

Video Meeting Format Committee Report January 2016

The committee started out with 10 members and now it is down to 5. Personal commitments and other issues caused the others to resign from the committee. The remaining members are from California, Indiana, Maryland and New Jersey. The level of cooperation and commitment is very clear with each member. We have continued to make progress each month and build off the work done in prior months.

We have previously established that the committee will only prepare one initial video that will of course not be exactly what any one area might find as the norm for their area. The focus is on a 'best practices' concept that incorporates the basics of what a meeting should include. Continuing with the premise that many meetings are not given any guidance when they open, and many times they are started with AA members deciding how to run GA meetings.

Our expectation is to secure a YouTube page to later be designated as a Gamblers Anonymous Official Page, in conjunction with Unity Step 5 and Guidance Code, Article III, Section 1. In so doing, the committee is in the middle of formulating a preamble for that website page. This will be a singular statement pieced together from the independent work done by each of the committee members.

Another step was to gather the exact procedures of how meetings are structured in the 4 areas that the committee members represent. We are not going to take into consideration step, combined, or any other type of meetings. These procedures will outline the basic meetings. These individual outlines will be pulled together for the agreed upon structure for this initial video for which the committee was charge with completing.

The committee has decided that each of us will explore the various Community Colleges in our respective areas to see if an actual video can be made, without minimal costs for materials, etc.

Once that task begins, we will begin the process of scripting the meeting that will be video recorded. This meeting will NOT involve any GA members and not give up anyone's anonymity who might be a GA member connected with the video. This will involve non-GA members attending a number of GA meetings to get the tone and understanding of what a meeting is all about.

The committee has not received any outside communications with other GA members or Trustees. We only hope that when the product is finished, most likely for San Diego, that the Board of Trustees will pass the item for usage as official GA literature.

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