As individual GreySheeters, our primary purpose is to stay abstinent and carry the message to the next compulsive eater. The GSA Group provides a time and a place to support our primary purpose. The GSA Intergroup provides services to Groups in their Intergroup Area – meeting technology (video and phone), Area meeting information, GreySheets and literature, and events – to support our primary purpose.

The purpose of GreySheeters Anonymous World Service is to support Intergroups, Groups, and individuals with services that affect GreySheeters Anonymous as a whole – such as publishing literature, maintaining a website, and publishing material to reach the public and professionals. The World Service Conference serves as the business meeting of GreySheeters Anonymous as a whole.

Representing the GreySheet World

Fifty-two GreySheeters registered as delegates to the fourth World Service Conference in 2019. They came to serve the worldwide fellowship from five countries including the USA, Israel, Iceland, France, England, and 15 states including California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, and Texas.

Working Together

These 52 elected delegates, representing 38 registered Groups and nine registered Intergroups – Connecticut (6), European (2), Iceland (2), Israel (3), Midwest (6), New York Metro (14), Phone Bridge (5), SouthWest (1), and Western States (10) - worked together for two to three years. They formed ten committees – Archives, Communication, Conference, Finance, GreySheet\(^1\), Literature, Nominating, Public Information, Structure, and Website – to identify how the worldwide fellowship could best serve its primary purpose, which is to help compulsive eaters get and stay abstinent.

Conference Process

At the conference, each committee presented its ideas in the form of motions, to provide the opportunity for delegates to ask questions, debate, and vote on those proposals. Delegates voted on 18 motions and 15 passed with substantial unanimity (at least 2/3\(^{rd}\) majority). This

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\(^1\) The GreySheet Committee is a Board of Trustees committee formed to clarify the definition of GreySheet abstinence and provide guidelines for sponsors.
level of agreement came from extensive prior work by the delegates. In the nine months before the conference, each committee published a detailed report that provided the history of their work and outlined the rationale for their motions. Group Service Representatives (GSRs) discussed the motions with their Groups and provided their Groups’ input to their Intergroup Service Representative (ISR) or directly to the committees. ISRs discussed the motions at their Intergroup meetings and shared the input of their members with the committees. Delegates also attended monthly Committees Connecting meetings where they presented their motions to each other for questions and discussion. Many motions were reworked after these discussions.

**Practice the Principles**

The most frequently heard comment from the delegates was how much they appreciated the respectful, thoughtful, and collaborative nature of the discussions. This cooperative atmosphere was no doubt created in part by meetings focused on the study of the *Twelve Traditions* and the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* that many delegates attended twice monthly prior to the World Service Conference.

In the months to come, the Board of Trustees and the ten committees will work to communicate and implement the decisions of the conference.

**Motions and Results**

1. Nominated eight new and two returning candidates to the Board of Trustees who were then elected by the outgoing Board of Trustees.

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2. Adopted the *Twelve Concepts for GreySheeters Anonymous World Service* as adapted from AA with permission.
3. Approved the publication to the fellowship of the report of the GreySheet Committee.
4. Established a Website Committee independent of the Communication Committee.
5. Approved hiring a design professional to create a *GreySheeters Anonymous World Service Style Guide*.
6. Approved re-committing the *World Service Conference Charter* to the Structure Committee.
8. Approved having the next World Service Conference at the Cenacle in Chicago, IL.
10. Approved the development of Financial Policies and Procedures.
11. Approved the concept of a piece of long-form literature called *Living Abstinent*.
12. Approved a clarification of the literature approval process to define short-form literature as less than 2,000 words and long-form literature as 2,000 words or more.
13. Approved the concept of a piece of long-form literature called *One Day at a Time in GreySheeters Anonymous*.
14. Established a Nominating Committee independent of the Structure Committee.
15. Adopted a method of nominating future candidates to the Board of Trustees.
16. Failed to adopt the motion to schedule future World Service Conferences only when reserve is saved.
17. Failed to adopt the motion to cap individual contributions to less than 10% of operating budget.
18. Failed to adopt the motion to consult the fellowship when budget changes exceed $1,000 or 25% of the total budget.

**Laying Groundwork**

In addition to approving new literature, reports, policies, procedures, and expenditures, the delegates laid the groundwork for future conferences:

1. Corrected and approved the official Minutes for the 2013, 2014, and 2016 conferences so we can now publish the decisions made by previous conferences.
2. Established a process for accrediting delegates as official voting members of the conference.
3. Formalized declaring a quorum to conduct business.
4. Approved the first set of *Standing Rules and Rules of Order* which will serve as the basis for the rules for future conferences.
5. Entered into the official records of the organization the annual reports of the Treasurer and all ten committees which document much of the history of the conference since 2013 so that future delegates and volunteers will have information to build on.
Looking to the Future

Get Involved

If you are interested in contributing your talents as we seek to serve our primary purpose, there are two ways to get involved:

1. Become an elected GSR for a registered GSA Group and contact either your ISR or, if you are in an Intergroup Area without a registered Intergroup, the Board of Trustees gsawsbot@gmail.com. Tell us your top two committee preferences and we will connect you to the preferred committee that needs you the most.

2. If you prefer not to serve as a GSR, you can still help a committee as a non-voting volunteer. Volunteers don’t even have to attend committee meetings! They can choose specific tasks they would enjoy such as writing, editing, researching, verifying contact information, tracking data, interviewing board candidates, maintaining databases, leading study groups, designing newsletters, etc.

Stay Informed

To stay informed on matters facing GreySheeters Anonymous World Service, click here to subscribe to Service Matters, the monthly e-newsletter for World Service.

Service Matters will let you know about upcoming Town Halls, Committees Connecting, Traditions, and Concepts for World Service meetings and provide the information you need to participate in these Zoom video meetings. All are welcome.

Ask your GSR to update you about their committee work at your Home Group’s business meeting and, as we get closer to October 16th, 2020, ask them to update you about their preparation for the conference.

Practice the Seventh Tradition

When you can, donate to your group’s Seventh Tradition basket so your Group can send your GSR as a delegate to WSC2020. Conference registration and travel expenses are estimated at $1,200 for US-based delegates in 2020.

Ask if your group is donating a percentage of its collection to your Intergroup and to World Service to fund the services for which your delegates voted. You can also donate directly to World Service to support us all in our primary purpose https://www.greysheet.org/donations

Questions? Comments? gsawsbot@gmail.com