

Video Meeting Format Committee
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The committee started out with a total of 10 members when it was formed in Cancun. 3 of the members later indicated that they would not be able to continue with their original intentions to be part of the committee. In trying to find the most convenient night of the week to have a monthly telephone conference call, another member resigned because of work commitments that would prevent participation in those conference calls. This leaves a committee of 6. We are looking for additional volunteers for the committee and a request for such help has been part of a request for volunteers on the Trustee Line since 11/15.

From our first conference call, our agenda included coming up with a name for the committee. It was decided to call it the Video Meeting Format Committee.

We also had to formulate a mission statement, and the following was agreed upon: To utilize a visual format to provide more definition and basic structure that would help GA meetings adhere to the GC and Unity Steps regarding suggested meeting formats, including appropriate meeting behaviors and meeting procedures.

Part of the conference call was to understand the talents and resources of each committee member. What we found is that no one has experience with the technical aspects of what this project will ultimately demand, but the committee members are heavily committed to this effort. Each has other talents that will make this committee a robust environment for what we hope will be a substantial change to how this Fellowship connects with the rooms and members.

It was agreed that our focus with the distribution of the committee's work, will ultimately best be served with a deployment on YouTube. As new technologies evolve, we will consider all such platforms, with the idea of getting penetration into the most viewed platforms without any costs.

Although we are going to have monthly telephone meetings, we are also going to form a Google Group for the committee members to maintain numerous dialogues in between those conference calls.

As Chair of this committee, I want to express my thanks to the committee members who clearly showed that they are ready to be let off the leash and tackle this project. I felt a surge of energy from the members that makes the prospects of coming up with a product platform that will be fully embraced by the Board of Trustees, a highly anticipated outcome.

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