

EA Bylaws Review Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 15, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Pacific)

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

Members Absent: George S.

1. Call to Order Steve B.
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 1:01pm
2. Serenity Prayer Group
3. Administrative Items Steve B.
 - a. Confirmed Jeff D. is taking notes.
 - b. Time constraint for this meeting. Must finish by 2:00 pm (Pacific) because of appointments for some members of the group.
 - c. Confirmed next meeting at 1:00 p.m. (Pacific) December 20, 2019.
4. Document Sharing Margot F.
 - a. Margot has a copy of current bylaws shared with her in Google Drive, and will make changes when requested.
 - b. Steve will keep a collection of reference materials in a Google Drive folder, which is shared with the Bylaws Committee.
5. Definitions Group
 - a. The group agreed that defining these concepts was important in moving forward with drafting updated EA bylaws.
 - b. After some discussion, the group agreed the definitions should be included as part of the bylaws draft. Adopted by consensus.
 - c. Members of the group suggested different wordings for the definition of Emotions Anonymous itself, as collected from committee members via email prior to the conference call. The group debated these modified definitions.
 - d. The group voted on a motion to adopt the definition of Emotions Anonymous as: “A worldwide fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so they may achieve and maintain emotional health, and help others to recover.” The group held a vote which resulted in 5 in favor and 2 opposed.
 - e. After the vote, there was some question about the effect of the vote. There was a significant portion of the members present who had confusion about whether or not this

was a binding vote (since we had not yet defined our process for striving for consensus as a part of our majority voting process). So the group ultimately decided it would not regard it as a binding vote.

- f. The group took straw polls on different definitions with altered wording, and no one definition achieved unanimous consensus.
- 6. The group agreed to work through email to find more times to meet as a group. One member suggested the first and third Fridays of each month, and this was generally agreed upon by the group, subject to each member checking their calendar.
- 7. The group agreed to work through email to find a more efficient process to build consensus on language.
- 8. Serenity Prayer Group
- 9. Meeting was formally adjourned at 2:00 Pacific. Steve B.

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