

Minutes: Board of Trustees

July 12, 2021

11:30 CT

AGENDA

1. Call to order/Serenity Prayer - Paul
Present: Steve, Behzad, Derita, Paul, Colleen, Elaine
Absent: John
2. Approval of June 14 meeting minutes* - Paul
Motion to approve Colleen, seconded by Steve. Discussion regarding creating a couples program - agreed that it was a good idea but would require additional resources so will be tabled for now. Unanimous approval.
3. Definition of an EA group - Paul/Steve/Kelsey
Working definition: "Any group of two or more EA Members that meet regularly to share their recovery through following and working EA's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Helpful Concepts, and/or other EA materials as guided by their group conscience." Derita and Steve suggested removing "/or." Paul asked how a 'group conscience' is defined. Discussion ensued. Revision: "Any group of two or more EA Members that meet regularly to share their recovery through following and working EA's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Helpful Concepts, and other EA materials." This information would be included with new group information and on the website. Colleen made a motion to approve the revised statement, Steve seconded. Unanimous approval. Elaine and Colleen will connect to determine how to use this statement.
4. How to meet (zoom, call etc) - Paul
More than 50% of the group prefers video. Derita will manage the Zoom account for meetings.
 5. Survey results* - Paul
Paul provided a synopsis of the survey for the trustees.
6. Literature Committee/Approval of new materials* - Colleen
 - i. Perseverance
Colleen made a motion to approve; Steve seconded. Unanimous approval
 - ii. Healthy Boundaries
Colleen made a motion to approve with an insertion of a statement with more EA language; Steve seconded. Unanimous approval
 - iii. #23 Family and Friends - *moved to next meeting*
 - iv. #40 Control - *moved to next meeting*
7. Communications Committee update - Colleen
Colleen, Scott, Kelsey met to identify structure for the literature committee. Two non-trustees will also serve on the literature committee and a member from the UK will be kept in the loop as needed. First committee meeting is planned for September. A communications committee will follow with the goal of developing a plan and editorial style guide for EAI.
8. De-listing groups not following EA protocols - Paul/Steve/Kelsey
Elaine will contact Scott to see where things were left with the group that raised the need for a clear definition of an EA group. If follow up is necessary, Paul will manage it.
9. Conference attendance - Paul

Plans for attending the conference at the end of November. Another issue is the annual board workshop - whether we want to meet in person or virtually (as last year). Elaine and Paul will discuss content and get back to the trustees with options. Steve is away Sept 12- Oct 16, 2021. Trustees will email Elaine with any other dates when they are unavailable as we plan for a meeting date.

10. Video update - Kelsey
Will be moved to next meeting
11. Financial report** - Paul
May financial reports were sent out.

No meeting in August.