WSC Meeting Minutes 11/23/2025

In attendance: Shu D. (Webservant), Patrick M. (Web and Tech Chair), Eddy M. (Past Webservant), Alan F. (Past Delegate), Shane M. (DCM 12), Sansannah (Alt DCM 3/Guest).

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer and Unity statement followed by introductions.

Area 72 Leadership Transition Discussion

The meeting began with introductions and a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity. Shu mentioned that she would organize Google training sessions after the January and before the April quarterly meetings to accommodate new members. It was noted that Shannon had moved to Idaho and would no longer attend the meetings, leaving a gap in the DCM position.

AA Technology and Governance Updates

Shu shared insights from the NAATW quarterly meeting, highlighting concerns about new bylaws and technology statements being implemented without member input, which led to a decision for a special January vote. Patrick discussed his experience at the NAATW conference, emphasizing the focus on AI and the varying levels of tech adoption across different AA areas. The group also reviewed the process of sharing meeting information within the Area, the Fellowship Connection, and the Meeting Guide app, and addressed challenges faced by some of the districts. A future discussion on digital contributions to the Seventh Tradition was noted for the next Web and Tech Quarterly Meeting.

Budget Allocation for Tech Positions

The group discussed a budget issue regarding Patrick's attendance at NAATW. Eddy clarified that he had made the original motion to fund both the Webservant and Tech/Web chair positions, but the current year's budget only included funding for the Webservant due to cost-cutting measures. Patrick explained that Lisa, who helped prepare the budget, had interpreted this as an alternating arrangement where only one position would be funded per year. Eddy emphasized that the proper budgeting approach would be to include all motions in the initial budget and only cut them if absolutely necessary.

Motion 19.3 Funding Clarification

Eddy and Shu discussed Motion 19.3, which allows for funding of area-appointed trusted servants to attend national workshops or conferences with GSO participation. They clarified that this motion replaced previous motions 10.1 and 15.2, and expanded funding to include five trusted servant appointees to attend conferences relevant to Area positions. Shu reported that she and previous attendees came in under budget for their trips. Shu mentioned sending the information to Teresa, who was meeting to review the budget and confirm the details.

Content and Services Policies Document Reviewed/Updated/Approved

The committee reviewed a content and services document where Eddy clarified that anonymous email addresses were required to prevent personal information from being displayed in Google profiles, the document was updated with the services policy regarding access to the website when an Area 72 member is traveling outside the GSC Area of US/Canada. Document was unanimously approved by the WSC and will be posted on the website. The committee minutes for the year will also be posted on the website.

Website Access and Security Updates

The meeting focused on website access permissions and security measures. The group approved revised geofencing rules for website access, allowing temporary permissions for travelers outside US and Canada. They discussed the effectiveness of CleanTalk anti-spam protection, which has successfully blocked over 2,000 attempts in the past week. Patrick inquired about creating resources for digital contributions, and the group suggested leveraging existing materials from previous workshops and other organizations. The conversation ended with a discussion about an upcoming motion regarding geofencing, with Eddy advising Shu to prepare comprehensive background information for the January discussion.

Next steps

- Shu: post the revised content and services document onto the website
- Shu: post the Web Steering Committee minutes on the web steering committee page
- Shu and Patrick: work together on making the web steering committee page more dynamic
- Shu: reach out to Houston for updated spreadsheet of group numbers and IDs
- Patrick: ask Lisa for her digital contributions presentation materials to use as starting point for updated training