

## Agenda for ad hoc committee meeting on 10/6/25

### Call to Order and Opening

Welcome, everyone. My name is Sue. I am the elected chairperson of this committee and I thank you for being here. This is a meeting of the SMR ad hoc committee whose purpose is to discuss the proposals and comments of SMR Proposal 25-5 and make appropriate recommendations for any changes deemed necessary to the SMR after meeting General Fellowship Space.

Let us please open this meeting with the Serenity Prayer followed by a reading of the Tradition 2 prayer.

**God,  
Grant Me Serenity to accept the things I cannot change  
Courage to change the things I can  
And Wisdom to know the difference.**

[A member will read]

**Higher Power. I understand that you make your voice heard in a group conscience. I ask you to remind me that the life of my program and, therefore, my own recovery depends upon my willingness to put the group's welfare above my own will. Where I disagree with the common view of my fellows in service, allow me to state my case honestly and respectfully. Allow me to listen to and consider the views of others. May I state my view and support all group decisions, including the ones I might disagree with. Your will, not mine, be done.**

### **Group guidelines and safety rules:**

- Speakers will be called upon in the order shown on the zoom participant list. Please note that there may be times when comments will be limited to specific topics. In these instances those with their hands raised who do not have something to contribute to the active conversation will stay in the queue and be called on in order when the active discussion has concluded.
- Each speaker may share for 2 minutes with a maximum one minute 'grace period' to wrap up their thoughts. Shares are not to exceed three minutes.

- Members may speak for a second time only once all members of the committee have had an opportunity to share.
- There is a 15 minute limit on the debate time. This can be extended by group conscience when needed. If not extended, a vote will occur after 15 minutes of debate. If the vote is split or near split the discussion may continue or be tabled according to group conscience.
- During our discussions,
  - Please focus on speaking your own concerns and viewpoints on the issue being discussed
  - Please be respectful of other members of the committee at all times. Please refrain from verbally attacking other members or their ideas and viewpoints.
  - Please keep the focus on the topic currently being discussed
  - If you disagree with an issue or a proposal, please explain why and state your concerns about it.
  - If a point you wish to make has already been made, please refrain from making it again. You may speak your agreement with the point but please refrain from repeating arguments the committee has already heard.
- If a discussion becomes heated:  
 If the discussion becomes emotional, disrespectful, or unproductive any member can request a 2 minute cool down period. All microphones will be muted and a timer set to allow for a brief moment of meditation to reset the room. The person who was speaking when the cool down period was called for will be given the first opportunity to share when the 2 minutes are up.

## **Discussions:**

### **Continuations or Revisiting previous discussions:**

#### **1) Open Ad Hoc Committee Meetings (Continuation)**

A member had made the suggestion that our committee meetings should be open meetings that may be attended by anyone wishing to observe, although only committee members will be allowed to speak or vote. This was discussed on 8/27. Some members are opposed because of privacy/safety concerns and others were in favor because SMR precedent indicates that committees should not conduct their work behind closed doors.

**Status:** Eric has withdrawn this proposal saying that he's content as long as the committee does not explicitly decide to NOT allow observers.

## New Discussion Topics:

### **2) Topics regarding SMR Fellowship Hosts**

There were a number of proposals regarding the SMR Hosts (Moderators). Please prepare for this conversation by reviewing the proposals and comments as listed below:

	Issue	Original Source	Comments In Support	Comments Opposed
<b>Topics on Fellowship Moderators</b>				
3	Fellowship Space Hosts should be SMR trained	Prop B.2	2,4,13, 23, 36, 34	22^
4	Fellowship Space hosts should be on camera 50%	Prop B.2		1, 13
6	Host should close the gathering	Prop B.2,3	28	
12	Fellowship Space hosts should [read] (Themselves not read to the group) ACA Community Safety Standards	Prop B.7		
16	Fellowship Space hosts need to be accountable	Prop B.9	14	

### **3) Other standalone proposals:**

If we still have time left, let's discuss a couple standalone proposals that I think will be relatively simple to come to agreement on...

Please prepare for the discussion by familiarizing yourself with the topics and comments listed below;

	Issue	Original Source	Comments In Support	Comments Opposed
<b>Other topics</b>				
9	Fellowship Space should be observed for one month to assess its health	Prop B.4		13

22	Use website to keep all members on the same page regarding aftermeeting guidelines and ideals	Comment 4	4, 11, 35!	
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