



319 Open AA Group  
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## 319 Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Start:** 18:30 ET

**Opening [18:30]:**

Call to Order & Opening Prayer [Head Chair, Wilson]

12 Traditions [Safety & Support, Glenn]

Set Aside Prayer [Mama Bear]

### Reports

- Secretaries Report: Amelia provides 3/14 meeting mins [18:37]
  - Ande motions to accept Mins, Mama Bear Seconds
  - 45 in favor of 75 people in room, motion carries
- Treasurer's Report: Presented by Amy Lou [18:41]
  - Dispersed funds along 80-10-10 split for intergroup funds
    - WSO \$1,600 (~80%)
    - Area 49 \$200 (~10%)
    - OIAA \$200 (~10%)
    - \$19.54 used to increase Gmail to 100GB
  - Prudent reserve is kept, \$5,000
  - Ande motions to accept treasurer's report, Mama Bear Seconds
    - 53 votes in favor with only 77 in room, motion carries via substantial unanimity
- GSR Report: Presented by Natalie [18:51]
  - District 304 recently reviewed a new DCM from which a new GSR meeting would be set
  - Announcements regarding upcoming convention
  - Serena Motions to accept GSR report, a second is heard from the floor
    - 48 votes in favor of 77 in the room, motion carries

### Old Business

1. Bylaw Rewrite Discussion [18:53]
  - Amelia states she could not locate a motion to rewrite the bylaws
    - Discussion about bylaws included

- Mama Bear stating Bylaws may need tweaking but, in her opinion, don't need to be entirely rewritten
- Ande states the bylaws are to govern the committee, therefore amendments should come from the committee directly
- A few other comments were made
  - Outcome: no vote.

## 2. **Motion on Blurred Backgrounds [19:20]**

- Bruce represented his motion to allow blurred backgrounds in the 319 meetings, Second from Sean
- Discussion from many members including technical aspects as well as how blurred backgrounds aligns or doesn't with the spirit of AA
- Discussion about validity of this motion given GC says no revisiting motions within 6 months, and in March a motion for Virtual and Blurred backgrounds to be allowed failed.
  - Vote included 46 in favor and 10 against, passing with substantial unanimity
- Discussion carried on during the minority opinion, and a motion was passed to table the discussion of the blurred backgrounds. There was no motion to reconsider before this item was tabled

## **New Business**

1. Motion to **extend the meeting** by 30 mins by Sean, Second from Jason [20:06]
  - Motion carries by simple majority
2. **Motion to Discontinue All Transcriptions** by Dano [20:08] Ande seconded
  - Motion to discontinue transcriptions of all meetings except group conscious meetings to protect members anonymity and prevent potential misuse of recorded transcripts.
  - Amendment to include transcripts from all meetings, Ande moved, Anne-Marie accepted, as did Dano [20:33]
    - Votes in favor: 31
    - Votes against: 14
    - substantial unanimity threshold reached as 68% of votes cast were in favor motion carries
3. **Motion to Consolidate WhatsApp Threads** by Dano [20:39] Lisa seconded
  - Motion to consolidate and shut down all 319 WhatsApp threads except for scheduling.
    - Concerns raised about toxicity, anonymity, harmful behavior

- Members discussed possible solutions, including removing the 319 branding from the fellowship thread
  - Motion from Amy Lou to table WhatsApp thread convo, second from Sean, Jason and Dano
    - Motion carries by simple majority
4. Motion to **extend the meeting by 30** mins by Hannah, Second from Sean[20:49]
    - Motion carries by simple majority
  5. Conversation around transcription was revisited at this moment to make sure the minority opinion was heard, and that those who wished to motion for a revisit had the chance to do so, nobody motioned to revisit or mentioned changing their vote from the positive vote, motion about transcription ultimately carried.
  6. Motion to **end the meeting** presented by Hannah, seconded by many including Sean, Jason, Dano [21:27]
    - Motion carried by simple majority

**Minutes Prepared by:**

Amelia, Secretary

**Minutes Approved By:**

Hannah, Alt Secretary