

## **D23 District Meeting**

January 13, 2022

6:30 PM

Zoom Information:

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# How the District 23 Committee Meeting Operates

(Adapted from HOW THE CONFERENCE OPERATES)

*Generally speaking, we loosely follow Robert's Rules of Order and, with any luck, the whole meeting proceeds on as informal a basis as possible.*

## **General Rules of Debate:**

- People who wish to speak raise their hand to be recognized by the stack keeper\*.
- Voting is by a show of hands for or against a motion.

## **Examples of the Process:**

- Motion made >> Motion seconded >> Discussion >> Vote >> Motion passes >> Minority opinion requested
- Motion made >> Motion seconded >> Discussion >> Vote >> Motion fails >> Minority opinion requested >> Request to reconsider motion made >> Request to reconsider seconded >> Vote >> Reconsider gets greater than 50% >> Discussion resumes >> Vote >> Motion passes or fails (no further reconsideration)

## **Substantial Unanimity:**

- All matters of policy require substantial unanimity - or a two-thirds vote.

## **Minority Opinion:**

- After the establishment of rejection of any matter of policy by a two-thirds vote, the non-prevailing side will always be given the opportunity to speak to its opposition. There is no rebuttal.

## **Request to Reconsider:**

- Must be made in the form of a motion by someone who had voted with the prevailing side and now, after further consideration, wishes to change their vote.
- Requires a second from any voting member.
- Requires only a simple majority to cause reconsideration. If passed, full debate, pro and con, is resumed on the action.
- No action may be reconsidered twice.

## **“Why Do We Need a Conference?”** from p. S20 *The A.A. Service Manual*

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting: "We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life. "We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effects of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade A.A. We need it to insure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services. "We need it to insure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

# January 2022 Meeting Agenda

## Why Do We Need A Conference?

Welcome! New GSRs/Alt GSRs: Please e-mail the Web Committee ([webcommittee@nc23.org](mailto:webcommittee@nc23.org)) so we signed up for e-mails and text notifications. You can update your group's listing with GSO at this link: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/contacts/area-officers/registrar/gcf>

Approval of Minutes (available on [nc23.org](http://nc23.org))

Roll Call: Call for any Group Needs

**Reports** (Full reports are written and are available at the end of the agenda. Each position is given 1-2 minutes maximum for a quick summary and to advise the meeting of any special needs. Questions from the floor are welcome.)

Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information (CPC/PI)

Special Events

Accessibilities

Correctional Facilities (CFC)

Grapevine

Treatment Facilities (TFC)

Web & Technology

Intergroup Representative

Treasurer

Alt DCM Report

LCM Report

DCM Report

## Old Business

Fall '21 Assembly Minutes Posted

Open Positions: LCM, CPC/PI, Accessibilities, and Special Events

## New Business

**Adjourn with Responsibility Statement**

# Committee Reports

**CPC/PI:** Vacant

**Special Events:** Vacant

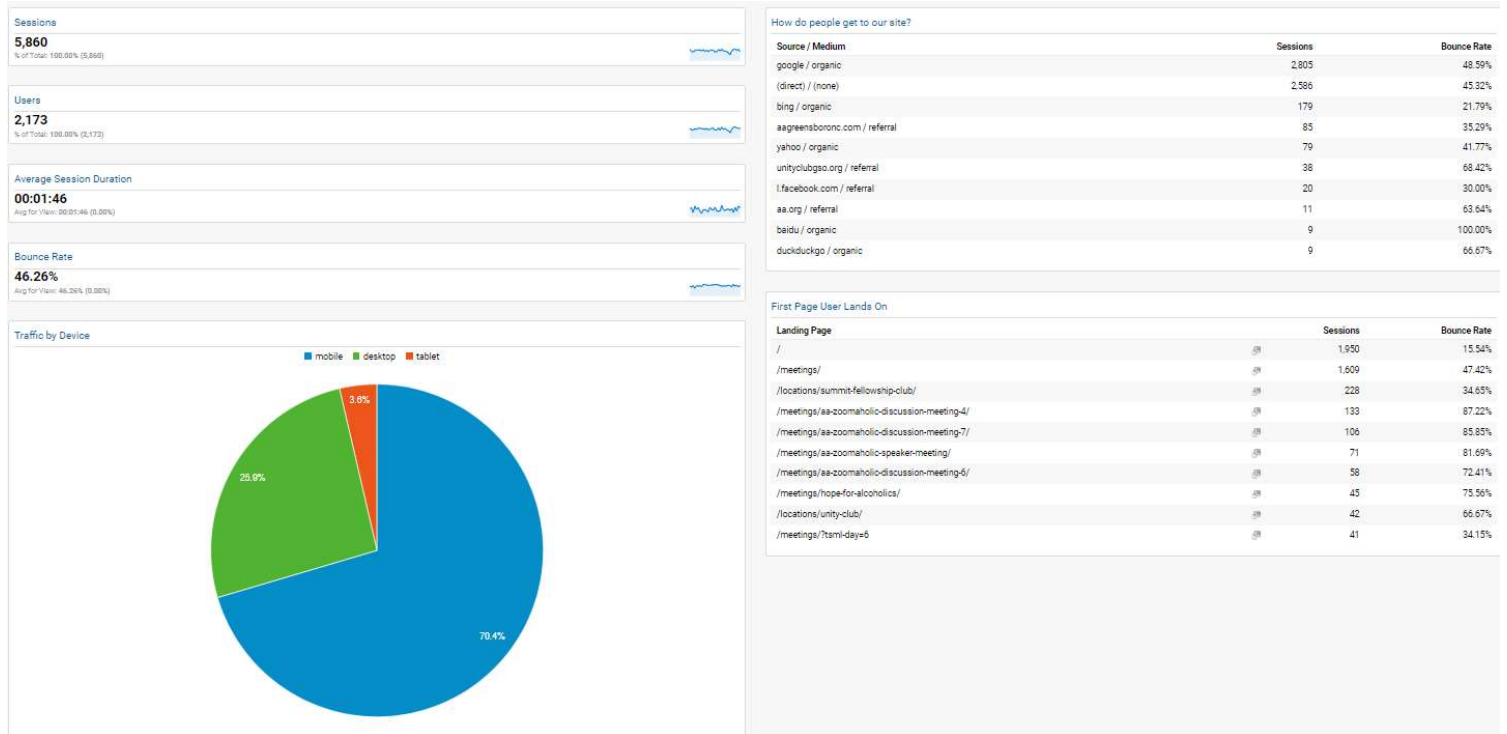
**Accessibilities:** Vacant

**CFC:** No report submitted

**TFC:** No changes to last month's update due to COVID.

**GV:** No report submitted.

## Web & Tech:



## Open Positions

**Local Committee Member (LCM):** LCMs currently attend meetings for groups that are not represented at District Meetings to announce District events and try to encourage participation at the District and Area level. LCMs attend and give reports at all District Committee Meetings. LCMs also attend and participate in all Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies (4 Weekends per Year) as well as Area Workshops as appropriate.

**Accessibilities Coordinator:** Accessibilities goes beyond just physical limitations and disabilities, and the Accessibility Coordinator helps to ensure that District 23's meetings are as accessible as possible to all alcoholics regardless of their situation. In addition to responding to requests and inquiries that are received, the Accessibilities Coordinator works with the Area 51 Accessibilities Coordinator and helps to locate resources for those who may need accommodation. Also, the Coordinator helps to maintain the accessibilities inventory of the District to make certain the District is aware of what meetings are and are not accessible for a variety of needs.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information Chairperson (CPC/PI):** CPC/PI responds to requests from professional groups and other organizations for information about AA. CPC/PI includes things such as setting up a booth at a health fair, speaking to a group of medical professionals, or the far more mundane making sure that ABC stores and doctor offices have pamphlets and meeting schedules. Ideally CPC/PI coordinates with the Area 51 CPC and PI coordinators and is supported by a committee.

**Special Events Chairperson:** The special events chairperson helps to plan District functions, including the annual Founders Day and New Year's Eve celebrations. In addition to those events, the Special Events Chairperson helps plan smaller events as needed. This position includes a Costco membership at District expense.