

## July 24, 2022 GPI Executive Board Meeting Notes

Attendees: Kristi K., Linda A., Ruth D., Jessica F.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

### Old Business

1. GPI Website Update -Jessica will ask the Technology Committee to check the website for broken links, the mobile app needs a minor site map fix and the election form requires some minor updates. The July VOR is available online.
2. GPI Inventory -Overall survey results are positive. Indication that respondents would benefit from more information about the financial function of the intergroup. Discussed the role of the GPI in helping members connect with sponsors. Posting contact information for sponsors online cannot be done for confidentiality and logistical reasons. A member can obtain phone numbers at the GPI website for members who occupy service positions or are contacts for groups. These individuals can suggest ways for a person seeking a sponsor to obtain phone numbers. GPI will add general information that will be helpful to newcomers seeking sponsors. Linda has a few items that she wants to discuss at the next executive board meeting.
3. Prospective Candidates for Treasurer, Vice Chair and open committee chair positions - Jessica provided a list of potential applicants that is based on prior IG service and IG attendance. Jessica and Ruth will reach out to several candidates about running for these open positions.
4. Special Worker job description - Linda and Jessica are scheduling a time to review the job description.

### New Business

1. Individual member email re: decision to no longer make contributions - Ruth hasn't received contributions from the individual who emailed GPI regarding contributions so this item is being removed from the agenda.
2. Discussion re adjusting expectations of 12 Step Within Committee and Special Events Committee - Feedback received from IG reps at the June meeting was very helpful. Factors to consider include:
  - a. Members with internet access can now attend virtual events anywhere
  - b. Some members are more comfortable attending virtual events and are not likely to attend a local in person event, but would be open to a hybrid experience.
  - c. Some members miss in person events and are hopeful to again be able to participate.
  - d. Members miss the opportunity to see and connect with other members in person.
  - e. Several members noted that not hosting local events is a missed service opportunity with all the benefits that go along with doing service.
  - f. Hosting events generates income for GPI
  - g. Move away from a single chair person to a co-chair model for these committees
3. Linda and Jessica will draft a proposal that pares down the responsibilities of the Special Events and 12 Step Within Committees to reflect the changes that have taken place during the pandemic. The proposal will include: a focus on informing groups of virtual programming outside of GPI, making groups aware that they can host one of the OA holiday events, and requires the committees to execute one well planned and executed in person (or hybrid) event during the year instead of requiring that an event be planned for each of the OA holidays.
4. VOR Chair has missed over max amount of meetings permitted
5. Ruth reported that the Finance Committee has noted a downward trend in 7th Tradition contributions. It was brought to the board's attention because we may need to consider cutting back on operating expenses if the trend continues. Cutbacks to consider include: eliminating

the phone service, dropping the liability insurance policy and reducing contributions made to Region 7 and World Service. A member of the Finance Committee drafted a statement to share with the groups making them aware that contributions are down. Will ask GPI reps about bringing back the Gratitude contribution request that was an annual appeal every November.

Next meeting scheduled for August 28 at 2p.

*Closed meeting with the OA Promise*