

## Bridging The Gap Motion

Spring Committee / Summer Assembly 2016

### *Motion:*

To create an Area Wide secure database of BTG Contacts and an Area Wide Google + voicemail phone number. Both of these will allow for greater ease of Districts with communication, data storage, contact access, and help streamline BTG efforts. There should not be a cost involved with either of these items. If there is however, it would be minimal, i.e. \$5 per month. The contact information would be securely stored in Dropbox, a secure cloud database company.

### *Purpose:*

Creating an Area Wide database allows for greater access for districts to store, maintain, and locate temporary contact for a person(s) seeking help. Having a central anonymous phone number for temporary contacts to give to the soon to be released Alcoholic allows each district BTG Committee the ability to function with less stress on the district. The voicemail would be listened to and subsequently sent along to the temporary contact.

### *Background:*

It has come to the Area Committee's attention that not having a central phone number to give out is becoming a hindrance to individual Districts BTG efforts. This has also been said about the ability to locate contact information for BTG temporary contact volunteers or committee people for Districts. Secure login information would be given to each District BTG committee for the Dropbox so each District would be able to upload and edit their database of temporary contacts. The Area Committee would then be able to create an Area database from the individual district databases for the purpose of search and find functions.

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As a person who has been involved with BTG for the last 6 years this motion is of utmost importance. In our efforts to help the person leaving treatment or corrections, a central phone number and database will save a few steps in reaching districts that our people are returning to. This would eliminate duplicate phone calls and emails.

Districts will have the benefit of making one call or searching the database for assistance with that newcomer. This will aid in our efforts to assist that newcomer as they come to the rooms of Alcoholic Anonymous.

We also have a new form for collecting names of our temporary contacts that are interested in helping with the newcomers transition to the AA community. It is so important that we get as many as possible to assist in that transition. Please take this form back to your district and home group. It is a great for carrying the message and help that newcomer.

We would be happy to come to your district or meeting and discuss BTG and would be delighted to do a BTG workshop in your district.

In service,

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Alt. BTG Chair