



## DEBTORS ANONYMOUS

Recovery from problems with debt

Agenda for the DA UK Intergroup (IG) Meeting, Saturday 27th July 2009 at Westminster Methodist Central Hall London, 2-5pm

1. Opening, (Started at 2.05pm when 5GSRs present) 12 steps and 12 traditions read.

2. Introductions

Apologies for absence: Treasurer, Vice-treasurer, Literature Secretary, GSR Old Woking

7 GSRs were present (quorate)

3. Minutes, matters arising

- Email Voting
  - Should we use this? Discussion 8 voted, proposal DECLINED.
  - Update email list – it was suggested that we paste other IG members addresses in as BCC'd when sending emails as not all emails are anonymous
- Need to clarify service requirements so we can be clear about vacant service positions. (See later in minutes)

**1 hour discussion period.**

**TOPIC: Pressure Relief Groups**

Items raised included:

- the issue of non-abstinent PRG-ers (when in doubt ask!)
- guidelines for selecting PRG-ers (i.e. 90 days of abstinence, 2 PRGS themselves and more experience in the program) was not being always appropriate, especially in new and more remote groups.
- Overall the discussion concluded that following the DA literature ('Pressure Relief Groups') on the subject was excellent and asking Higher Power for advice when in doubt was best.
- It was also raised that all suggestions in PRGs are only suggestions and ideas.

**Also discussed: Clarification of Service requirements.** Following a review of the previously last known version of the DA Intergroup Byelaws, proposals and votes were made regarding updating lengths of service and abstinence requirements for those wishing to serve on Intergroup. (NB these votes will need to be ratified, according to our Bylaws, at the January 2010 Intergroup AGM). **See page 3 for summary.**

3. Treasurer's report (Attached)

- Donations: £100 from Tuesday OA HOW meeting
- £15.00 from Friday am Westbourne Grove

7. Other service position reports

- I. Secretary – urgent this service currently available – no secretary for the next Intergroup Meeting.**
- II. Literature – David on holiday reports all going well
- III. Phone line – Tuesday HOW GSR – much applause.
- IV. **Email service – position still open.** Webmaster forwards emails to be dealt with.
- V. Website This service position has been taken on
- VI. **Outreach. This service is open to more volunteers – especially organizing PRG days.**
- VII. Sponsorship Workshop – Organising Committee reported that the date for this is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, pm.
- VIII. **Loner support . Going well but this position also becoming available**
- IX. **Public information this service currently available**
- X. Other service position vacancies upcoming
  - Treasurer (January **or earlier if possible**)
  - Chair (January )
  - Vice Treasurer (January)

**For discussion**

- World Conference Bid 2013. This has now been decided against but will be taken forward as discussion for a European Convention.
- Crèche – Friday morning Westbourne Grove has successfully taken on an approved crèche for the summer holiday meetings.

8. Meeting reports

9. Matters arising – Convention – do we want a stall? Agreed but must make sure we have staff for it.

10. Date of next meetings: 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

## **IG Meeting Service requirements:**

GSRs 6month suggested abstinence plus 1 PRG (however it was agreed that for new groups, we would rather have a newer member representing the group than no representative at all). Abstinence refers to abstinence from new unsecured debt.

**Chair.** (2 years service position) 1 year's Abstinence, and 2 PRGs. Cannot be GSR.

**Vice chair** (2 years service position) 1 year's Abstinence, and 2 PRGs. Cannot be GSR.

**Secretary:** (2 years service position) 1 year's Abstinence, and 2 PRGs. Cannot be GSR.

**Treasurer:** (2 years service position) 1 year's Abstinence, and 2 PRGs. Cannot be GSR.

**Literature Secretary:** (2 years service position) 3 months Abstinence and 2 PRGs. Cannot be GSR.

**Phone line:** (1 years service position), 6 months Abstinence and 1 PRG - can also be GSR)

**Email contact:** (1 years service position), 6 months Abstinence and 1 PRG - can also be GSR

**Web person:** (1 years service position), 6 months Abstinence and 1 PRG - can also be GSR

**Public Information:** (1 years service position), 6 months Abstinence and 1 PRG - can also be GSR

**Outreach roles:** (1 years service position), 6 months Abstinence and 1 PRG- can also be GSR

**Tea:** No Abstinence Requirement

**Set Up:** No Abstinence Requirement

**Clean Up:** No Abstinence Requirement

\*We practice Solvency (Abstinence from Debting) by not incurring unsecured debt one day at a time. Unsecured debt is any debt that is not backed up by some form of collateral, such as a car, house, etc. (from Tools of Debtors Anonymous)