

AS-U/GRSM BOD

Sunday, August 10, 2014

8:00 PM

Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dana Carson, RScP, President; Rev. Dwight Smith, Vice-President; Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary; David Wilbert, RScP, Treasurer; Erin Muldoon Stetson, RScP, Director; Joe Burcham, RScP, Alternate; Rev. Lydia Evans, Director

Absent: Rev. Carol Andrix, Director; Rev. Lisa Gemmill, Alternate; Rev. Doug Kinney, Alternate

Opening Treatment: Rev. Dwight

Secretary, Tina asked those present if there were any corrections or additions needed to approve the July 2014 BOD meeting minutes; Dwight moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Rev. Lydia seconded the motion; and all approved.

Committee Reports/Updates

Communications Team, There is no official report this month.

Credentialing Team, Rev. Lydia received the Credentialing Committee book from Rev. Susie Oknefski-Hamway and reviewed it. Rev. Lydia stated that anyone going to panels in October that she needs their packages by September 1st. The Credentialing Team intends to review the by-laws to insure they continue to support the students and teachers with integrity.

Events Team, Dana stated that information about the Annual Retreat has been sent to members, confirmed that the date of the event is the last weekend in September, which is 9/26 – 9/28.

Membership Team, Erin stated that she sees the role of membership is to support the whole organization and is usually inter-committee orientated.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary, Tina read the minutes from the August 7, 2014 meeting (see addendum) concerning the set-up, function, and relationship of GRSM and

AS-U and the floor was opened for further discussion. Everyone agreed that there is only one legal organization with by-laws and policies and procedures and this is Global Religious Science Ministries doing business as an Alliance for Spiritual Understanding. David will research whether the name Alliance for Spiritual Understanding can be used on certificates awarded to students.

Secretary, Tina read the minutes from the August 7, 2014 meeting (see addendum) concerning the need for an Education Committee and its purpose and function and the floor was opened for further discussion. Erin questioned where teachers could find additional material to teach. Could someone develop a list of topics, suggest books, a class syllabus, etc. Also, is it possible to develop a "Resource List for Further Study" for our teachers? The board has wanted continuing educational opportunities for its members. Dwight and Erin will work on a proposal for the board using the vision of the Education Committee as presented at the July 2014 BOD meeting.

Secretary, Tina stated that after a discussion with President, Dana she informed J&R Communications Consulting that their proposal was received with great enthusiasm. However, we needed time for additional research before making a decision and that the decision will most likely not be made until sometime in 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

President, Dana accepted the resignation of Dr. Kitty Boitnott. Joe offered to step up as a Director on the board. Tina motioned to accept Joe Burcham as a Director on the board; Rev. Lydia seconded the motion; and all approved.

Do we need an alternate to fill Joe's position? Rev. Dwight is checking the by-laws and will report back in September.

Closing Treatment: Rev. Lydia

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary

Addendum

AS-U/GRSM BOD

Thursday, August 7, 2014

7:00 PM

Informal Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dana Carson, RScP, President; Rev. Dwight Smith, Vice-President; Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary; Dr. Kitty Boitnott, RScP, Director; Joe Burcham, RScP, Alternate; Rev. Lydia Evans, Director

Absent: Rev. Carol Andrix, Director; Erin Muldoon Stetson, RScP, Director; David Wilbert, RScP, Treasurer; Rev. Lisa Gemmill, Alternate; Rev. Doug Kinney, Alternate

Opening Treatment: Dr. Kitty

President, Dana stated there is to be no voting at tonight's meeting, this meeting is for an open discussion for the board and to see if those present come to a consensus and noted that five members of the board were unable to attend and their input can be heard at our regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, August 10, 2014.

First item: What are the set-up, function, and relationship of GRSM and AS-U?

When a name change was first discussed by the GRSM board, it was felt that having Religious Science detracted from people joining our workshops, classes, etc. A retreat was held at Fort A.P. Hill for the GRSM board to meditate and brainstorm for the purpose of changing the name from GRSM to something else. Everyone at that meeting agreed on AS-U, an Alliance for Spiritual Understanding. What was done legally was a name change only, GRSM doing business as AS-U. There is no umbrella or tree with GRSM at the top and AS-U below or vice versa. There is only one legal organization with by-laws and policy and procedures.

Second item: Do we need an Education Committee, if yes, then what is the purpose and how should it function? What would fall under the Education Committee and what falls under the Credentialing Committee?

The purpose of the Credentialing Committee is to uphold what is taught and determine how well a candidate is prepared to receive a certificate. The Credentialing Committee does not determine the curriculum.

When was the Education Committee formed? No one is sure.

If someone wants to start a committee, they need to come to the board and state what they intend to do and the board approves the committee to move forward. Any committee that is established works for the GRSM/AS-U board.

Promoting other classes is not a problem. Many SOM teachers, practitioners, and ministers teach other material already.

It was never the intention of the Education Committee to offer classes as part of the credentialing of SOM. This new committee was formed to bring in a new broader group of people.

The consensus on the call was at this time there is not a need for an Education Committee. The Board did not commission the committee and feels it is not needed at this time. The Board is open to revisiting this committee in the future if needed. The function of GRSM dba AS-U is to have classes to credential students, practitioners, and ministers. We are open to have our teachers teach other material. Our teachers can teach whatever they want outside of the SOM credentialing program without getting approval of the board.

For the board members unable to attend this meeting, there will be a 30 minute opportunity for additional discussion on these topics at our next scheduled meeting and then a vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Noblitt, RScP, Secretary

