

Minutes Member Services Committee Teleconference,

5 July 2019

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3:00 PM PACIFIC / 6 PM EASTERN TIME

Chair: Carole C. opened the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Pacific Time

(Vice Chair: David McB)

ROLL CALL: Sharon, David McB, Rich, Carole, Matt, Sue, Josh

8 May 2019 Minutes approved

June Minutes postponed

Old Business

- Regarding the Central Coast ACA Intergroup (CCACAIG) pamphlets for Starting Regions and Intergroups: Matt asked Carole to post them again. Bonnie had said earlier that she did read Intergroup one, but believed it is too detailed for people just starting an Intergroup.
- Further discussion on the Lights On program with input from David regarding the Board's concerns for tracking the literature and the success or failure of such meetings. David believes that it is not a lot of expense for the Board. This was tabled for the time being.
- Regarding the confusion about the Teen meeting ages: it was on the part of the Website Committee. Young Adults and Teens subcommittee and the MSC had approved "Ages 12-18" for the listing. Decided is not an issue.
- Regarding the Subcommittee header approvals for acawso.org website. Discussed them and approved them as posted on the May 27th, replace, or amended. Sharon will post them accordingly.

New Business

Sharon wrote a Virtual Subcommittee summary for the Board to finalize that committee's withdrawal. It is attached and will be submitted to the Board by MSC Chair.

Subcommittee reports

Global Members Subcommittee Report – Chair Sue V.

Interested parties will have a meeting in Bangladesh this month. Various countries are doing translations of ACA WSO free literature as needed. India has lost a lot of meetings. See:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nYqxXuK9ce0Ws5FhFWwkOkCnDG12J3OP/view?usp=sharing>

India contact who has been here visiting is going home feeling nurtured. Visit in South Korea went well. Went to Counselors, churches. Met with some resistance from the counselors. Setting up a Skype account for Global Services. Continuing to develop an internal structure. Wants Global to work with everyone, so setting up a coordinator/liaison for in all of the subcommittees and committees associated with WSO. Mark from the Netherlands is helping with translations.

Intergroups – Chair Tamara – not present Josh gave report:

Say hi letter to Traveler, Mail Chimp, and Slack Public Channel. IG Committee will wait a couple of months to give membership time to respond. Once all the info is up to date, will do the needs assessment survey. A “Needs Page” with information on how to update an Intergroup listing is in the works. Information about IG’s request to search the Website’s Intergroups by zip code. This has been implemented.

Members - Chair, Sharon

This is the PDF of the draft member survey (posted in MSC slack channel on June 5th):

<https://acawso.slack.com/files/U6E03S54Z/FK8L7K9RA/draft2019memsurvey.pdf>

The Members Subcommittee is asking each subcommittee to submit additional questions (by Aug 15th) they feel will help their committee better serve the fellowship. I will be asking the other WSO committees to do the same.

See complete Members report:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18wnL77E2PCYV2wkeg6Wt0and3XUxcruJ/view?usp=sharing>

Regions - Chair, Matt

Conversations about region formation with interested groups are continuing, but nothing new from previous reports. Just keeping lines of communication open. They are organizing and getting Intergroups involved.

Traveler – Editor, Sharon

The Traveler currently has over 6300 subscribers. The Traveler is looking for a Co-Editor – If someone has some software and online skills, I can show them how to use Mailchimp. Please announce this at the next Board Teleconference.

Young Adults/Teens - Liaison, Laura L.

The Young Adults Subcommittee did not meet on the 29th as scheduled due to technical difficulties.

Topics for Discussion:

Discussed having Global Members becoming committee of its own. David says the Board doesn’t think it is ready yet. Decision was to take it slow.

Meeting types, focuses, and issues discussed, amended some items. Everyone agreed it is up to the meetings to describe more clearly what they are about. The following meeting types were approved.

Men Only

–A meeting attended by men only.

Women Only

–A meeting attended by women only.

LGBT+

--For those who identify as LGBT+? Or, for LGBT+ as well as allies? Or, is the meeting focus specific for LGBT+ ACAs?

Beginners

–Is the focus of these meetings the needs of members who are new to ACA? Or, is this meeting only for beginners?

Closed

–Only for people who self-identify under ACA’s Tradition 3, which states, “The only requirement for membership is a desire to recover from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family.”

Open

–Open to anyone (ACA members, family, friends, and/or professionals)

Young Adult

–Ages 18 to 26 years old

Teen

–Ages 12 – 18 years old

Meeting Focusses on website:

Resolved that the meetings must more clearly define their meetings, but we agreed to the following:

Discussion

–sharing time may or may not focus on a specific recovery topic

Fellowship Text

–meeting uses topics from one of the fellowship texts to open the sharing time

Book Study

–meeting reads and members share on one of the fellowship texts or other ACA focus text

Steps

–the focus of the meeting is discussing and/or doing work on the steps

Speaker

–meeting is led by an *ACA* speaker and the format may or may include opening the floor for sharing by attendees

Workshop

–permanent or temporary meeting discussing an ACA topic or working in an ACA workbook

Adjourned at 9:14 p.m. Eastern with the ACA Serenity Prayer

PSC and H&I meetings followed immediately after this.

Next Meeting: August 7, 2019 at 6 pm. Eastern