



GMDO Meeting

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Sun, Oct 6, 2024 at 11:00 PM

Good Evening Everyone!

Hold on to your hats! This is going to be a dense email, but please bear with me. First of all, I want to thank all who have been involved so far with the GMDO future planning meetings. Anyone who gets these emails and wants to be off the list, please let us know by responding to the email as such and if you know someone who didn't get the email and wasn't involved, please feel free to forward it along and ask them to reach out to be added.

There was a lot discussed at the last meeting and there is a lot of content from that meeting. First, here are the minutes from that meeting:

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This is all we discussed. From this meeting, there was a suggestion for a Google spreadsheet made available for people to add their contact information and possible skillsets who wanted to be involved in the structuring of the GMDO going forward. It is accessible to all who have the link so please don't share the link unless you know that it is to someone who wants to actively be involved and know that we are trying to go forward with a community spirit of transparency and connection.


 GMDO Leadership Committee

There is a landing page for people to put ideas and things on for the planning and formation phase and that is here:

<https://www.marikomiddleton.com/gmdo>

Here are documents that are for educational purposes on possible structures to look at and be able to discuss at the next meeting:

 GMDO Legal Structures.pdf

 GMDO_S Organization proposition 10_3_24 (1).pdf

The last thing I will add is a draft agenda that will have some openness and flexibility, while also hopefully creating some useful construction structure to guide our discussion. If there is something that you feel needs to be on the agenda, please feel free to respond to this email and let me know so I can add it. The next meeting is going to be on October 20th at 5PM at [55 East State Street](#) in Montpelier, Apt 1. Please park on the street unless you have mobility concerns, as the parking by the house is limited. You are invited to bring your own dinner if you would like and we can eat while we work as desired. I will have some tea and other drinks to share. I will send out the firm agenda with a Zoom link one week beforehand, so please get any additions to the agenda to me ASAP. I will be facilitating the next meeting, and in the interest of time, this will be a more regimented meeting structure with time windows for each discussion point which

means that we will really need to be concise with our visioning and discussions. This also means that it would be helpful to view this material in this email and come ready with discussion points.



October 20th GMDO Meeting Agenda

In case it is helpful, I am attaching a great historical tracing of the GMDO that Victoria laid out, but it is not necessary to review if that feels too overwhelming (I recognize there is a lot of content here and people have busy lives). It is pasted below and attachments are also attached:

When Ivan first passed away, we weren't sure the GMDO or GMDS was going to continue. At all. After a few months, when Fearn decided to continue, a group of us formed to support her in handling all-the-things. We called it a counsel.

We supported one another and Fearn and figured out along the way what the structure and purposes of the council were.

There's some good/ useful stuff in all of that that may help our current council, so I've included the structure & purpose of the previous council below. [It's a PDF titled GMDO Council Roles & Responsibilities](#)

After over a year, the council disbanded. Those who remained on the board for Dreamland sanctuary continued to meet, but the rest fell away into more individual tasks &/ or onto Fearn again.

These are the reflections of those who attended the last council meeting about how it was for them and what they'd like to see for the order &/ or school moving forward:

[That's the pdf titled Last GMDO counsel meeting reflections & goals](#)

Attached is also the most updated version I can find in my computer for the Code of Conduct. This document is supposed to be signed by every student before they initiate as Bards. I'm not sure if the home study students have ever seen it. This talks about the structure & overlap between the school, community, and dreamland as it has been as well as lays out community agreements regarding behavior, communication & conflict resolution. I'm sharing this in case everyone in our current council hasn't read it. It also has a mission statement.

It's attached as a pdf below titled [GMDO COC Final April 2017](#). (I KNOW there's more recent versions, I just can't find them).

The fourth attachment is the "Jenky" rubric of a proposed structure I've designed for the GMDO and the GMDS with descriptions of responsibilities of each role. I offer it as a starting place for the purpose of moving forward with ideas of structure with more ease. I'm not sure if I've plugged in everything that Fearn did yet, but it's a good start. I recognize things will likely need to be added or subtracted and fleshed out more. From a legal perspective I suspect it's best for the GMDO & GMDS to be one legal structure with the GMDS being within the GMDO. The attached rubric I designed is a pdf titled [GMDO/S Organization proposition 10/3/24](#)



GMDO COC FINAL April 2017 PDF.pdf



Last GMDO Council meeting reflections & goals.pdf



DRAFT GMDO Council Roles & Responsibilities.pdf

I look forward to our continued visioning and conversations as a community and am exciting by the energy and commitment of our community to stewarding the GMDO into the next era of its being.