

The Telephone Conference Call Committee continues to moderate the single GA Telephone Conference Call on Wednesday evenings, as has been done for the last 2.5 years.

The average number of sustained callers on any given night is 45-50 (many others dial in and leave early or come in late, bringing the number of attendees to 70-90 per week); those giving therapy range from 10-16 of the callers. The number of members offering comments has risen in recent months—a recent call registered 13 individuals who shared their experience, strength and hope in response to another's sharing.

Over half the regular attendees are women. About a third of regular callers have under 30 days of clean time. Many of those in attendance do not have access to physical meetings or are unable to attend physical meetings. Other attendees report that they use the meeting to supplement their regular home meetings.

There is discussion among the committee members concerning testing and utilizing another platform. A different platform would enable the moderators to block certain phone numbers and/or those made from a blocked or anonymous phone number. This action is under consideration due to the troubling actions of a caller who has engaged in stalking behavior of those who offered to give support to those who needed it. Due to the overriding concern of the Committee members to protect the meeting, the caller has been banned from the call. The Committee Chair has addressed the problem directly with the member. A decision concerning another platform is pending and will require more research and discussion and will also take into consideration other features that will make the administration of the meeting more seamless and complete.

As always, the Committee stands ready to work with any GA members with 2 or more years of clean time who wish to initiate and moderate another Telephone Conference Call meeting. No one has yet come forward to express a desire to do so.

There is no further update as to when the ISO website will be programmed to display information on the Telephone Conference Call Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

The Telephone Conference Call Committee