

UA New York Intergroup August 8, 2016, Meeting

Meeting Minutes/DRAFT

Location: 291 Broadway, 8th Fl.

Chair: Peter S.

Secretary: Andrew B.

Attendance/Meetings Represented:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter S.– NY Intergroup Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jef – NY Intergroup Literature Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KC—Tuesday 8:00 p.m. meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anthony – Volunteer visiting from Mon 8 p.m. meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ed. W.– NY Intergroup Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dan – Sunday LGBT Center meeting; NY Intergroup Outreach Coordinator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrew B. – Saturday 11:30 a.m. meeting; NY Intergroup Secretary

REPORTS:

- **Secretary’s Report** (Andrew - July minutes) – **TABLED**
- **Outreach Coordinator** (Dan) - **ACCEPTED**
- **Treasurer’s Report** (Ed) – **ACCEPTED**
- **Literature Report** (Jef) – **ACCEPTED**
- **GSR Report** (Andrew D.) – **TABLED**

SEVENTH TRADITION BREAK

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

- **The Monday Night Business Owners and Self-Employed Meeting Needs Support.**

An informational flyer about the Monday Night B.O.S.E. meeting will be created and distributed by ISRs at their respective meetings and any other meetings they attend.

Anthony will advise on the content of the flyer.

- **Literature Distribution**

The new literature order form is up on the NY Intergroup website (9thtradition.org), but is not yet fully functional.

- **Time/Location of NY Intergroup Monthly Meeting**

The question was raised as to whether we’d like to move the NY Intergroup monthly meeting from its current time slot. A vote was taken and the result was to keep the meeting at its current time: the second Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

- **Simplifying and Improving the Efficiency of Online Discussions**

The question was raised as to how we might make our online discussions clearer, more efficient, and simpler---in a word, “sane.” Note: the use of the word “sane” in this conversation reflected the 12-step ideal of “sanity”; it was not used to imply an accusation of *insanity*.

It was suggested that we move our conversations to a Google doc with a format that allows everyone to contribute to the discussion and view all edits.

All Intergroup members were asked to give thought this month to additional ways to address this issue.

- **2016 ISSUES: 1. STEPS AND TRADITIONS, 2. PROGRAM DEFINITION, 3. SPONSORSHIP**
 - Steps and Traditions:
 - Intergroup members have announced at meetings that we'd like to start a Steps and Traditions meeting, as part of our goal to make Steps and Traditions more central to UA recovery in NYC. So far no one among the NYC membership has come forward to establish a Steps and Traditions meeting.
 - At present, Orison has the prudent reserve and meeting materials from the discontinued Steps and Traditions meeting. At Orison's request, Andrew B. will take those items from him and turn them over to Intergroup. They will then be handed off to whoever takes charge of starting the new Steps and Traditions meeting.
 - KC has spoken to Ruby at St. Margaret's House. She will have meeting space available on Thursday nights starting in September. KC will follow up with her to get more specific available times.
 - The preferred start time for the meeting is still under discussion.
 - Program Definition:
 - Voted in favor of including Houston UA Intergroup's *Defining UA Sobriety Workbook* in our literature catalogue.
 - The question remains: Who is our target audience with this pamphlet? And how might that affect the creation of our own similar pamphlet?
 - Sponsorship Pamphlet:
 - The writers group, now headed by Alexis and still including Aviva, has been formed. Work on the pamphlet is underway.
 - Another edit of the pamphlet will be presented to Intergroup.
- **World Service Conference:**
 - UA Intergroup would like to encourage NY GSRs to attend the WSC:
 - Announce at meetings that we encourage them to send a GSR.
 - Offer assistance with transportation through van sharing (Jef B. will look into this).
 - Offer a contact number or email address to any GSR who would like to attend the WSC and would like transportation assistance.
 - NY Intergroup would like our GSR, Andrew D., to raise the following issues at the upcoming UA World Service Conference:
 - What is the purpose of the WSC?
 - Are the WSC and the GSB actually following the traditions?
 - GSRs have no voice.
 - There is no central repository for documents and minutes.

- General lack of transparency.
- No cohesive vision for the fellowship.
- Request that the GSB weigh in on
 - (a) the Houston Intergroup's *Defining UA Sobriety Workbook*.
 - (b) the UA Bylaws
 - (c) the definition of underearning and recovery

ACTION COMMITMENTS

Jef – 1. Research van-sharing info for GSRs wishing to attend the WSC; 2. give Anthony information for ordering literature.

Andrew B.— 1. Produce minutes of 8/8/16 Intergroup meeting; 2. find July Intergroup minutes; 3. announce WSC at meetings.

Peter S. – 1. Send out the WSC website; 2. send out meeting kit to Ed; 3. keep working on the literature order form on 9thtradition.org

Dan – 1. Give Intergroup report to his meeting on Sunday; 2. continue outreach efforts

KC – 1. Call Ruby at St. Margaret's House about meeting times opening up in September: Thursday night, Wednesday daytime; 2. also inquire about upcoming workshop dates.

Ed – 1. Deposit tonight's 7th Tradition collection; 2. read the Houston pamphlet.

ALL – 1. Think of possible ways to simplify and clarify our online discussions; 2. announce at meetings that they can send a GSR to the WSC and encourage them to do so; 3. let them know that we're hoping to set up ride sharing.

NEXT MEETING:

September 12, 2016, location TBD