

From Cindy

Dear Esther Helga and Bob,

Below you will find some issues I see as needing to be addressed. I had personally hoped that they might be addressed by the Standing Committees and then the proposals taken to the groups and then returned to the Standing Committees with changes brought in August 2010 to Chicago to the first World Service Conference for GSA.

Unfortunately, that procedure has been ....

So, given the newest procedures:

My suggestion for the Board situation was in the most recent minutes:

CindyMM suggested that instead of the Board's proposal of filling the remaining Board positions between now and the World Service Conference, that 1) those seven current Board members continue and that 2) the delegates who have been elected by their respective Intergroups (including the four from the Phone Bridge and the one from Michigan as well as the others now existing) and that 3) those who are elected from newly formed Intergroups between now and the WSC all jointly serve as the "interim Board." This Board would determine and do what needs to be done until the Nominating Standing Committee presents a slate of Board members and a Board is elected by the WSC in accord with the WSC's Structure Standing Committee's agreed upon proposals of how that process is to occur in GSA.

Another suggestion is to have someone or all those who wish to work on the standing committee drafts to have the option to do so. Any or all of the drafts... so that the greyservice access to all of the committee sites would be available to any who had three years of abstinence and are GSR's (and others who are not GSRs but have long term abstinence, if that is accepted by the group) to move the process forward... by those who want to participate in the process. Those who do not participate ..??? I do not know....

At least some more work would be done. (Perhaps not to the liking of all but at least to the liking of some... a minority opinion at the very least.)

Then there would be tangible materials to discuss and something to vote on in some future reality.

Re the limitation of the items to be worked on...I would urge opening the topics/standing committees again to include all of the standing committees previously named/considered: Finance, Board Operations, By Laws and Structure of the Organization, WS Conference, Literature, Technology (which might need break outs for GreyNet or something like it, GreyService, GreyForum, Phone Bridge, relations with social media sites, greysheet.org site and Moderation of all of the above), Nominations and Election of Board Members, Archives, Public Information, Hospitals and Institutions, Unity, and Meeting Protocols( with the Food Plan delayed to the second WSC for discussion except for the logo change and whatever was required by AA and OA.)

The underlying questions:

1. Is GSA allied with AA or a separate and independent organization?
2. Are we committed to GSA being a 12 Step Program following its steps, traditions, and concepts?
3. How might we encourage the full development of an active service structure for GSA: meetings, Intergroups, delegates and the intervening service structure components, and the Board of Trustees including the Standing Committee Structure to support development of GreySheeters Anonymous?
4. How might the different Intergroups work to achieve UNITY and create an elected Board of Trustees NOW instead of later...?
5. How might transparency be encouraged and supported in all of the Intergroups? Is greyforum a means to do that? (Addressing the concerns of a moderator: concerns currently being discussed in the Phone Bridge Intergroup)
6. Might a Service Committee/ or some group representing all the constituencies be the Board for the current era? With an Executive Committee of the current Board meeting the legal requirements of the incorporation?
7. How might all of our questions posed in the focus groups be addressed? (These questions were in fact posed some months ago! See attachment.) Might the greyservice (or greyforum) site be opened at an initial level to any GSer who wanted to participate... or any with one year or 90 days... etc...? (Not all of it but the focus group questions for people to write about....) Other parts of greyservice might still be limited to those with more abstinence and/or service responsibility.

One more idea: on the greyservice ( or greyforum) site to have a forum for each of the following: sharing on each step, tradition and concept.. (including what I have to share in the form of draft GSA steps, traditions, and concepts and everyone else's shares, edits... etc....and no requirement that it be AA literature and as we have not had a Conference, no Conference Approved Literature requirement either.) in the section that is open to all GSRs... and people in GSA over a certain number of years of abstinence ... or months as the group. (This might be an arena to draft and discuss and share literature possibilities for books, stories, and pamphlets. determines...)

Perhaps this is not the format desired, and if you wish me to present the suggestions differently, I would be happy to do so.