

Minutes: Executive Board Meeting November 24, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Ro M. Chair, Dee C. Treasurer, Sheree C. Secretary (took minutes), Jessica F., Webmaster, Roger R. Chair, Finance Committee (for a portion of the meeting)

Serenity Prayer & Quick Check-in

Restricted Funds: Board agreed on establishing a subcommittee to develop a proposal to the remainder of GPI on what/when to do re: restricted funds

Budget Update:

- Review of 2025 budget
- Concerns were discussed as to how the change in WSO's suggested contribution distribution (50/40/10) will affect our GPI donations. Each group conscience will need to determine.
- If the rate of contributions remains stable, \$120 short per month/re: proposed budget, but the \$60 per month for the phone bill will help to mitigate that.

World Service Policy on Minors

- The situation: Another country had an experience with an online minor, which violated the law of that country. WSO in response has recommended that OA as a whole not allow minors to attend our meetings unaccompanied. In PA law a minor is defined as under 21. US Federal regulations around internet privacy define minors as under 13. WSO is not defining minor for us. The risk for GPI is very limited. This policy contradicts many of our traditions without taking into consideration how this will adversely affect the young people that are involved.
- All WSO literature focusing on teens or children has already been removed from the catalog.
- We determined our approach as a result of the policy will be:
 - We will not directly address the policy, but will address questions if they come up.
 - We will recommend for our meetings to be very careful with young people who attend our meetings.
 - We will send the *Handling Disruptive Members* document out in our highlights "for the protection of all members, especially our younger members."

Bylaw Update:

- Review updated bylaws, to bring our bylaws into compliance with WSO template for Intergroup bylaws. We are also moving some things from the bylaws to the PnP, and some changes were actual changes in procedures.
- The Executive Board went over changes line by line, in conjunction with Jessica, and suggested several clarifications for the Policy and Procedures Committee to follow up on. It was also suggested that the PnP edits be formulated before the Bylaw changes be finalized.
- In view of the edits the Executive board recommended, GPI review will be rescheduled. It will likely be moved to after the World Service questions in the spring.

Other Issues & Concerns:

- November survey update. The November 30 deadline is not visible until you click on the survey. We will report on the survey results at the December 8 GPI meeting.
- Kristi & Debbie are willing to work on a retreat, along with possibly Donna & Cindi. If we can get more people interested, Ro could serve as a temporary chair for the retreat.
- IR mentors have stepped up: Liv/Mary Ann, Linda/Lynn, Jessica/Ida, Kristi/Janine

11/10 GPI Agenda Items

- Minutes
- Reports (due 12/2/2024)

- Spotlight Speakers Chair Role/Liv
- Recap Speakers at Region 7 Convention/Liv
- 2025 Budget/Dee
- Subcommittee on Restricted Funds: ask for volunteers
- Survey Results
- Carrying the Message Presentation & Exercise/Linda & Kristi: about 20 minutes

Adjourn

Next Executive Board Meeting: December 14, 2024, 12:00 pm