

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMITTEE/CAUCUS

VIRTUAL WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE, AUGUST 15-16, 2020

MOTIONS

Business Debtors Anonymous

No Motions

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee moves that the 2021 World Service Conference scheduled to take place in the Greater New York area continue as planned. *Motion Carried*

The Conference Committee moves that the 2020 World Service Conference authorize making remote participation available to any voting delegates eligible to vote remotely pursuant to GSB policy who are unable to attend at any face to face World Service Conference. *Motion Carried*

The Conference Committee moves that the 2020 World Service Conference accept the United Kingdom Intergroup bid to host the 2022 World Service Conference in the Greater London area. *Motion Carried*

Fellowship Communications Committee

No Motions

Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons Committee

No Motions

Internal Operations Committee

No Motions

International Committee

International Committee moves that the month of January be dedicated annually as “International D.A. Awareness Month” and that the International Committee be authorized to develop appropriate programs. *Motion Carried*

Literature Committee

Literature Committee moves that the WSC approve publication of the D.A. Step Study Guide. *Motion Carried*

Literature Committee moves that the WSC approve publication of the BDA Step Study Guide.

Motion Carried

Literature Committee moves that the WSC approve the concept for a PRG guide/outline.

Motion Carried

Literature Committee moves that the WSC approve the concept for a Vulnerability and Visibility pamphlet. *Motion Carried*

Literature Committee moves that the WSC approve the concept for a pamphlet on the theme of Race and Debt *Motion Recommended to Committee*

Public Information Committee

No Motions

Resource Development Committee

No Motions

Technology Committee

No Motions

RECOMMENDATIONS

Business Debtors Anonymous

No Recommendations

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee recommends that the GSB Conference Support Committee create and translate into multiple languages a special email to serve as a cover letter to the WSC Registration Packet and on the website to generate interest from non-English speaking locations.

The Conference Committee recommends that the GSB authorize the committee to curate a Ways & Means issue to state the joys and benefits of World Service and WSC participation.

The Conference Committee recommends that the GSB Conference Support Committee provide an explanation in the Registration Packet of what the Registration Fee pays for.

The Conference Committee recommends that Debt-Anon continue to be invited to host a Track/Room at D.A.'s WSC Fellowship Day. Feedback from DA delegates and attendees has been highly positive.

The Conference Committee recommends that the GSB Conference Support Committee consider D.A. WSC times of 11 am-5 pm Eastern Time U.S. Delaying the start time of the WSC until 11:00 am Eastern Time U.S. would be more attractive for Delegates in the Pacific Time Zone and encourage more participation from that region.

Fellowship Communications Committee

The FCC recommends to the Conference Committee that a GSR Mentorship Program be developed.

The FCC recommends the GSB incorporate a weekly GSR announcement into the meeting format (DAMS).

The FCC recommends to CommTech (GSB Communications / Information Technology Committee) to develop and implement a DA podcast to be launched on platforms such as Apple and Spotify.

The FCC recommends to CommTech (GSB Communications / Information Technology Committee) to include Zoom platform for Fellowship Wide Calls.

The FCC recommends to Lit Com and Tech Committee to develop a digital document for recording numbers.

The FCC recommends to Tech Committee to create a solvency day counter to be embedded on the website.

The FCC recommends to Tech Committee to develop a live-chat option on the website to address questions or needs.

The FCC recommends that the GSB develop and integrate a sponsorship Hub for members; a system for connecting potential sponsors and sponsees.

Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons Committee

No Recommendations

Internal Operations Committee

The Internal Operations Committee recommends that the General Service Board (GSB), in conjunction with the GSB Office Committee, commits to relocating the General Service Office (GSO) to a tier-one city with a strong DA presence by expiration of the current lease in October of 2022. Defining and implementing the vision of a new office space will provide the GSO with increased capability to meet the growing needs of the DA fellowship.

International Committee

International Committee recommends that WSC Literature Committee update and expand D.A.'s Awareness pamphlet to include information on the sorts of mobile financial debiting systems prevalent in Africa, Asia, and other parts of the world. The purpose for this is to bring more clarity and awareness for debtors in other countries, whose avenues to incurring debt, might be quite different from those in North America or Europe. The pamphlet would include common pitfalls debtors face regularly in nations where the banking and economic systems present different challenges and therefore, different red flags.

International Committee recommends that the WSC PI committee and GSB PI work with WSC International Committee to create relevant radio/TV opportunities to carry the message to countries where the internet is less accessible, with backup information and access to D.A.

Literature Committee

Literature Committee recommends that the GSB release a statement on why the pronouns issue has not yet been resolved.

Public Information Committee

The PI Committee recommends that every D.A. meeting make a special point of welcoming newcomers, that time be set aside to welcome new members at each meeting as part of the meeting format and that newcomers are given newcomer packs, either printed or digital depending on circumstances, contact information for other members, and guided towards the "Getting Started" part of the website. We further recommend, where resources allow, that the new person greeter be established as a trusted servant position, duly elected at the meeting's business meeting. We feel that these measures will assist newcomers through their first crucial few months in the program.

Resource Development Committee

RDC recommends that all meetings, including phone and online meetings, make a 7th tradition announcement to cover group meeting expenses and the Service Bodies of DA. RDC further recommends that all GSRS announce to their groups the various electronic methods for making individual and group contributions to World Service.

RDC recommends that groups consider creation of a service position known as "Temporary Sponsor." RDC recommends to the GSB that the DAMS be amended to include the description of a Temporary Sponsor in the following or similar language:

Many groups find it appropriate to establish a service position, known as Temporary Sponsor. When a newcomer arrives in the group, the Temporary Sponsor is available to serve as a temporary sponsor for the newcomer – to invite the newcomer to work the Steps of Debtors Anonymous, to show the newcomer how the temporary sponsor has worked the Steps, and generally to introduce the newcomer to Debtors Anonymous. Typically, this is only for a limited period of time, until the newcomer obtains a more permanent sponsorship relationship. The service position has regular rotation at a frequency voted on by the group. Depending on group size, some groups have more than one individual filling this role at any given time. Some groups prefer to have one male member and one female member serving as Temporary Sponsor.

RDC recommends to the Board that they publish a monthly simplified report of the D.A. finances including spending actuals, plan, and ideal plan all together in columns, via a monthly email, and on the D.A. website.

RDC recommends to the Board and to the Technology Committee to put links to purchase electronic literature and paper literature, and links to download free literature and service literature all on the same page on the website, on a page simply called "Literature."

RDC recommends to the Board and Technology Committee to create an electronic literature order form on the website that calculates the total including any shipping or sales taxes and creates a way to a pay for this literature online.

Technology Committee

No Recommendations

Intergroup Caucus

Intergroup Caucus recommends to the GSB that the link to the document "Intergroup Service Handbook" also be listed on the "free downloads" literature page on the www.debtorsanonymous.org website.

Intergroup Caucus recommends to the GSB that the 2 documents, "Intergroup Service Handbook" and "Chapter 3: Intergroup Service" in the DAMS

- i. Be integrated to become 1 document (because some info is in one and not the other and vice versa);
- ii. Be updated to reflect current best practices; and
- iii. Be revised for readability.

Intergroup Caucus Recommends to the GSB that the DA website have a specific and dedicated page for Intergroup information purposes, tools, and understanding.

Spiritually Sustainable Earning Caucus

No Recommendations

Underserved and Under-represented Outreach Caucus

UUOC recommends that D.A. continue the discussion with A.A. about using more inclusive, gender-free language in the D.A. 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

UUOC recommends that the Literature Committee participate in gender-neutral language-review in our D.A. literature across Fellowship.

UUOC recommends that every member of the WSC and D.A. as a whole to explore the intersection of racism and debting, the effects on individuals and groups, and how we can grow into a D.A. that better works for the thriving of all.

UUOC recommends that the Literature Committee develop further literature for underserved populations, such as Indigenous, Asian, immigrants, LGBTQ, seniors, and the disabled, among others.