

aaHG group conscience

minutes

Date: January 20st, 2025

Time: 8:00pm EST

Chair: Liz P

opening prayer

Robbie, Serenity Prayer

tradition 1

Tradition 1 ; “Our Common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity.”

peg 129, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

Uncle Larry

steering committee members present

Liz P, Ato H, Evie W, Julie C, Joseph K, Albert C, Renee R, Marissa M, Joe W, Liz P, Sofia T, Eddie V, Steph NJ, Lisa M, Ash Megan, Sofia T, Big Bob, Carla S, Marissa M, Andi S

Elections:

- **Co Chair**

Big Bob	Nominated by Marciella	Seconded by Monese	52
Ato H	Nominated by Joe W	Seconded by Albert C	23

- **Secretary**

Andi S	Nominated by Big Bob	Seconded by Ash Megan	Unanimous
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- **Asst Secretary**

Carla	Nominated by Rachael C	Seconded by Big Bob	30
Amanda G	Nominated by Sofia T	Seconded by Sue	31

- **Asst Treasurer**

Albert C	Nominated by Rachel C	Seconded by Sue	52
Felix	Nominated by James	Seconded by CK	6

- **IT Chair**

Duane UT	Nominated by Big Bob	Seconded by Renee R	Unanimous
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- **Safety Female or Non Binary**

Mistydawn	Nominated by Sue	Seconded by	12
Marissa M	Nominated by Katy F	Seconded by Albert	44

- **Training Co Chair**

Brent W	Nominated by Sofia T	Seconded by Katy F	40
Felix C	Nominated by James Cowboy	Seconded by Duane UT	12

- Scheduling**

Ash Megan	Nominated by James Cowboy	Seconded by Big Bob	Unanimous
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- Members at Large 1 Full Term**

Carla	Nominated Big Bob	Seconded by Rachel C	15
Julie C	Nominated by Bob C	Seconded by Big Bob	3
Nicole C	Nominated by Paul M	Seconded by Katy F	20
James Cowboy	Nominated by Felix C	Seconded by Renee R	0
Gary M	Nominated by Steph NJ	Seconded by Shasha	1
Tracey MC	Nominated by	Seconded by	4
Bob M	Nominated by Steph NJ	Seconded by Stacy	2

- **Member at Large 2 Full Term**

Carla S	13
James Cowboy	2
Julie C	2
Gary M	1
Tracey Mc	18
Bob M	6

- **Member at Large 3 Mid Term**

Carla	22
James Cowboy	3
Julie C	2
Gary M	2
Bob M	9

- **OIAA Representative**

James Cowboy	Nominated by Felix C	Seconded by Jean	7
Renee R	Nominated by Sofia T	Seconded by Katy F	27
Evie W	Nominated by Duane UT	Seconded by Mistydawn	0

- **OIAA Asst Representative**

James Cowboy	Nominated by Mistydawn	Seconded by Jean	17
Mistydawn	Nominated by Lisa	Seconded by Sue	20

aaHG related announcements

Next GC meeting will be held on Saturday February 22th at 11:00AM EST in our GC Zoom Room

closing prayer

Andi S, Serenity Prayer

adjournment

Responsibility Statement- All



aaHG Group Conscience Meeting January SC Elections

January 20th, 2025

Agenda

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer - Serenity Prayer
- Tradition of the Month
- Elections
- Closing Prayer
- Responsibility Statement
- Adjourn

Serenity Prayer

**God grant us the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

Tradition of the Month

Tradition 1 - Long Form

*Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. **Hence our common welfare comes first.** But individual welfare follows close afterward.*

Elections

- General Information
- Election Process Review
- Note on Backfilled Positions
- Order of Elections

General Information

Per the aaHG Bylaws:

1. The (1) Co-Chair, (2) Secretary, (3) Assistant Treasurer, (4) Information Technology Chair, (5) one Safety Co-chair (female or non-binary), (6) one Training Co-chair, (7) Scheduling Committee Chair, (8 & 9) 2 Members - At - Large, and (10) Intergroup Service Representative, will be elected annually in the month of January.
 - o If the election creates a new vacancy, then the vacancy for the October term will be filled as well.
2. All nominees for election should have the minimum sobriety time indicated. For certain officers, the requirements of sobriety and previous experience are mandatory and cannot be waived. For all others, the Group Conscience (during an election) can waive the minimum sobriety or experience requirements through a motion and a majority vote. (see individual positions below for details)
3. Only members who have been in active service for six months on the aaHG platform are eligible to be nominated for a Steering Committee position.
 - o To be nominated for a position on the Steering Committee, a person must have been in continual service on aaHG for the six months preceding the election.
4. Any Steering Committee Member who is removed from the Steering Committee may not be nominated for election to another position within 1 year.
 - o If a member steps down, they can be nominated and elected.
5. Individual requirements are also listed with the position.

Election Process Review

1. **Order of Elections**
 - o The voting will follow the order listed in Section 2, Item 3 of the aaHG bylaws.
2. **Nominations**
 - o aaHG members must be nominated from the floor and receive a second.
 - o Once a candidate is seconded, the Secretary will confirm the member accepts the nomination and qualifies for the position.
3. **Voting**
 - o Voting will only take place if more than one person is nominated, accepts the nomination, and is deemed qualified for the position.
 - o If only one person is nominated for the position, that person is automatically appointed, provided they meet the qualifications.
4. **Qualification Presentations:**
 - o Each nominee will have a timed 2–3 minutes (*depending on the number of nominees*) to verbally qualify for the position.
 - If a nominee is not present, a proxy qualification statement may be submitted, adhering to the same 2–3 minute timeframe.
 - o The Secretary or another member of the SC will keep time.

Election Process Review

5. **Nominees Added to the Zoom Waiting Room:**

- After all qualifications are presented, nominees will be moved to the Zoom Waiting Room to allow members an open and candid discussion of their qualifications.

6. **Discussion Period:**

- Members will have the opportunity to speak in favor of or against each nominee.
- Each member may speak one (1) time per nominee, with a 90-second time limit per statement.
- The Secretary will monitor and enforce the time limit for each speaker.
- The Secretary may also impose an overall time limit for the discussion to ensure the process remains efficient.

7. **Voting Process:**

- Once discussions are complete, the Secretary will call for the vote.
- All members must be visible on camera to participate in the voting process.
- Voting will occur by raising the Zoom electronic hand, which will remain open for 1 minute. **No reminders or prompts will be issued.**

Election Process Review

8. **Vote Counting:**

- The Steering Committee will count the votes, and a screenshot will be taken for official records.
- The nominee with the most votes will be elected to the position.
- In the event of a tie, the Chair will cast the deciding vote.

9. **Election Results:**

- **Screenshots of the vote count will be included in the Election Results** for transparency and archival purposes.

Note on Backfilled Positions

The roles of Security Co-Chair (held by Marissa) and Assistant Treasurer (held by Albert) are up for re-election, despite having been elected in October. At that time, they were elected to backfill vacancies, ensuring continuity of leadership. Historically, these roles are elected in January, meaning Marissa and Albert have served the final two months of the terms they backfilled.

Traditionally, aaHG has re-elected individuals elected mid/end-term to a full term. This practice has proven effective in maintaining stability, minimizing the need for onboarding new individuals, and enabling those in backfilled roles to build on their initial contributions. Both Marissa and Albert have hit the ground running and have already made meaningful progress on the Steering Committee.

While the decision ultimately rests with the Group Conscience, members are encouraged to thoughtfully consider the benefits of this past approach and how it has successfully served the group. As we move through this process, we ask everyone to reflect on the principles that guide us and to seek guidance from their Higher Powers. Ultimately, the Group Conscience, guided by its Higher Power, will lead to the best outcome for the group.

Elections

Roles for Election

- Co-Chair
- Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- Safety Co-Chair (female or non-binary)
- Training Co-Chair
- Scheduling Committee Chair
- Two Members-at-Large
- Intergroup Service Representative

1. Co-Chair

1. Requirements

- **Mandatory 3 years** of continuous sobriety
- **Served on the Steering Committee** in some capacity at any time

2. Duties

- The Co-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence including the assumption of chair responsibilities in the event of a vacancy. A special off-cycle election can be held if the Co-chair is unable to serve as Chair for the remainder of the term. The Co-chair also serves on the Grievance Committee.

2. Secretary

1. Requirements

- **Mandatory 2 years** of continuous sobriety
- **Served on the Steering Committee** in some capacity at any time

2. Duties

- The Secretary shall keep an accurate written record of all Group Conscience (GC) and Steering Committee meetings and post these records and meeting minutes to the aaHG website. The Secretary shall also be responsible for giving notice for all GC meetings, overseeing the aaHG's email account(s), and directing appropriate responses to members' emails. The Secretary is responsible for conducting the election process at the GC.

3. Assistant Treasurer

1. Requirements

- **Mandatory 1 year** of continuous sobriety

2. Duties

- The Assistant Treasurer shall help the Treasurer in all duties and fill in as needed. If the Treasurer position becomes vacant, the Assistant Treasurer shall automatically become Treasurer. The Chair will then serve as the interim Assistant Treasurer until that position is filled. A special off-cycle election can be held if the Assistant Treasurer is unable to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the term.

4. Information Technology Chair

1. Requirements

- **Mandatory 2 years** of continuous sobriety
- **Served on the Steering Committee** in some capacity at any time

2. Duties

- The Information Technology (IT) Chair shall provide strategies, suggest programs and support the mission of the aaHG, and shall assist in maintenance of the Group's website, Zoom account, email accounts and Telegram accounts. The IT Chair shall also assist the Steering Committee members, Group members, and aaHG with their technology needs as needed. 9. Information Technology Co-Chair: The Information Technology (IT) Co-Chair shall assist the IT Chair in fulfilling their duties. If the Information Technology Chair position becomes vacant, the Information Technology Co-chair shall automatically become the Information Technology Chair. A special off-cycle election can be held if the Information Technology Co-Chair is unable to serve as Information Technology Chair for the remainder of the term.

5. Safety Co-Chair (female or non-binary)

1. Requirements

- **Mandatory 2 years** of continuous sobriety
- **Mandatory** to be fully trained to perform in all safety positions on the platform in order to be nominated.
- Group Conscience approved that the Co-Chairs should, when possible, be filled by one man, one woman, or one non-binary member. If only men, women, or non-binary members are nominated they may be elected to fill the seats.

2. Duties

- The Safety Committee Co-Chairs shall oversee the day-to-day security of the meetings on the Zoom platform according to procedures set forth by the SC or GC. Group Conscience approved that the Co-Chairs should, when possible, be filled by one man, and one woman or one non-binary member. If only men, women or non-binary members are nominated, they may be elected to fill the seats.

6. Training Co-Chair

1. Requirements

- 1 year of continuous sobriety

2. Duties

- The Training Committee Co-chairs shall be responsible for coordinating, training and developing materials according to procedures set forth by the SC committee and/or GC. This committee is responsible for training all new trusted servants and coordinating with Safety, Scheduling, and other necessary committees.

7. Scheduling Committee Chair

1. Requirements

- **Mandatory 2 years** of continuous sobriety

2. Duties

- The Scheduling Committee Chair shall coordinate the production of the daily schedule of Zoom meeting Hosts, Chairs/Leads, and Safety Team Members. The Scheduling Committee Chair shall recruit appropriately trained servants to fill all empty timeslots on the schedule and ensure that there are at least a host and a chair for the aaHG platform's 22 daily meetings.

8 & 9. Members-at-Large

1. Requirements

- **Mandatory 5 years** of continuous sobriety

2. Duties

- The Steering Committee shall consist of 5 additional members who will help ensure inclusiveness, transparency and the upholding of traditions so they are being followed as closely as possible.

10. Intergroup Service Representative

1. Requirements

- 1 year of continuous sobriety

2. Duties

- The Intergroup Service Representative (ISR) shall serve on behalf of the aaHG at meetings of the Online Intergroup of AA (OIAA) and inform the SC & GC of pertinent information from around the United States. The ISR shall ensure the aaHG's meetings and contact information is listed on the AA-Intergroup website.

Please Welcome our Newly Elected SC Members

An official election results announcement will be posted

Co-Chair: Big Bob

Secretary: Andi

Assistant Secretary: Amanda (*backfill*)

Assistant Treasurer: Albert

IT Chair: Duane

Safety Co-Chair: Marissa

Training Co-Chair: Brent

Scheduling Chair: Ash Megan

Members-at-Large: Nicole & Tracey (*full year*), Carla (*backfill*)

Intergroup Service Representative: Renee

Assistant Intergroup Service Representative: MistyDawn

Meeting Close Prayer

AA RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

I am responsible.

*When anyone,
anywhere, reaches
out for help, I want
the hand of AA
always to be there.*

*And for that:
I am responsible.*

