

## EA Bylaws Review Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 20, 2019  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Pacific)

Members present: Steve B. (Chair), George S., Jeff D. (Secretary), Scott J., Dave M., Charlie B., Jimi A., Margot F.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. Steve B.
2. Serenity Prayer Group
3. Administrative Items Steve B.
  - a. Confirm next meeting at 1:00 p.m. (Pacific) January 3, 2020.
  - b. Reminder about Committee work product - We are submitting our draft to the Board of Trustees and the Membership, and what we're working on is not to be construed as a final product.
4. Definitions Group
  - a. Steve made a motion that the definition for EA Fellowship be "See Emotions Anonymous." Margot seconded.
    - i. Discussion.
    - ii. Vote 8 in favor-0 opposed. Motion adopted.
  - b. Steve made a motion to adopt a definition for EA International as "The incorporated entity that works to administratively support EA as a whole." Seconded by Scott.
    - i. Discussion.
    - ii. Vote 1 in favor-7 opposed. Motion failed.
  - c. Jeff made a motion to adopt a definition for EA International as "A not-for-profit corporation which serves the Fellowship of Emotions Anonymous by handling the legal and administrative needs of the EA Fellowship." Scott seconded.
    - i. Discussion.
    - ii. Subsidiary motion to modify to "A not-for-profit corporation which serves Emotions Anonymous by handling the legal and administrative needs of the Fellowship."
      1. Discussion
      2. Voted 8-0, Passed unanimously.

- iii. Motion withdrawn
- d. Jeff moved to adopt a definition of EA International “A not-for-profit corporation which serves Emotions Anonymous by handling the legal and administrative needs of the Fellowship.” Seconded.
  - i. Discussion
  - ii. Subsidiary motion to remove “Legal and” from the definition. Seconded.
    - 1. Discussion
    - 2. Voted 1 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 abstain. Failed.
  - iii. Discussion
  - iv. Subsidiary motion to add “financial,” to the definition. Seconded.
    - 1. Discussion
    - 2. Voted 8-0 in favor. Motion carried.
  - v. Jeff amended the motion for the definition of EA International to read “A not-for-profit corporation which serves Emotions Anonymous by handling the financial, legal, and administrative needs of the Fellowship.”
  - vi. Voted 8-0 in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Steve moved to add a new definition to the needed definitions list: “Voting Member”. Dave seconded.
  - i. Discussion.
  - ii. Scott made a sub-motion to table the motion. George seconded.
  - iii. Vote to table: 7-1 in favor. Motion tabled.
- f. Scott moved to adopt the definition of EA Member as “Our 3rd Tradition states, ‘The only requirement for EA membership is a desire to become well emotionally.’ Therefore, any person who says they are interested in becoming well emotionally, and identifies as a member of EA, is a member of EA.” Dave seconded.
  - i. Discussion.
  - ii. Sub-motion to add “EA member does not equal a voting member or delegate.” Not seconded.
  - iii. Discussion.
  - iv. Sub-motion to modify the language to read “Per tradition 3, any person who desires to become well emotionally, and identifies as a member of EA, is a member of EA.” Seconded.

1. Discussion

2. Voted 7-1 in favor. Sub-motion carried.

v. Steve moved to a final vote. Jeff seconded. 7-1 in favor. Motion carried.

5. Closing Serenity Prayer

6. Adjournment at 2:05pm

Steve B.

Addendum to 12-20-19 Meeting Minutes

These are the current suggested definitions, as passed by the EA Bylaws Committee.

Emotions Anonymous (EA)	A worldwide fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so they may seek emotional health, and to help others recover from their emotional problems.
EA Fellowship	See Emotions Anonymous.
EA International (EAI)	A not-for-profit corporation which serves Emotions Anonymous by handling the financial, legal, and administrative needs of the Fellowship.
EA Member	Per Tradition 3, any person who desires to become well emotionally, and identifies as a member of EA, is a member of EA.