

## The Telephone Conference Call Committee Report

November, 2016

The single Telephone Conference Call Meeting continues to convene on Wednesday evenings from 9:00-10:30 Eastern Time. The call is facilitated by members of the Committee. **The phone number for this call has recently changed. It is now 712.770.4160.**

The call usually sees about 60 individual callers per week. After general announcements and readings from GA literature, a topic is introduced. Meeting participants can share about the topic, the Day at a Time reading or anything that is concerning them, as long as it relates to gambling. Typically, about 15 people per meeting share. Up to three participants (with 90 days or more clean time) can give comments after each share; however, people who choose to comment are limited to 3 comments for the entire meeting. There are usually between 5 and 10 people who offer comments.

The meeting demographics generally come in with 50% of the attendees being women. 25% are under 90 days. The locations of the members covers the US and Canada, with occasional calls from other countries.

If there are more than 2 newcomers to GA in attendance, another room is opened in order to facilitate the asking of the 20 Questions and to give the newcomers the time and attention that is essential to anyone entering the program. Members with clean time are encouraged to move to this second room in order to share their own experience, strength and hope with the newcomers.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to attend physical GA meetings. It is stated that the Telephone Conference Call meeting is not meant to be a substitute for physical meetings.

Those who call from an unidentified phone line are not permitted to share/give therapy nor to comment on others' sharing.

Respectfully submitted,

The Telephone Conference Call Committee