

Video Meeting Format Committee November 20116

The committee continues to meet on a monthly basis via telephone conference calls and using video screen sharing for the purpose of approving content of written documents derived from committee consensus. Contribution from all members continues to be robust and interest is very strong.

The structure of what this committee ultimately plans to present to the BOT for approval, is to establish a video channel on YouTube for the purpose of offering BOT approved videos for consumption by the general public, in addition to the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous, as an unusually large number of GA meetings are being run without the benefit of any knowledge of what is an is not appropriate. Having this platform allows for other a direct deployment of Unity Step 5 – Carrying the message.

The committee has established a preamble to be posted on the website, when and if such platform is approved. This is meant draw viewers into researching the videos on the site.

The committee is now at the point of beginning the elaborate process of finding non-GA people to participate in our initial video project, which will be about how a Gamblers Anonymous meeting is conducted. To repeat what has been said in previous committee reports, the committee will employ “Best Practices” in a sample meeting. Important to the strength of that statement, the committee has melded meeting styles from 4 different areas: California, Indiana, Maryland and New Jersey. Clear identification will be included that covers Unity Step 4. For all who are reading this report, it is best embodied within the explanation of Unity Step 4 in the “New Beginnings” Red Book.

In the process of creating this video, the committee will be looking to tap various higher education facilities for their drama departments to help with the staffing of the people who will be playing the roles of Gamblers Anonymous members in the video(s). All such volunteers will be scripted, as the committee will not be able to be present in its entirety to help direct the words and actions of everyone to represent a shortened version of a Gamblers Anonymous meeting.

The committee will also pursue the necessary parts of filming the video(s). The best source for these actions will most probably come from these higher education institutions.

The committee is not able to even begin to put a timeline together for eventual completion of this project, but as long as the committee remains as intensely focused on the objective for which the committee was charged.

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