# Just for Today Virtual (JFTV) Special Business Meeting JFTV Articles of Association DRAFT Agenda 19 November 2022

19 November, 2022 8:15am - 10:15am

# Opening (JFTV Secretary) – 5 min

A Declaration of Unity (all):

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

- Thanks to Carol C (VMH), Barbara R (Taking notes)
- Volunteers read The 12 Traditions and An Informed A.A. Group Conscience
- Meeting process and guidance
  - o All JFTV Meeting Attendees are invited to attend this business meeting; discussion and voting should be limited to those who consider themselves a *JFTV Group Member*
  - o Please mute when not speaking and unmute when speaking; VMH will assist to keep order
  - o Please limit comments during the discussion period to critical comments, keep them brief, and please do not duplicate what someone else has shared
- Purpose of meeting/review agenda: Presentation, discussion, and group conscience on JFT Virtual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous Articles of Association

### **Documents for Reference**

- 1. <u>Draft Articles of Association</u> to be presented for group conscience at this meeting
- 2. The <u>Transition Plan</u> outlining the separation of JFT (Brick and Mortar) and JFTV (Online)
- 3. Preliminary information gathered on Trustee Role and Responsibilities
- 4. The AA Group pamphlet providing definition and guidance

## Presentation of Articles of Association - Todd A. and Julie Q.

- Rationale for non-profit status and Articles of Association
- Selection of Trustees
- Selection of Registered Agent
- Selection of organization physical and mailing addresses

## Questions / Input / Discussion - All

# Group Conscience on the Articles of Association - All

# **Other Business**

- Still in need of a 6am Steering Committee Chair if willing to stand for or interested in learning more about this role, please contact <a href="mailto:iftsecretary@gmail.com">iftsecretary@gmail.com</a>
- Seeking support for JFTV Thanksgiving Alcathon service commitment. See <u>website bulletin board</u> for details

## **Next Steps**

Upcoming quarterly business meetings scheduled for the following Saturdays in 2023: Jan 7, Mar 25, Jun 24, Sep 23. Suggested agenda items may be sent to <a href="mailto:iftsecretary@gmail.com">iftsecretary@gmail.com</a>

## Close meeting - All

AA Responsibility Statement: I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.

Serenity Prayer: God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

# **AA Resources to Support Group Discussion and Decisions**

An Informed A.A. Group Conscience: The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind. On sensitive issues, the group works slowly — discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a "yes" or "no" count — precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term "informed group conscience" implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes. (*The AA Group* https://www.aa.org/assets/en\_US/p-16\_theaagroup.pdf)

**Concept 12.** The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action. (*The Twelve Concepts for World Service* <a href="https://www.aa.org/assets/en-US/smf-114">https://www.aa.org/assets/en-US/smf-114</a> en.pdf)

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