

Intergroup Group Inventory Committee Meeting Notes from 11-11-20

Attendees: Shari, Carol, Patt, Elli, Darren, Beverle, Clare

Serenity Prayer, Notice of meeting being recorded

Readings: Traditions, Commitment to Service from BRB

Minutes of meeting 11/4/20

- Confirmed receipt of emailed minutes
- As no changes were noted, Shari will ask Chris to post on acamontereybay.org

Discussion on “Voting and Quorums” section of Charter

Section is broken down into ‘Motions, Voting, Minority Opinion, Abstention, Definition of Quorum’

Motions:

Shari showed a flowchart of the ‘relaxed Robert’s Rules’ process for motions:

1. Item on agenda
2. Informal discussion
3. Motion made and seconded
4. Formal discussion (adding ‘may include friendly amendments’)
5. Call for vote

Voting:

Substantial Unanimity

Current MBIG Charter:

Substantial unanimity, defined as 2/3 of all voting member groups, is required for revision of this Charter, removal of an officer, and monetary expenditures over \$200.

Suggested replacement language agreed upon by the subcommittee:

Substantial unanimity is defined as 2/3 of all *voting members present*. Substantial unanimity is required for revision of this Charter, removal of an officer, monetary expenditures over \$200 *or any other item as established by group conscience of the Intergroup*.

Notes from discussion:

- Shari is checking in with the non-attending meetings to encourage them to send representatives or clarify their desire to continue as MBIG members. This will help clarify how many ‘voting member groups’ we currently have, in order to modify the existing Charter per its current limitations. The vote on modifying the Charter will be at the 12/26 meeting.
- We reviewed the process for new meetings forming. New meetings can have an outreach visit by a representative of MBIG to explain what MBIG does and encouraging them to join MBIG and elect a representative.
- Charter might benefit in the future from language describing what happens if member meetings do not attend. Current language is only about officers with 3 consecutive months of absence.

Abstentions

Definition of abstention: “an instance of declining to vote for or against a proposal or motion.”

It was noted that people abstaining from a vote might need more clarification (to understand they are entirely forfeiting their opportunity to vote or express a minority opinion). If the chair notices people choosing to abstain, the chair could explain the impact of this. Discussion of abstention can be added to the 7-page draft orientation document (UsingRelaxedRR.11.2.20) from 11/4 meeting to include how the chair or facilitator can guide a process which fosters working toward substantial unanimity.

Presenting our recommendations to MBIG:

The committee agreed to attempt to wrap up the remainder of the recommended changes to the MBIG Charter in our 11/18 meeting. We will not meet Thanksgiving week. Changes regarding voting, substantial unanimity, motions etc., when completed will be presented at the November 28 MBIG meeting for a vote in December, allowing IGR’s to take them to their meeting. Remaining items (such as a mentorship of IGR’s and a workshop on behavior goals) are in the Observations documented earlier will be discussed in December.

We closed the meeting individually stating what serenity means to us today, followed by the Unity Prayer.