

Hi everyone,

Motion: Scheduling of Group meetings

I move that we establish a **regular Group Conscience meeting schedule** with one of the following options:

Option A: One Group Conscience meeting every week, with a maximum duration of 1 hour.

Option B: Two Group Conscience meetings per month (approximately every other week), with a maximum duration of 2 hours each.

Option C (proposed by Chair Ash Megan): Similar to Option B, but with different naming and duration:

One Group Conscience meeting per month, with a maximum duration of 3 hours, where voting takes place as needed,

plus ,

One separate monthly Group Business Discussion meeting dedicated to discussing group issues, concerns, and possible solutions, with a maximum duration of 2 hours.

The Group Business Discussion meeting would not include voting; its purpose would be to allow members to talk through topics before they are brought to a Group Conscience for a decision. This second meeting is a discussion forum rather than a decision-making Group Conscience.

The meetings do not need to be heavily structured. A simple agenda (for example: questions, updates, open floor) is enough, and we do not need to use the full allotted time.

We are going through a lot of changes in the group right now. Having a regular meeting schedule can help us understand issues better, make informed group decisions more efficiently, and avoid discussions becoming confusing or excessively long. If there is nothing to discuss, a meeting may be postponed, so we are not holding unnecessary sessions. This schedule can also be changed in the future as we grow.

If we follow Ash Megan's proposal that "When motions are brought to Group Conscience, discussion should take place in one GC that we will call Group Business Discussion and the vote should be held at the following GC," a **regular meeting schedule would make that process much easier and help everyone keep track of ongoing motions , things happening and ideas**

Why this could help:

- * Keeps things simple while the group is evolving.
- * Prevents meetings from becoming excessively long (the last GC meeting -before.i aded this motion - when the Sc was removed- lasted around four hours , thats excessive for every human mind and we can lose focus when we are so long on a meeting).
- * Schedule same day and time : Makes it easier for members to participate because they know in advance when meetings will be held and how long they can expect them to last.
- * Most topics can be covered within the allotted time, with any remaining items carried over to the next meeting.
- * Gives members regular opportunities to raise concerns, discuss ideas, and develop possible solutions.
- * Helps everyone stay informed about decisions and feel more involved in the homegroup , ensuring that Group Conscience decisions are informed decisions
- * Allows for more agility and more voices to be heard.
- * Reduces the amount of back-and-forth emails and chats, making it easier for our committee chairs and trusted servants to carry out their service responsibilities.

Traditions supporting this motion:

Tradition 2:

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

This motion supports the principle that decisions belong to the Group Conscience. **A regular and accessible schedule** allows members to participate more often, share information, and reach decisions collectively.

Tradition 5:

“Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose — that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

Having a predictable and focused process helps the group spend less energy on confusion, conflict, or administrative difficulties and more energy on maintaining our primary purpose.

Tradition 9:

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

Clear meeting structures support trusted servants and committees by improving communication, accountability, and coordination while ensuring that those serving remain responsible to the group and we also can take too much stuff from their shoulders with so many conversation on chats and emails.

Tradition 10:

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

A dedicated space for respectful discussion helps the group address internal matters through an A.A. process, keeping discussions focused on solutions, unity, and the welfare of the group.

Proposed meetings time: same hour same day

Saturdays at 1:00 PM Eastern Time (New York)

OR

The Group Conscience may choose a **regular weekend day between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM Eastern Time**, as those times appear to work best for most members around the world.

Thanks fo your understanding and help,

In service,

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