

Agenda for ad hoc committee meeting on 9/24/25

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: Vote inconclusive (4/6/1) (in favor/opposed/abstain)

2) Alternating Meeting Day/Time

It was previously suggested that we alternate the day and time of our meetings to address the time conflict that some people have on Wednesday nights. This is the last meeting in the month of September and so it is time for us to discuss whether we need to change our meeting day/time or if going to meeting every other week has resolved the conflict.

3) Use of the SMR Zoom Room for General Fellowship (Revisit)

During our last meeting it was decided that the committee feels that the SMR members that **"SMR members that attend the after meeting may use the SMR zoom account for general fellowship immediately after the newcomer session"**

I would like us to revisit the wording of the statement.. I would like the committee to make a stronger statement more to the effect of the after meeting general fellowship being an integral part of the SMR community and that members have the right to use the zoom account for general fellowship following the formal part of the SMR meeting.

New Topics:

4) Should General Fellowship time be limited or open ended?

The topic of the duration of the aftermeeting general fellowship was brought up quite a few times in the proposals and comments. Currently there is no set endtime to the general fellowship time and, on a few instances, this open endedness has created conflict with other groups using the zoom room. The committee needs to consider the pros and cons of having (or not having) a set end time and make the recommendation we feel would best serve the SMR community.

Please prepare for this discussion by familiarizing yourself with the propositions and comments that refer to this issue.

Fellowship Space should end at 12	Prop A
Fellowship Space should have a set end time	Prop B.1,9
Fellowship Space space should check the SMR calendar and exit 15 minutes before next meeting's start time	Prop C
Fellowship Space space respect the SMR calendar of events	Prop B.12
There should be an alternate space for those who like to stay for extended time	Comment 8

No Fellowship on days there is a business meeting	Comment 2
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