SUMMARY OF MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Day 1, September 12, 2014

1. What committees accomplished through recommendations and motions from 2013.

FINANCE

501(C)(3) Status
Didn't fire accountants; won an award as one of the top seven accounting firms in the Tri-state area
Filed all tax returns from 2008 – 2013
Joined Charities Bureau
Set up Auditing Committee
Pamphlet created for instructions for group treasurers
Anniversary donation giving flyer
Changed fiscal year to December 31
Obtained Directors and Officers Liability Insurance (Frenkel & Company)

STRUCTURE

Established a Legal Committee
Elected a Class B Trustee
Had a comprehensive review of the bylaws and the board passed seven bylaw changes

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Flyer – Can't Stop Eating was revised and minor changes were made and it has been placed on website
CONFERENCE/LOGISTICS COMMITTEE
Handled issues regarding World Service Conference: recording secretary, parliamentarian, et cetera
Monthly reports were made to board

LITERATURE COMMITTEE
Worked on restoring GreySheet back to its 1972 original feel format and took out the wording that Overeaters Anonymous had instructed

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNICATIONS
www.greysheet.org is in order and was updated and upgraded

LEGAL COMMITTEE
Been working with different attorneys, but still need to find someone to support us in New York
Most legal corporations and law offices cannot give legal information, so basically we need to find a way to pay
Took copyright and renewed trademark

Day 2 September 13, 2014
MOTION
***The World Service Board in order to safeguard the financial, legal and operational
well-being of the fellowship, moves that the next GreySheeters Anonymous World
Service Conference be held in 2016; and that the terms of all GSRs, ISRs and trustees
now shall to expire in 2015 be automatically extended by one year to ensure continuity.

***Motion amended: To have the conference within the next year and a half, the
board will stay on in their terms and the ISRs and GSRs will either stay on or
leave as indicated by the groups that they serve.

(Motion passed 27 to 8; Substantial Unanimity.)

LOGISTICS COMMITTEE

MOTION

***Motion that the next meeting be held in 18 months in either Atlanta or Dallas.

***Motion amended to add Boston.

(Motion passed for conference to be held in Boston spring of 2016

unanimously.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Worked on treasurer's informational brochure

Revamped donations tab on the website

RECOMMENDATIONS (Focus for next 18 months)

Fund-raising

Reaching out to home groups and intergroups to follow 12-step model in finding ways
to raise significant money to donate to World Service

Looking to encourage a shift in the perception of our groups’ expenses

Recommend each group either join or form intergroup, support your intergroup and

World Service financially on monthly or quarterly basis
COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

Following guidelines; which is the master list of website ideals

MOTION

***Conference Endorses the Communication Committee to continue to produce and distribute the E Newsletter, Service Matters, according to the published guidelines.

(Motion passed 37 to 0; Unanimously.)

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

MOTION

***That an Archives Committee be established as a world service standing committee with a chairperson and if possible and available a board of trustees member liaison.

(Motion is adopted by general consent.)

***GSAWS adopt the recommended and board of trustees approved bylaw changes, and continue to work to make the bylaws internally consistent compliant with New York Nonprofit Corporate Law.

(Motion adopted unanimously.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Archives Committee recommends sufficient funding be allocated for archival support; safe deposit box, jump drives; et cetera.

That the committee ourselves draft a service manual to provide information to GSA members on specific service related topics.

- It will reflect the guidance of the 12 traditions, the 12 concepts, the board of trustees and the shared experience of the GSA groups and the
intergroups. Since it will reflect the current group conscious of our fellowship as a whole, it will not undergo the usual GSA literature approval process nor require final approval by the World Service Conference. It will be updated periodically under the auspices of the board of trustees to reflect current GSA experience.

That the committees of the World Service Conference involve other members of the fellowship in completing specific tasks and projects if the committee believes it would further the work of the committee.

That GSRs and ISRs whose groups and intergroups intend to raise the money to send them to the next World Service Conference be assigned to at least one World Service Conference committee immediately after the previous World Service Conference.

**LITERATURE COMMITTEE**

**MOTION**

***That GSAWS use the term compulsive eater instead of the term compulsive overeater.***

(Motion adopted 26 to 11; Substantial Unanimity)

***That we add the term food addict in addition to the term compulsive eater to our literature.***

(Motion Failed 16 to 19)

***That the GSA conference-approved readings be accepted: GSA group purpose, GSA 12 steps, GSA 12 traditions, GSA 12 concepts and GSA freedoms.***

- Amendment drop freedoms from motion. (General Consent)
------There was a formal motion to request the reading of each section aloud and a
vote on each section independently.

------Motion made to extend the time for 10 minutes on Literature Committee and then
read every document aloud.

(Amended Motion adopted 24 to 9; Substantial Unanimity.)

****Motion made to extend time till 5:30 to let Public Information speak (No
objections raised)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

RECOMMENDATION

That GreySheeters Anonymous International Public Information Manual be listed on
the official GSA website under meeting group resources

Day 3 September 14, 2014

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

***That the suggested term of office for GSRs and GSR elects be extended from the
current suggested one year to two years.

(Motion adopted unanimously.)

***To have two panels of WSC delegates to serve rotating terms expiring at alternate
conferences the details to be determined by the Structure Committee in conjunction
with the board.

(Motion adopted unanimously.)

***GSAWS adopt the rotation and continuity of delegates procedure outlined by the
Structure Committee.
(After discussion revised to:

That GSRs and ISRs be elected for a two-year term in the month following the conference.

(Motion passed unanimously.)

RECOMMENDATION

Transition plan outlined in documents; election process and have the elect person be elected one year before the start of the GSR term.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

***That we split the group of motions into separate motions for each document. One motion for the steps, one for the traditions and one for the group purpose and that we drop the motion to approve the 12 concepts for now.

( Adopted by General Consent.)

***That the GSA Conference approves the 12 steps of GreySheeters Anonymous with changing the word compulsive overeater in step 12 to compulsive eater as posted on the website and wherever it is printed, it will have the disclaimer.

(Motion passed 29 to 8; Substantial Unanimity.)

***Motion made to reconsider vote from Literature Committee about changing compulsive overeater to compulsive eater.

Seconded.

(Motion to reconsider fails 12 to 22.)
***That the conference approves the 12 traditions of GreySheeters Anonymous and wherever printed that we print the AA disclaimer with the 12 traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous underneath printed in small print with the following changes:
- In Tradition 1 GreySheeters Anonymous was written out, we changed it back to GSA unity
- In Tradition 5...the compulsive eater who still suffers. Not the compulsive overeater, but the compulsive eater.
- In Tradition 8...GSA should remain forever nonprofessional, should be GreySheeters Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional...
- In Tradition 10 we will use GreySheeters Anonymous instead of GSA.

  (Motion passed 32 to 1; Substantial Unanimity.)

***That the conference approve the GreySheet Group Purpose.

***Motion made to send motion back to committee and to bring back a report at the next conference.

-Seconded

- Motion Withdrawn

****Amendment made to previous motion to accept existing GreySheet Group Purpose as is in all literature.

  (Amendment accepted 17 to 15; Majority vote.)

***The amendment becomes the main motion:

    That the conference accept the existing GreySheet Group Purpose as in all literature.

  (Motion Fails 18 to 18; no substantial unanimity.)