

2026.06.04 Group Conscience Meeting

Opening

Kathy is chairing, Alexis is co-chairing in spirit
Open meeting with serenity prayer
Approx 131 members attending

Announcements

Recording this meeting solely for the purpose of group conscience notes to aid secretary has begun

Service Reports

Group rep report:

- GEA Assembly is on 6/13/26: Since knowing the date for the assembly I have asked the DR and the GEA chair for an agenda and the voting topics so I could bring it to our Group Conscience meeting (with the June 4th GC being the last meeting before the assembly). Unfortunately I have not received any information so far.
- 2026-05-30: Attended GEA Tech Tour
 - This was a very helpful tour of upcoming 6/13 GEA assembly
 - Based on information from zoom meeting - I registered for the GEA assembly per info given
 - Received the link to the GEA meeting
 - I'm still waiting on eBallot information (this is used by GEA as mechanism to electronically vote during the GEA assembly)
- 2026-05-21: GEA Chair Email regarding: GEA unanimously asked WSO to permanently discontinue the Electronic Meetings community in AFG Connects effective July 1, 2026.
 - Note: I don't think this has any effect on our group

Full notes are available on our website.

Secretary report:

Sophie is our new phone list coordinator. We will need a new sponsor contact as the term expired May 31.

Treasury report:

[See May treasury report](#)

Group conscience report:

Reminder that service is through the end of June as we have had some no shows.

Old Business

May meeting minutes approval

Please update Tori's name to have an I!

Motion to approve the minutes from May's group conscience meeting

Approved: 28

No: 0

Financial guidelines approval

We have had these posted on the guidelines since the May group conscience meeting. Are there any questions about the guidelines?

Is this for the treasury screen we saw? No, it's for the financial guidelines that have been posted on the website.

Motion to approve the guidelines

Approved: 32

No: 0

New Business

Vote for a treasurer

Explanation of treasurer position. Requirements: 2 years in Alanon, a regular member of this meeting, and nominated by someone in this group. There have been two standalone meetings on treasury service in the leadup to this meeting. One candidate will serve through the end of the year, and one candidate will serve a full year, so there is always someone with 6 months of experience serving as the treasurer.

Nominations:

Kathy W is nominated by a member
Kristina is nominated by a member

Kathy W accepts the nomination, and is interested in learning and performing this position. Feels it would be a great honor to serve her group. This is also something that in the past, financial aspects of her life have been a challenge so this is a good fit for her.

Kristina is interested, but could not be here today. She attended a treasury information meeting. Nomination is accepted on her behalf.

A member points out that we will be aiming to elect co-treasurers and so we are voting on electing the slate of nominations.

We will pause the recording and place the nominees in the waiting room to allow for a true blind vote.

Motion to approve the slate of nominees
Approved: 23
No: 0

Changing of the host code

A member mentions that at the time that it happened, the code goes out to all the new hosts, as well as prior hosts having this. So a lot of people had it. It has also been noted that it was a one-time situation and we haven't seen any other issues. Since this has not happened again, no additional notes, comments, or action.

Group representative posting on the website to get the report

What we would like to see is the group rep to post the report on the website.

GR asks what the request is.

A member explains that we have a group rep who takes notes and we would like the notes posted on the group website and not hosted on someone else's personal website.

GR asks for more clarity on what is exactly needed.

A member responds that we are requesting notes in a format that can be posted to the group website.

A member notes that in the chat there is a link into the group rep report, however it is a google doc.

A member notes that we have a great practice now of linking to the group rep report in our meeting notes, but it still links to an external google doc rather than a PDF posted on a website.

A member asks if it needs to be a PDF.

A member notes that we already have a process for group rep reports and is not sure what the motivation is for changing it.

A member responds that our group has voted and pays for a website. Why are the group rep notes in a different place, on a personal google drive?

A member asks whether the GR is asking for instructions on how to send/what to send to the website.

The GR tries to respond but has a choppy connection. GR agrees to put the report on PDF so it can be uploaded to the website and will send it to the secretary.

Motion to place the group rep report on the website

Approved: 21

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Group Conscience chair term structure

This is the first time we have had two co-chairs for the group conscience. It's gone great so far. What we are looking at moving forward is a two-year term for the group conscience, staggered so that someone always has some experience while supporting someone new.

A member mentions that two years seems like a long time, she would suggest one year.

A member thanks the chair for her service, notes that we just approved 6 month terms for treasurers, we have 4 month terms for weekly commitments, it doesn't seem to be in line with our other commitments. In the spirit of rotation perhaps we should make it shorter.

A member notes that world service reps do three years, and clarifies that treasurers serve one year (not 6 months, except it is staggered 6 months).

A member notes that he came up with this idea, not the group conscience chairs. Notes that the group rep is only 1.5 years into a 3 year term. The treasurer is a one year commitment, but it is more of a daily work, as opposed to the group conscience chair who would only run 6 meetings in a year's worth of service.

A member notes that two years seems like a long time to commit, even though you are only chairing half the meetings. Sometimes people are hesitant to commit because it's still resting on your shoulders.

A member asks to clarify if the two year commitment is only for the first position, and afterwards the commitment would only be one year (bringing someone new on every six months). A member responds that no, that isn't what's suggested, he is suggesting a two-year commitment so there is always someone with a year of experience for the commitment since it is complicated service.

A member notes that getting people involved in service is challenging.

A member notes that based on her experience in the role, being co-chair is really helpful because you have a buddy, it's half the duties. With a year commitment, person is just in front of the group for 6 months. Halfway through, things are just starting to click.

A member says that it is a skill based position and skill takes time to develop. Notes that the meeting runs more smoothly since the two co-chairs have been doing it, and also says 2 years doesn't seem that long (member is 78!).

A member agrees with the longer term because of the learning curve. Seems like an incredible amount of procedure so you need a longer amount of time to get into

A member wants to bring a different perspective, member would be intimidated by a two year service commitment, even as someone with a one-year commitment. There could be a different way to benefit from the service of co-chairs with a one-year commitment, i.e. having the veteran chair 6 group conscience meetings in a row.

Chair notes that there is lots of discussion, no consensus, we will continue this topic next month.

Additional topics not covered

- Phone list discussion
- Service role: Coordinator
- Proposal to adjust chat opening time.
- Proposal to create a shared announcements document.
- Possible updates to meeting script language.
- References to outside literature during shares.
- Guidance for sharing frequency.
- Service rotation improvements.
- Additional clarifications for service roles.

Closing

Close with serenity prayer.