

Telephone Conference Call Committee Report
Spring 2024 BOT Meeting

We begin our report with a request: **We need 2 to 3 more GA members who are interested in expanding their service work by serving as a meeting Admin for the US meetings** (as described below). Our current admin staff is wonderful and dedicated; however, we are currently being spread a little thin on some weeks. It would be VERY helpful to have a couple of members to serve once or twice a month. **This is an amazing opportunity for a GA member to really deepen their recovery experience!** The clean time requirement is two years and a new meeting admin would need to be familiar with basic computer/online practices. No one, however, needs to be an expert. We are willing to train any person who is interested! Please send an email to: weeklycalhelp@gmail.com Please think of members in your Area who might be interested in this opportunity and have them get in touch!

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. The first quarter of 2023 saw a bit of an upswing in Wednesday night newcomers, sometimes seeing 4 or 5 on any given evening.

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 35-50 callers per meeting. On Fridays the range is from 20-35 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 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