

Intergroup Group Inventory Committee Meeting Notes from 11-4-20

Attendees: Shari, Chris, Carol, Patt, Elli, Darren, Clare, Cate

Serenity Prayer, Notice of meeting being recorded

Readings: Traditions, Commitment to Service from BRB

Minutes of meeting 10/21/20

- Confirmed receipt of minutes
- Shari acknowledged receipt of Elli's prior corrections, has made the changes and will ask Chris post the corrected versions on IG website
- Elli requested clarification on one item from 10/21 – (Group ideas about whether motions...) Carol sent proposed rephrased language to Shari in chat and emailed to Shari and Elli after the meeting
- Observations & Suggestions that were sent out after last meeting (with actions filled in): Shari will send to Intergroup reps, suggesting a brief Q&A with committee members at 11/28 IG meeting. Ok'd by group.

Discussion on "Voting and Quorums" section of Charter

Elements to review: Motions Voting Quorum Substantial Unanimity

Draft materials about Relaxed Robert's Rules were sent out Monday; the longer document has more background on what IG is. Today we agreed to focus on voting, substantial unanimity and Robert's Rules to condense for the Charter.

Motions:

During the discussion we also viewed the flowchart from January's IGR orientation; following Robert's Rules, it begins the process with a motion. The 'Relaxed' version allows discussion before a motion is made. This provides a safe space for discussion so the group can refine its thoughts before a formal motion is formulated.

The 1-page 'Relaxed' draft document was adjusted to change 'coalesce' to 'progress'.

The group agreed to recommend a 'Relaxed' Robert's rules, with discussion added ahead of the motion. It was noted that is **important for IG to have a safe place** for discussion and process.

[It was also noted that all discussion, motions and voting is based on agenda items. This is not new.]

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.

Possible revision (to be reviewed, revised and voted on by group): *Substantial unanimity* means that decisions reached by ACA meetings ... need to reflect **the clear will of the group**. Substantial unanimity is greater than a simple majority and exceeds a two-thirds majority of those voting on a given business item (BRB p. 596).

Note:

- We need to think about the definition of 'important' business items, which in the Charter are listed as Charter revision, removal of an officer, and monetary expenditures over \$200.

Abstentions:

It was noted that people abstaining from a vote might need more clarification (to understand they are forfeiting their opportunity to vote). If the chair notices a lot of people choosing to abstain, a vote might not represent the 'clear will of the group' and maybe there shouldn't be a vote.

Presenting our findings to MBIG:

Group agreed that all the recommended charter changes regarding voting, substantial unanimity, motions etc., when completed will be presented all at one time to IG.