



**DEBTORS ANONYMOUS**  
Recovery from problems with debt

Agenda for the DA UK Intergroup (IG) Meeting  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at St John's, Hyde Park Crescent,  
London.

Key: **GSR Announcements**, **Individual Member Actions**  
**Actions already completed**

### **1. Opening, 12 steps and 12 traditions.**

Present:

Vice Treasurer  
Treasurer, Website Officer  
Cambridge GSR  
GSR Westbourne Grove Friday & Westbourne Grove Monday BDA,  
Website Officer

Literature  
Chair  
GSR Saturday BDA, World Service Rep  
2 additional visitors  
Secretary  
GSRs Present: 4

Late: Ealing & Wed. BDA GSR  
GSRs Present: 5

### **2. Apologies for Absence.**

Manchseter  
Southgate  
Phone Service

### **3. Proposal to reduce time of meeting.**

- Question Raised: Chair proposed to reduce time of meeting, discussion
  - Discussion:
    - 2 months to make a change was suggested provisional for all UK to keep in allotted time
    - As there are not enough GSRs, we are unable to vote today so would have shorter day anyway.
    - Reports could be sent ahead of time
    - Look at how format has worked and see how things may be tweaked.
    - Length could be made more productive
    - Proposal suggested: fully utilize the break, no waffling, be concise and in the 3 hours.
    - General support to keep length as it is, particularly as we are now UK intergroup, with people traveling to attend
    - Chair has been stressed by 3 hour format, may resign
      - Put Vice Chair forward at meetings as top priority, so there is help for Chair. ANNOUNCE TO GROUPS
      - Chair will perform duties today and think over resignation in time before next meeting. Action: Meeting was less stressful because some reports were sent beforehand, and because there were no Literature sales to draw out the break. Chair committed to continue service at least to January 2009, but urgent need for Vice-Chair election please.

#### 4. Minutes of the Previous IG Meeting

- Minutes not read
- Change: There was an error in contributions “not” coming through, funds were actually not agreed to by group.
- One email has a typo ACTION

#### 5. Treasurer’s Report (no report received/on holiday)

- Finances up to the meeting presented. Hard copies given to GSRs.
  - Available Funds £2419.40
  - Prudent Reserve £1073.08
  - Spending Plan Agreed (Unspent) £819.81
  - Uncommitted Funds £526.52
- Donations received at meeting from:
  - £40 Westbourne Grove Friday Morning
  - £200 Flood Street Tuesday

#### 6. World Service Conference Report + discussion.

- Review of World Service Rep (WSR) Notes which were emailed in advance. Hard copies distributed at meeting.
- Discussion from notes
- Budget was given to World Service Rep of £1394.19, however expenses were over that amount.
  - WSR said he would cover the overages as a donation.
    - Intergroup may only receive donations from a group
    - Group has asked for breakdown of what those over payments are **ACTION** WSR
- Full Conference Notes will be available in 6 months.
- Highlights from Notes Presentation
  - The Southern California DA way of working the steps (the HOW questions previously brought to Intergroup) are not conference approved, **but are not disapproved.**
  - WSR comments: “Sponsor’s role is purely to help someone through the steps – grandpa system”. That makes sense, but with specifics – PRGs optional to figure out sponsors. “SERVICE is not optional, it is obligatory”.
  - Fellowship day workshops at World Service Conference were fantastic, and well worth it. Very worthwhile – but was like a convention
  - Though our World Service Rep wouldn’t have missed it for the world, he brings forth serious question to sending someone/taking on the expense next year, (unless we got a big delegation from the EU) as getting stuff done does not seem possible.
- Discussion from Notes Presentation:
  - All were from the States, except our World Service Rep and one from Canada
  - What can we do as an Intergroup towards procedural changes, how we feel, etc.? (
  - One US Intergroup refuses to attend conference, we (UK) could do the same
  - Disagreement with service statement: “Service is not optional, it is obligatory”.
  - Same report on DA 12 Steps & 12 Traditions (i.e. it has taken several years and lots of money used up but we are back to square one with nothing to show for it. Also decisions take years) given last year by Steven
  - We should continue to send a rep. Persist, it works. It has taken so long to get someone to world service, we should acknowledge it as an achievement. Not a waste of time.
  - Every group/meeting is given a chance to submit someone to world service.
  - How do we make proposals to WSC?
    - Proposals go through World Service Rep

- Groups should make up all they want to change.
  - **World Service Planning Group Created:**
- World Service Rep is happy to connect people with DA folks in the US.
- If individual members can afford to go, they should
- 120 people attended conference, plus board of 7 or 8 members.
- Put hosting of World Service Conference in Intergroup UK vision.
- ACTION GROUP:**
  - Put in bid for London as a host city (NEEDS VOTE @ NEXT MEETING)
    - Get Information
    - Produce dummy bid in preparation
    - Use a 3 year in advance though process.

## 7. UK Convention

- Discussion Raised: In report from August 2007 (read from old notes) it was thought that intergroup should run the DA Convention. Does Intergroup feel it should take over from the person who does the convention?
  - Convention is fully self-supporting, it has been agreed the convention chair should carry on, she is doing it with our blessing and support. There is an Intergroup table at the Convention
  - PROPOSAL: Say Thank you to Convention organizer, offering our continued support.
    - PASSES: 5 for, unanimous
- Intergroup table at convention:
  - Literature will be made expressing the following, and will be made available on table during convention – wording will come from website.
    - ACTION**
      - Meetings List
      - Where the money goes
      - What is Intergroup
      - Please come to intergroup
  - Also on table
    - Outreach for loner support
    - Vacant Vice Chair Position
  - **Table will be staffed Times to be at table will be emailed**
    - ACTION.** Action was taken but we didn't remember all the items we were supposed to take. However we did get offers for loner support, supported new groups and loners on the day.
  - Speakers will be recorded, should they agree. **ACTION** Action taken.
  - Something from the newsletter will be there. **ACTION** Flyers asking for a layout person and for submission of articles were given out

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## 6. Literature Secretary's Report (received online)

- Literature Secretary has completed her year of service in this capacity.
  - Intergroup needs a Literature Secretary **ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS**
- Reminder: literature is kept currently at St. John's. Literature can be posted out.
- Question Raised: Anyone here willing to take on the commitment?
  - No Takers

## 7. Website Officers Report (no report received)

- We are on World Service website under Intergroup meetings
- Website Officers Report:
  - Meetings list has been changed and is now in columns – easier to use.
  - Westbourne Grove BDA – now has group webpage.
  - Change link as it is for Friday meeting. **ACTION**
  - Other groups can have their own page. **ANNOUNCE AT GROUP**

## 8. Telephone/email contacts Report

- Telephone service is going well - about 2 enquiries per week.
- The DA-Anon folks did not want to be put in touch with each other.
- E-mail inquiry about once a fortnight.
- Lots of “desperate” folks coming to convention – be alert for newcomers
- Question Raised: May Mundis book be recommended to callers/emailers? If not what should be said?
  - No Mundis mention as it is not DA Approved Literature.
  - Refer them to loner support

Mentioned above.

## 9. Outreach

- Newsletter
  - Layout person needed – 2 hours needed a week (**ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS**).
  - Found out about copyright.
  - Figuring out job descriptions.
  - Quarterly, 4-5 pages.
  - Subscriptions will be allowed, but the issue needs to be explored.
  - Inspire & Prosper is the name.
  - Has rough layout.
  - Setting up email for contributions etc. Including stories of people recovering without meetings.
  - Newsletter will be downloadable and printable to group
  - Set up spending plan for newsletter

- Aiming to release first one just before Christmas
- Anyone may be involved in Newsletter simply contact Newsletter Chair
- Outreach Travel for chairs list: Add Member

### 9a. PI report

- Posters are done, – cost £71
  - Need to be distributed in accordance with the traditions. Distribute them through the groups.
    - PROPOSAL: Type up letter to be sent with flyers, explaining traditions and how to distribute.
      - PROPOSAL PASSES: 5 yes – unanimous
      - ACTION Action completed – many given out at Convention
    - Recommended to be distributed at CABs and such.

### 10. Vacant positions

- Vice Chair ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS
- Events And Fundraising Chair & Team: VERY IMPORTANT, they will do World Service Conference ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS
- Literature Secretary ANNOUNCE AT GROUPS

### 13. Meeting Reports.

- Kentish Town: Step Meeting on Step 2, Going week to week 10-16 people: Meeting moving to Archway Methodist Church (Archway Close, exit tube right across Holloway Road.)
- Cambridge – Numbers have dropped. Positions are being swapped around.
- Flood Street – Very Strong
- Portobello Road – Bit of a mess, needs help.
- Ealing – Still going , solid core – needs more people
- BDA wed. – New location, lots of newcomers. Need old time BDA members. Doing OK
- Westbourne Grove BDA – Monday morning – small but great.
- Westbourne Grove - Friday morning, growing 20-25 people, prudent reserve, everything is set.
- Saturday Morning BDA – 8-12, new member do come along. All going quite well.
- Saturday Morning Hyde Park Crescent – 30 odd people, all services filled.
- Thursday BDA – Struggling for members
- Manchester – meeting is going okay
- A HOW DA meeting is being set up in London. (Tuesdays)

#### 14. UA invitation to Jerry Mundis about coming over to speak.

- Invitation brought forward to join UA's Saturday Hinde Street Meeting in financially supporting an underearning day, including a talk by Jerrold Mundis. Question: Would DA Intergroup help sponsor the day, assisting in payment for hotel, travel, and possible fee.
  - Discussion
    - No endorsing outside enterprise.
    - No paying for people to speak. Against Traditions
    - Co-Sponsorship – conference or convention could be possible. However if it was f in line with the Traditions
    - Autonomous group – no professional expertise.
    - Remember, principles over personalities – no promoting
    - Could be funded with speakers, flight, expenses, etc.

#### 15. Low GSR Turnout

- If there are no GSRs, meeting cannot make decisions
  - Suggestion: GSRs RSVP
    - Response: They should be responsible to themselves and their service commitment
- Remind GSRs they need to be present for vote: **ANNOUNCE AT MEETINGS**
- **It is discouraged for people to be a GSR for more than one meeting.** We need to give groups more notice to attend and encourage them to either get a GSR or to get someone to stand in for GSRs if they can't make a meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Saturday 29th November 2008.**