Video Meeting Format Committee December 2016

Our monthly conference call dealt with the beginning of a one of our more difficult procedures in the ongoing pathway toward getting a video recording completed and ready for BOT approval.

The entire conference call meeting centered on how we would find the people who would assist the committee and be the subjects of the recording. Initially, we felt that appealing to the drama departments of various metropolitan area community colleges, might yield volunteers to film the videos and be willing participants in the video(s).

After lengthy discussions about this, it became very apparent that we would not have the character of a compulsive gambler, if we went with people who had not experience with addiction and the benefit of a 12-step program. We were reminded that the purpose of this initial video was to capture a slice of reality of what a Gamblers Anonymous meeting is all about.

The committee decided that we would try and solicit people who were members of other 12step programs to bring a sense of authenticity into the video(s). Of course, there will be the necessary disclaimer that the people in the video(s) are not compulsive gamblers, but merely individuals who have volunteered in assisting Gamblers Anonymous with the production of the video(s).

Although this makes a lot of sense, the reality of getting a small grouping of people from another Fellowship to agree to be part of this effort, may prove to be a difficult task to bring this project forward to the next level.

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