  - All expressed agreement with Sara’s motion and noted that we already have made that determination in prior IG meetings and will continue to act in order to preserve our Intergroup designation and serve the DA HOW meetings we represent.
  - Melissa stated that the IG posts an issue and concern prior to the April 1st

- Domingo will post the subcommittee's results within the Feb IG mtg minutes and ask the subcommittee for further feedback to draft an issue and concern and have ready for the March IG meeting.
- Melissa wants to set up a new DA HOW contact list that is combined with a DA HOW events list and that it be a Google groups document

### **Business Carried Forward**

- Melissa proposes we set up a new DA HOW contact list that is combined with a DA HOW events list and that it be a Google groups document