

Telephone Conference Call Committee Report Fall 2023 BOT Meeting

We start our report by asking for your help. The Telephone Conference Call Committee needs two or three people who are interested in serving as a meeting administrator once or twice a month.

This is a GREAT opportunity for people who want to creatively enhance their recovery and make a difference in our GA Fellowship.

We have a great team of admins who give generously of their time and talents to keep the twice-weekly meetings up and running. In order to maintain our flexibility in scheduling, we would greatly appreciate just a little more help.

Admin duties include chairing one of these meetings every three-four weeks or so and assisting the meeting chair once a week or every other week. All the admins on the call assist in welcoming newcomers.

We are easily able to accommodate requests for admins who need to take a week or several weeks off, if necessary.

The conference call admin team is kind, caring, patient, and really fun! These people are rock stars of recovery and a joy to work with.

If you know anyone in your area that you think is ready to step up for a unique service opportunity, or you are interested in joining us yourself, get in touch with us. We have trained many people in using our platform and there are always other admins present who can help anyone who has trepidation about the technical aspect of the meeting call.

Contact us at weeklycallhelp@gmail.com

We require 2 years of active clean time.

Now, the report: The Telephone Conference Call Committee and meeting administrators currently host 2 meetings a week: Wednesdays from 9-11 PM Eastern and Fridays from 3:00-4:00 PM Eastern. The phone number is 264-807-9601; the participant code is 9131957#

The Wednesday night meeting is a comment meeting. Attendees who have 90 days or more of clean time are allowed to make up to three comments per meeting; those who give therapy are allowed to receive up to 3 comments.

Those who are new to the program and claim a desire to stop gambling are read the 20 Questions, either in the main room or in a newcomers room.

At the Friday afternoon meeting, newcomers are welcomed and read the 20 Questions following the meeting.

At both meetings, members with 90 days or more of clean time are encouraged to make comments sharing their experience, strength, and hope with the newcomer.

Attendance at the Wednesday night meeting ranges between 40-60 callers per meeting. On Fridays the range is from 25-40 callers. Attendees range from newcomers up to those who have 40 or more years of clean time.

The importance of attending a physical meeting if at all possible is stressed at each meeting. It is stated that telephone conference calls are not meant to replace physical meetings.

Those who would like help between meetings are urged to reach out to others using a list of volunteers who offer support, which is obtainable by email request. We are careful not to call those offering support as “sponsors”, as this relationship happens at physical meetings—another reason to make every effort to attend a physical meeting.

The US meetings use the same email address for all meetings: weeklycallhelp@gmail.com
We receive between 1 and 10 requests for assistance or information a day.

The US meetings are always interested in training additional moderators. Again, please contact the Committee Chair.

The Canada-wide meeting continues to meet three times per week. Canadian meetings are held on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.

Moderators for these meetings have been trained by members of the Telephone Conference Call committee and their formats have been approved. These meetings are also included on the list found on the Trustee Website. (Meeting times are listed by the local time of the originating cities.)

A full list of Telephone Conference Call meetings and contact information can be found on the Trustee website.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Telephone Conference Call Committee