

April Group Conscience discussion

Meeting Contact (Current System)

Each SAA group is autonomous. It is highly recommended that groups register with the International Service Organization (ISO). A registered group:

1. Appears on the ISO website (saa-racoverly.org) so that people can know about the meeting and join
2. Has a Meeting Contact name and contact information on file with the ISO so that news and information can be passed from the ISO to the group through the Meeting Contact.
3. With the Meeting Contact's approval, their name is listed on the ISO website (saa-recovery.org) as a resource for newcomer questions. The Meeting Contact can choose whether or not to list their phone number, and/or they can use the Gmail address associated with the group.

GSR (New System)

Each SAA group is being asked to elect a Group Service Representative that will:

1. Serve as the primary contact person between the group and the ISO
 - a. Like the Meeting Contact, their first name will be filed with the ISO office as the contact person.
 - b. The GSR can choose if they want their name, phone number, or email listed on saa-recovery.org or not
2. Attend a yearly Area Assembly to vote on matters that affect SAA as a whole.
 - a. (The Area could be geographic or electronic. Each group will decide what Area they want to propose that we participate in.)

GSR's may serve for one year, usually aligning with the annual ISO Conference in Houston, TX in October.

It is recommended that we elect an alternate GSR, in case the elected GSR cannot continue.

Telemeeting Intergroup Rep

Since this SAA meeting is also registered with the Telemeeting Intergroup, too, we are requested to send a group representative to the monthly Telemeeting Intergroup phone calls which take place on the second Sunday of the month at 3:00 Central.

1. Listed on the Telemeeting Intergroup (TIG) website (saatalk.info) could be
 - a. the GSR's name (and number and/or email, or just the Gmail for the group)
 - b. as well as the group's TIG representative's name (and number and/or email, or just the Gmail for the group).
 - c. OR THE SAME INDIVIDUAL CAN BE BOTH THE GSR AND THE TIG REP.

Meeting "Shepherd"

When there were more newcomers than experienced members attending the ISA telemeetings, the service role of "Shepherd" was created. More loosely defined and informal than a meeting contact or intergroup rep, the goal was to invite someone who knows how to access the script and knows the answers to some of the common questions about intimacy and sexual avoidance to regularly attend the meeting to guide it and help keep things on track.

ISA telemeeting groups which have several experienced members who attend regularly do not need a Shepherd, but should have a Meeting Contact and a Telemeeting Intergroup Rep. All meetings will be electing a GSR and deciding if this role will include being listed as the Meeting Rep and/or the Telemeeting Intergroup Rep.

To recap:

GSR – serves one year as the group's point of contact for the ISO and attends a yearly Area Assembly meeting

Meeting Contact – listed at the office and possibly online (saa-recovery.org) as a point of contact for inquiries about our group

Telemeeting Intergroup Rep – listed on saatalk.info as a point of contact for inquiries and is invited to attend the monthly TIG meetings

Meeting Shepherd – informal guide or helper that keeps an eye on the meeting

Pertinent questions:

1. Do we want to combine any of the above roles?
2. If so, which ones?
3. Who would be willing to serve this year in those capacities?
4. Are there any nominations?