



From the UA General Service Board of Trustees
UA GSB, INC
Sunday, October 3, 2021

Dear Underearners Anonymous Members, Group and InterGroup Representatives, and General Service Board Committees,

As trusted servants with fiduciary and legal oversight, the UA General Service Board of Trustees, Inc. (UAGSB) has a responsibility to make the fellowship, as a whole, aware of some recent important developments.

[Concept](#) 7 says, ***“The Conference recognizes that the bylaws of the Underearners Anonymous General Service Board serve as governing documents and that the Trustees have legal rights, while the rights of the Conference are spiritual, rooted in the Twelve Traditions. The Concepts are not legal instruments.”***

[Bylaws](#) Section 7.3 says, ***“Contracts, Checks, Bank Accounts. The funds of the Corporation shall be deposited in the Corporation’s name with such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the General Service Board of Trustees may designate. The General Service Board of Trustees shall determine who shall be authorized to sign checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, acceptances, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, to enter into contracts or to execute and deliver other documents and instruments.”***

UA groups, their members, and the GSB Committees should be aware that they are neither contributing to, nor participating in, an official UA event if they attend the proposed 2021 World Service Conference.

The UAGSB cannot legally participate in the proposed 2021 World Service Conference (WSC), nor engage with the World Service Conference Planning Committee (WSCPC), because they are now operating outside of UA’s legal parameters. UAGSB Committee

members who attend cannot speak on behalf of their committee's work at this unauthorized event because they serve at the guidance of the UAGSB.

The UAGSB cannot use fellowship funds to pay any service providers who choose to participate in this proposed 2021 WSC.

- Opening and operating a separate bank account for the WSC has placed the 2021 WSC and the 2021 WSCPC outside of the legal structure of Underearners Anonymous, Inc. Therefore they are now outside enterprises.
- In accordance with the [UA Bylaws](#), it is the **sole** legal and fiduciary jurisdiction of the UAGSB to:
 - Open bank accounts for a WSC
 - Negotiate and sign contracts with WSC service providers, including, but not limited to: a recording secretary, a parliamentarian, and physical or virtual venues
 - Make direct payments to service providers for a WSC
- In the spirit of [Tradition 6](#), the UA name, registered trademark, or logo cannot be legally used in any unauthorized event. Therefore the proposed 2021 WSC and the 2021 WSCPC cannot legally use these assets.

In conclusion, the UAGSB cannot consider motions passed at unauthorized events held by outside enterprises. Motions can be officially presented at future authorized World Service Conferences.

In Service,
Clara, GSB Chair
Rina, GSB Vice-Chair
Toni, GSB Treasurer
John, GSB Trustee