

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL COMMITTEE REPORT for MONTH OF DECEMBER 2015

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The meetings continue each week with attendance coming in at 60-70 callers per meeting. We seem to have a steady series of metrics that show more than half the callers being women and between 20-25% of all callers being under 90 days. Since this is a topic meeting, we see virtually all the callers speaking to the topics, as chosen by the weekly rotating chairs. Evidently, many of the meetings in the US do not have suggested topics, and the members from the telephone meeting seem to express their appreciation for this type of format.

New member attendance while having been higher still averages 1 and 2 per week. High emphasis is placed on all members going to physical meetings, especially for the new members.

The meetings are manned with a minimum of 3 Admins, generally there are more. The purpose for this is to have the selected chair for that particular meeting, another for backup in the event of technical difficulties, and another to man the new member segment, in the event that more than 2 members are present.

Recently, the Committee has focused on the spreading of comments within the meeting. On some nights, some members have become “comment happy” and the intent is to have as many people as possible share their experience, strength and hope with those who give therapy and the Group.

The committee is looking for other GA members, who would meet the basic requirements for becoming an admin. There are 167 other time slots available each week and those who volunteer to become a meeting admin will be put together as a group of 5, to start another new meeting. The system has a capacity for 1,000 simultaneous callers, so we are well below capacity. It is also a no-cost platform, for anyone who chooses to use it for any other purpose. The system has international local calling phone numbers for about 40 different countries. All information about the platform and the one meeting already in place can be viewed at the Telephone Meeting Conference Call Committee website page.

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