

Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee
Conference Call Meeting Notes
January 3, 2010

Present Members: Wendy von Zirpolo, *Co-chair*; Taquiena Boston, *President's Representative*; Arthur Tackman; José Ballester, *Board Liaison*; Michael Sallwasser, *Co-chair*; Jonipher Kwong; Connie Brown; Natalie Fenimore

Not Present: Helen Boxwill; Scott McNeill; Alex Kapitan, *Staff Support*

Start Time: 7:05 PM Eastern Time

End Time: 8:20 PM Eastern Time

Topic	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Opening words – Taquiena	Taquiena read a reading by John O'Donoghue, "The One Who Holds Power"	
Reading from Our Covenant – Michael and Jonipher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognize we are each and collectively "works in progress," and that there is no one "right answer" – Michael speak our truth in constructive and civil ways – Jonipher 	
Check-in – Wendy	Committee members checked in.	
Status update: GA – Wendy	<p>Wendy shared that she and Michael put together a letter requesting plenary time – will hear back from them in March but it seemed like a reasonable and not unexpected request. Both of the chairpeople (Nancy Bartlett and KokHeong McNaughton) were in favor of getting together with JTWTC at GA, and the suggestion was made that we become part of the lunch already planned between ComCom and NomCom. Wendy and Michael discussed whether that would be enough or whether we would want to have a separate gathering also. Everyone agreed to let the ComCom and NomCom decide whether they want to just do the joint meeting or have separate meetings.</p> <p>Wendy asked, given the report that we have, how do we feel about JTWTC contacting all of the committee chairs? Perhaps sending an invitation for them to meet with us or send a representative?</p> <p>Natalie asked what such a meeting might look like. Wendy suggested that perhaps highlighting things from the report and offering to answer questions might be one way to go. Michael suggested discussing the data we got from them, going over our recommendations, and opening up for conversation. Wendy suggested drafting an invitation and sending it to the committee chairs and see if there's interest. Natalie expressed concerns that without some sort of agenda or general gist people might not be pushed to attend. Arthur concurred. Wendy suggested deciding what would be of value to give to the chairs and proposing doing it at the event that is already scheduled. Taquiena shared that if you could send everyone away with three best practices in terms of ARAOMC leadership and a link to the report, that would be completely worthwhile. Natalie is in favor of figuring out how to make the ARAOMC part an annual part of the programming at this meeting.</p>	Wendy will forward the lunch meeting time to everyone right away if it's already been planned.

<p>Status update: JTWTC Future – Michael</p>	<p>Michael shared that he and Arthur didn't talk a whole lot about JTWTC future – discussed wanting to have a meeting with Chuck Wooldridge – but we should look at what was the effect of the report we did and whether it made a difference – that guides what we should be doing in the future. See the email that was forwarded by Alex to the group, attached as Appendix 1 below.</p> <p>Wendy asked José where we stood on where the working group is going to have a conversation about JTWTC and its role – if that's in April, is that something that if the chairs could come into Boston, could we be proactive in the conversation? José thinks it's in April but isn't sure; also thinks it would be a good idea for the chairs to be there; could be valuable.</p> <p>Michael said that there's a need to formalize questions, send out the survey, and get responses back in time to organize them into a presentation by April. Michael read Appendix 1. Arthur thinks that we might be pushing things a bit to get things done by April; no one on JTWTC now has gone through this process with a previous report except Michael, and we should probably go back and read that report to get some footing. The other issue Arthur brought up was whether the JTWTC should look at the accessibilities report that was done at the same time, since that falls under JTWTC responsibilities now. Wendy offered the idea that even if JTWTC couldn't have the results it would still have worth to bring the process to the April meeting.</p> <p>José asked who JTWTC reports to now that the board is working under policy governance and how. Wendy said that that's what we're looking to the board to decide. Wendy and Michael received an email from Paul Richter looking for input into planning the next budget; talks about how it looks like the board still considers JTWTC under its purview; unclear what right relationship with the board now looks like. José said that we are responsible to GA because JTWTC was formed by a GA resolution; thinks that the whole board needs to look at this, not just Right Relations.</p>	<p>Michael will talk to Chuck Wooldridge and see whether there might be room for JTWTC folks to come in and have a conversation about the committee's input onto JTWTC's role in the future.</p> <p>José will set up a preliminary conversation between José, Wendy, Michael, and Chuck.</p>
<p>Status update: Process/Teambuilding – Wendy</p>	<p>Wendy shared that Wendy, Connie, and Helen discussed having another conversation where a member from each of the other board report groups was present, and/or doing a survey monkey to capture some of the ways we stumbled through and have the smaller group process that information.</p> <p>Scott had volunteered for that slightly expanded conversation, and either Michael, Jonipher, or José will also join (to be determined by availability).</p>	<p>Wendy will take responsibility for getting the next step going for a dedicated conversation.</p>
<p>Logistics: Google group communications – Wendy</p>	<p>Wendy reminded everyone that the default setting for the group email is to reply back to the entire group.</p> <p>Connie expressed some reservations about the Google group feature because they tend to max out her email. Wendy asked everyone to honor the fact that those emails can get unwieldy.</p> <p>Wendy shared that in a conversation with Alex earlier that day it was discussed that it probably isn't necessary to have the minutes saved to the google documents section of the gmail account, because Alex is also uploading them to the JTWTC section of the UUA site (and sending them as an attachment over email each month). Carol Agate also posts when the minutes get uploaded.</p>	

Logistics: Reimbursements & Travel/Accommodations – Wendy	Wendy reiterated that JTWTC will cover one person in a double occupancy for GA. If JTWTC folks room with someone not covered by the UUA is that it has to be paid for by that person and then that person can get reimbursed. For members who have to go to the ARAOMC training on Monday + Tuesday, the board will cover lodging for those nights. Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend the ARAOMC training. Wendy reminded everyone to get their reimbursements in immediately after GA. For plane tickets you can start purchasing/getting reimbursed or using the UUA's travel agent. UUA encourages everyone to use Ron. There will be a date when GA registration opens for committee members and Alex will communicate that.	Alex will register folks for GA and will remind people of any key dates.
Process Observations – Michael and Jonipher	Michael and Jonipher offered process observations.	
Notes for next meeting	Connie will be traveling and Jonipher will be in Ireland January 31, so Wendy proposed moving the date to February 7. If neither Helen or Scott can make February 7 we will revert to January 31.	Wendy will send an email to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Kapitan
January 7, 2010