

Agenda for ad hoc committee meeting on 12/01/25

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 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) SMR Fellowship Hosts accountability

At our last meeting, we tabled a discussion regarding SMR hosts being accountable. While we all agree this is a desirable goal I don't believe there is anything actionable here that we can turn into a proposal. Does anyone have anything else to say on this topic?

2) Other standalone proposals: (included here because they are carryovers from our last meeting's agenda. We can choose to table until later.)

There are a couple standalone proposals (not part of a larger topic group).

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

	Issue	Original Source	Comments In Support	Comments Opposed
Other topics				
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!	

New Discussion Topics:

3) Topics on how the meeting "should be" run

There were many proposals made as to how the Fellowship Space should be run. These, more than anything we've discussed so far, can affect the look and feel of the fellowship space and deserve our thoughtful consideration.

When discussing these items, I request that we consider the following questions:

- Does this proposal address an existing problem?
- Is anyone being harmed by the way things are now?
- If this proposal is implemented, will it create problems/harm that didn't previously exist?
- Will implementing this proposal fundamentally change the look/feel of the Fellowship Space?

	Issue	Original Source	Comments In Support	Comments Opposed
	Fellowship Space should be open to all ACA members	Prop B.9	5, 29, 33, 4, 13	

	Fellowship Space should have opening and closing script	Prop B.6	4, 13, 31	
	Fellowship Space should have Scripts	Prop B.9	4, 13, 31,	
	Shares should be timed	Prop B.2	1*, 6*, 23, 24	5, [6^,] 9, 13, 22^, 29^, 32, 21, 29
	Fellowship Space should have scheduled topics	Prop B.8		6^, 9^, 13, 22^, 34, 29
	SMR cross talk rules should be applied to Fellowship Space	Prop B.3,9	14, 17, 28	1*, 6^, 9^, 13, 22^, 29^, 36, 18
	All participants honor ACA safety guidelines	Prop B.11	9, 14, 11, 16, 17, 23, 28, 30, 31, 37^	