

SMR Ad Hoc committee meeting

9/10/25

Members in attendance: Sue, Jim R, MM, Susan Q, Nancy, Suzanne, Laurie, Anon, Angel, Susan

Summary:

Meeting called to order by the chairperson at 7:01 pm Eastern time.

The SMR Ad Hoc Committee meets to discuss proposals regarding the after-meeting fellowship space, with Sue chairing.

The committee tables the first agenda item about open committee meetings until Eric, who proposed it, can attend, with Jim agreeing to reach out to him.

They address Suzanne's scheduling conflict for the next seven weeks and decide Sue will send out a Google Form poll to find alternative meeting times.

The main discussion focuses on whether the general fellowship time should have a designated end time, with three proposals presented: Jim's original proposal for a noon end time (which he no longer supports), Suzanne's proposal for structured boundaries citing issues like conflicts and clique formation, and Sue's proposal to respect the SMR calendar when other meetings are scheduled. After extensive debate where some members argue for keeping it open-ended to support recovery needs, while others favor boundaries for structure.

After a lengthy discussion, the committee votes 7-2 to keep the after-meeting open-ended. The committee voted in favor of the statement **"The aftermeeting general fellowship space be open ended and conclude at the time decided by those who are in attendance or 30 minutes before another scheduled SMR meeting needs the room."**

The committee decided that the wording of this statement may be revisited if breakout rooms are implemented in the future.

Motions:

During the meeting, the following motions were made and voted upon:

After-Meeting Fellowship Statement

Motion: to adopt Committee statement that **"As an integral part of the SMR experience, members can use the SMR Zoom account for general fellowship and recovery following the newcomer session"**

Result: Passed unanimously

Open-Ended After-Meeting Policy

Motion: to adopt the statement: "**The after-meeting general fellowship space be open-ended and conclude at the time decided by those who are in attendance or 30 minutes before another scheduled SMR meeting needs the room**"

Result: Passed 7-2

Next Steps

Sue: Send out a Google Form poll to determine a new meeting day and time for the next 7 weeks

Jim: Reach out to Eric to see if he's still interested in being on the committee and inform him about tabling the discussion on open ad hoc committee meetings.