

## Motion 24 - 8: A Town Hall to Discuss the Attitudes toward Members in Service

This motion arose from the monthly SMR Business Meeting on June 16th

**Issue:** We make the motion to have a Town Hall discussion on Sunday, June 30 at 9am ET for the concerns around the treatment of Trusted Servants, and include announcements to the full fellowship. Lisa. Second: Elly

**Background:** The motion above was approved at the Business meeting: Of the 17 members in active attendance, the votes were - **Yes: 14**, No: 0, Abstaining: 1.

The issue grew out of a report from the Safety Policy Study Group:

“At the Election on 6/9/24, a fellow said she would not consider service at this meeting at this time due to the “brutality” with which trusted servants are criticized. It was requested we capture that comment for further discussion at the next business meeting or a Town Hall meeting.”

This led to a thorough conversation during which some points were raised:

- This is a subject for a Group Conscience.
- Perhaps this could be addressed at a 24/7 meeting.
- Would like more information. Meaning is vague, open to interpretation.
- Difficult to legislate kindness and good manners.
- Perhaps bring this topic to a 24/7 meeting.
- 24/7 is intended to be conversational and not business-like.
- Unless the SMR members are informed of these extra meetings, where actions are being taken, we lose legitimate representation. I would want to know what's going on.
- Our method is to call a Town Hall Group Conscience devoted to exploring a single issue.
- However we tackle this issue, the time and place needs to be announced to the group in advance. Feel a separate Town Hall would be best.
- What is a Town Hall? How does it compare to a Group conscience?
  - Response in chat: Town Hall = Group Conscience.
- Conundrum: If I have an issue of bullying, I could bring it to the 24/7 meeting, yet the person who raised the issue at the Elections may not be doing service and may not attend the 24/7.

Note: The full discussion is in the Minutes of the June Business Meeting:

<https://www.acamorning.org/smr-business-meeting-june-2024/>

After a 40 minute discussion that included over 40 comments from 13 participants, the motion was called. The motion was approved.

As per our Proposal Process, the motion is before the members, here, for comment.