

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 an informal 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 [Read by Mitch L.](#)

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."

Introductions: Name, Position, and Homegroup only (We do not need your meeting times)

Two new GSRs Alt GSRs

Welcome New GSRs/Alt GSRs: Please see the Secretary as well as the Webmaster before you leave so we can get you registered and signed up for e-mails and text notifications.

Approval of Minutes (available on nc23.org) any corrections or changes?

John T – Some of the committee reports did not go in because of the change in the email, he has them to add
Mitch motions to accept minutes, Kyle seconds, approved unanimously

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.)

Treasurer

No deposits, deductions reflect NYE Event – Will meet with Carlos to hand over the keys

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

Outgoing Jon T – providing materials for Middle School and HS through new partnership as well as to ABC stores through new partnerships

Magaret – Has some materials for Accessibilities

Leisa -Michelle did a terrific job providing

Michelle – did have some costs that didn't get reimbursed

Correctional Facilities (CFC)

Grapevine

Special Events

Katie - Not a lot of previous information to go from, but will be taking an inventory of what is currently stored at intergroup, would like to connect with secretary about previous minutes

Accessibilities Tyler – brought group inventories to be shared with groups to get an inventory of accessibility of various meetings

Treatment Facilities (TFC)

John S. – just recently stepped in for district, but has been chair for YP for over a year now, not too much legwork done, but trying to get homegroups more involved and would request us to talk to homegroups about having homegroup TF chairs to take a once a month meeting to various treatment facilities, other than that everything rolling pretty cool

Jackie – already taking a meeting to daymark 3 days a week

Shawn – need more volunteers for Monday night taking a meeting to daymark

John S. – Now that I have that information I'm going to reach out to Daymark to see what we can do about getting more meetings to that facility

Jackie – The daytime group is the one that goes Mondays correct? Yes. It's time to change. Cone behavioral has someone going 7 nights a week

Web & Technology

Meeting is going to be at my house at 12pm on Saturday 1/11

Intergroup Representative

AA2022 Committee

Sam – aa22 is going to be making recommendations about how AA can assist the district by moving intergroup into a larger facility and having more accessible hours. Meeting is on Tuesday Jan 14th at 6pm, every other month on the second Tuesday. Please come talk with us and become a part of the committee. Thanks.

Any GSR Needs or Concerns for Homegroup

Celebrations, concerns, ideas for District, comments on committee reports or questions.

Jackie – serenity group will be having a celebration, started in 1972 and looking to do so some time in March, will get something to the district, group was almost forgotten, had gotten down to 3 members and is not thriving again.

Alt DCM Report

Jon T. – Thank you for allowing me to be at grownup table, not much to say yet other than looking forward to serving in whatever capacity can, just got first mailing for precon as well as a mock planning session for that, does look forward to that and will serve in best way he can

LCM Reports

Mitch – not much to do up to this point, but plan is to attend meetings that aren't participating as GSR and encourage activity at the District level and will make voice heard if something is in violation of the concepts

DCM Report

- Does the district want to formally adopt and continue the policy regarding chairpersons and missed district committee meetings?

Adrian - Sunday March 29th will be the preconference, good opportunity to make sure voices are heard, don't have to be a GSR. They will at some point ask for a little bit of money at some point, but not much, In Durham, we will likely chip in as we have somewhat more resources than some other districts in vicinity

Has a question to the GSRs, Karen had a policy of chairmen or coordinator who missed 3 or more meetings was to vacate their position. In the past some people had filed reports even though not in attendance, do we want to keep with this policy.

John S- I certainly feel that as an officer I should be expected to show up to the meetings, My homegroup has a similar policy and I think that works well for a lot of other things, however I do think (out of town, got a young'n) that sending an email could be a good substitute.

Becky – I just have a question, is it a problem, and if it isn't, why are we thinking about this, but if it is a problem, if appointed to a position and you don't show, then shame on you, but is this a problem, then setting a recommendation makes sense, but if it isn't a problem then why are we talking about it?

Adrian, - It has been a problem in the past and if you don't have someone bringing info back then you have a situation like John is dealing with right now.

Don – That seems reasonable to me, we had a member of our homegroup who simply wasn't fulfilling their position, not a matter of punishing someone, but making sure that someone who wants to perform is in the position.

Leisa – I agree with that, I've been in the position of telling someone what my homegroup was and finding out from them that they weren't attending district meetings.

Margaret – What was the previous policy

Adrian – Informal policy of 3 consecutive meetings, was never formalized and never followed completely.

Sharon – When you've had a chair person or GSR miss 3 consecutive meetings is there any follow up with homegroups to let them know?

Adrian – You'll get a visit from someone, but there are a lot of groups that aren't represented so it may take a while I can ask melanie to put a list of groups represented on the website

Trisha – I think the responsibility lies on the hg to get a report back, and it is a problem because we're missing an opportunity for a vote and there's no movement in the spirit of rotation

Motion: A chair person, coordinator or officer who misses 3 consecutive meetings gives up their position

All in favor? About half

All opposed? About Half

Motion Fails

Thomas – Just to be clear, this is for the district chairs, not GSRs, groups are autonomous

Tyler – I think someone should reach out the group and let them know

Katie – there is a sense of stewardship and if someone isn't showing on a consistent basis after three consecutive meetings, I look at the picture and turn down the sound and if the actions aren't consistent with someone who is expected to show then we move on so I would like to second the motion

Leisa – Why can't we put the GSRs in there?

Response – we don't select the GSRs

Leisa – so can we post on the web who is showing up at the meeting?

Dan – it is posted, but also if you have a hg meeting and the gsr doesn't deliver a report that is obvious

Becky – I'd like to say something about the chairs and attendance, it seems that if a chair submits a report if they can't be there, I just think that there are negotiations and someone could be representing their chair position very well and communicating with us and even if they aren't able to be there, we've got their report and their information and just having a hard 3 strikes and your out is not very inviting. And what about if you have a chair person who comes to every meeting and does nothing? I'm just saying that there are things to consider that warrant an effective running group, we want our chairs and committee groups to be responsible for their information.

I would certainly defer to the will of the larger group here, but there are many ways to be an effective chair regardless of attendance

John S motion: I make a motion that if a chair person, coordinator or officer misses 3 consecutive meetings without communicating with another officer and without providing a report they are Vacating their position.

Passes unanimously

- Does the district want the district meeting to end at 7:30 PM or when business is complete?

Adrian – do we want to end strictly at 7:30 or do we want to go until we have completed the meeting?

Becky – It is frustrating if we get to the one hour mark and only have a little left, and we've all made the effort to be here, and there are important things to be addressed, that we should be able to make a motion to extend the meeting.

Dan – I've been GSR for a few years, and historically when there is important business being discussed the DCM asks if we'd vote to continue our business and historically we've continued our business

Katie – I would just suggest that in the mindfulness of everyone's time that the whole group keeps that in the forefront with shares and more heated topics that we don't want to make a motion every meeting to extend things another hour.

Adrian – I have made some changes to make the meetings go a little bit more quickly

Old Business

- How much if any rent should the District pay to Intergroup for use of space?

Adrian – any discussion on this item about renting the space at intergroup

Katie -we're currently paying \$50 a year right?

Adrian – it's been on a donation basis

Jackie -one thing to consider is that there's been a lot of things taken out of that storage room, do we want to lock it? If it's for special events then it needs to be just for that

Jon T – I brought initial motion last month, we had budget two years ago for \$50 per month for storage, that was motioned, that was approved and then intergroup said "just pay us a token fee" we have different service understandings although we are in the same field, so we wound up in the same position where we pay \$50 month, that's 8%, supposed to be just for SE, but have CPC in there, and now Jails. Not affiliated and supposed to be self-supporting through own contributions. Even though HG's contribute to IG this is a separate entity, just wanted to get that out, it just seems like we are taking advantage of intergroup, don't pay any upfront freight, shipping or anything. Michelle – If that is strictly for our use, could we not have, I mean only certain people should be getting into that closet? There are things that get gone out of that closet, I think it would be ok to have a loose inventory of what's in there and people check in and out items to have accountability.

Leisa – some brand new things that got bought out of michelles money just walked away, some of it came back after some digging around, but that just shouldn't be happening whether it's personal or district property that just shouldn't be happening

Jon – would a locking knob work?

Margaret – we're off issue and that's whether we feel we want to take any funds and contribute any more to intergroup office or just let anyone who has a need for a closet and storage use that? My understanding is it was all the hand of AA in this area, we pay them something, and they are content, and there wasn't any problem from IG so I would like to pass a

motion

Margaret Motion: leave donations for intergroup stay as they are

Adrian – reminder that is currently \$0

John S – Second

Passes with Leisa being the only nay vote

New Business

• Proposed Motion to Area to give Local Committee Members “LCMs” votes at Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies

Adrian – entertaining motions or discussions on this item

Becky – do other lcms get votes at any other districts?

Adrian – CLT and Durham have LCMs who do have a vote

Dan – so this is just for districts who have LCMs

Adrian – yes the area as a whole has to agree to let the district have voting LCMs

Becky – Just asking how that will affect dynamic between larger districts vs smaller districts

Adrian – the dcm in each district has a vote, so as far as balance every district has a vote. LCMs do a lot of work to help District get activity from groups

Dan – the last 2 years we’ve had an increase of participation, last was 27 attending area assembly. We historically have had maybe 8 or 9 people in the past 10 or so years

Katie - Motion: To make a motion at area level to give LCMs a vote at Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies

John S. – Second

Vote unanimously

Brian – I make a motion we adjourn

John S. – Second

Vote passes unanimously

Adjourn with Responsibility Statement

Committee Reports

CPC/PI:

CFC:

Special Events:

Accessibilities:

TFC:

GV:

Web & Tech:

Sessions

5,076

% of Total: 100.00% (5,076)



Users

2,286

% of Total: 100.00% (2,286)



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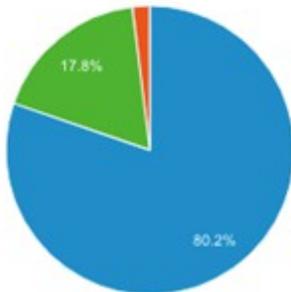
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yahoo / organic	40	32.50%
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