



MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE AGENDA
August 10, 2019

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- A. Call to Order:** Charlie H. Serenity Prayer Majbrit M.
- B. Roll Call of Board Members**
- C. Present:** Charlie H, Erin D, Miles C, Pat H, Rich R, Carol C, Majbrit M, David McB.
Absent: Bill D, Jim B
- D. Establish Quorum:** Yes
- E. Guest Introductions:** Barbara CA GEBACA IG, Greg TX Lit Cmte, Nom Com, Kay O. CA #1233, Karen R former Board Member, Kelle FL telephone mtgs. APB , Josh DC IG Sub Cmte, OPPM, APB, Nat'l Capitol Area IG, John Mass. IG, Kathy CA APB, Laura CA 1040 OPPM, Nom Com, Archives, Mary Jo OPPM, BPC, Website, Mikkel Denmark IG 40 European Union Temporary Planning Cmte, Markus Sweden ACA European host Cmte, Marc Netherlands Dutch translation chair, Mardi M MN Comline editor, 026 Delegate, Pam Central Coast IG chair 076, Sharon Website Data vice chair, Traveler editor,
- F. Tradition Eight:** Adult Children of Alcoholics should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- G. Minutes:** Motion to table May 11, 2019 Teleconference Minutes (David McB.)
Second: Miles C.
Discussion: Minutes were posted this morning. Tabling the minutes will allow members to review and approve the backlog of May, June and July at the next board meeting.
Decision: Table to next board call in September

Second: Miles C.

Approved: Unanimous

- H. Chair Report:** Charlie H. In transparency to the fellowship announced the leadership change in the Executive Committee. Erin D and Miles C. have volunteered to switch positions. Erin will become Secretary to complete the backlog of Board Meeting minutes and Miles will now serve as the ABC/AWC Chair. Minutes for May and July are now in draft form on the website. We expect to have June and July posted at the end of the week.
- I. Treasurer's Report:** Pat H. Reports an interesting time for the fellowship (see full report at [ACAWSO.org](http://acawso.org)). We have switched from an accountant to a CPA firm in June. Currently June and July is on the upswing as we begin making money. Malmo expenses have been accounted and recorded. See the Finance committee page for the July balance sheet. A \$40,00 deposit on inventory was made with an equal amount due to pay the balance for the next month. Year to date, our net income is in the black at \$53,101.00. New monthly accounting fees are lower than in the past. Seventh Tradition donations are up at ten thousand. Ending balance \$27,240.
- J. Committee Reports:** *Full reports can be found on the business website: <http://acawso.org>*
- 1. Executive Committee:** David McB. Amazon required new labels this was time consuming with no advance warning. Books which were crated needed to be relabeled. Ongoingly everything through Amazon now needs labels with bar codes.
 - 2. Archive Committee:** Charlie H. (for Marcia J, Chair) Good news is it is now functioning with 4 to 5 members beginning to layout a charter for the coming year. Marcia J. was unavailable to report today, we will gain a fuller report in September.
 - 3. Finance Committee:** Pat H. Implemented approved budget for this year. For the first time budget was inputted to Quick Books. This means an arduous task of recoding postings from the first seven months. This is the first year committees will have budgets and we can see how it is working. This gives the fellowship a better understanding of where their money is going. This will be the first year we match budget to expenses. Sales to costs of goods tally will be available for next month's report. We reviewed and recommended an additional floating holiday for the employees. Motion passed unanimously. Charlie asked about recoding expenses in layman's terms. Recoding expenses allows us to understand if a committee is going over their budget and where their expenses fall in line.
 - 4. Literature Committee:** Charlie H. Comline Mardi-next edition. Oct 1, next quarter submit to litstaff@adultchildren, Concepts 10,11,12 as new possibilities, ABC/AWC shares, Steps and traditions, poetry, artwork. Literature Committee does quarterly open call. (First Sat of each quarter) Anyone interested may contact Charlie H. on Slack. Theme of the first call was activity in Sweden—Motion to adopt a mission statement for ACA and mtgs—it was postponed and given to the Lit. Cmte. A suggested meeting preamble similar to other 12 Step meetings did not receive a unanimous yes, but much thinking and discussion are to be continued. October 5, 11:30 EST is the next call. Workshops on Traditions and Meeting Safety were very well attended, more literature about service, The 12 Concepts are desired

and needed. Another topic was the use of Higher Power as more neutral, God as more threatening, a possible put off, to the fellowship and newcomers. A study team to look at that will hopefully come about by the October 5th call.

Rich R. Bill of Rights update meets the third Saturday 9:30 EST. Currently 22-24 statements are to be wordsmithed and finalized. Miles asked about the French translation of the BRB, Robin, Charlie and Miles may call to discuss how this is progressing. Mardi announces Oct 1st is the next Comline. Submit asap to litstaff@adultchildren.org Steps, Traditions, Promises artwork, poetry even the Concepts as the fellowship seeks to gain more understanding. Submit a release form. A special summary of the ABC/AWC from Malmo, Sweden is forthcoming.

5. **Member Services Committee:** Carole C. Reports and the last three minutes have not been posted. Globalmembers@adultchildren.org
 - a. **Global Members**—Sue V. Chair. In Bangladesh a human rights organization sponsored a meeting in English and Bengali. Public outreach made to S. Korea. We are working with other 12 Step fellowships and receiving warm welcomes.
 - b. **IG Report-Tamara** The *Say Hi* letter responses are being received and followed up where needed. A task force to review IG's getting started has formed and is working on a document. IG Best Practices are being taken from the needs assessment,. They are updating a mission statement and creating a vision statement.
 - c. **Members Sub Committee** -Sharon F.,A newcomer page is in place to help decide if ACA is right for them. Traveler subscribers are up 300 from June. September Traveler items are due Aug 15th. A possible Vice Chair is on the horizon. A 2019 Membership Survey requests questions to be included to help guide work in the future. Sharon can be contacted on Slack or MPSEditor@adultchildren.org .
 - d. **Regions Subcommittee** -Matt K. Chair- Five North American regions have been designated by the board. Greater Western USA Region is functioning <https://:gwuregion.org>. Active Slack workshop is at gwuregion@gmail.com Northeastern region planning a Meet and Greet for Autumn. Contact Matt K on Slack for Region information.
 - e. **Young Adults and Teens** Laura L. Liaison-nothing to report, no emails have been received.
6. **Public Services Committee:** David McB. Active but not meeting. David and Miles attended the 2019 State convention in Miami, FL for AA to try to promote future conventions there. We have a 2020 invite for an information table and workshop in Jacksonville again and an AA follow-up in New York, also an invite from Young People in AA.

Hospital and Institutions Miles C.

- Continues to send books and literature. To Order books for prisons send the required books and numbers to information@acawso.com. Books must be ordered through WSO for prisons.
- ACA has been invited to Mohawk Clean Days native reserves in Canada next week.

Invited to 72nd Annual AA Conference in Carmel, Ontario information table and a possible meeting November 8,9, 2019. information@acawso.org

- 7. European Committee:** Majbrit M. July and Minsk minutes are posted in acawso.org repository. July and Aug The European Committee (EC) is undergoing major renewal, there is a large body of volunteers stepping up since a workshop was presented in Malmo. Majbrit will be rotating off and a handing over is taking place. The EC started in 2014. In the EC new ways to carry the message was needed for translations. Anyone interested in European service may contact Majbrit at EU@ACA.com for service enquiries. Minutes from Minsk are on the Repository. Tanya and Jeffrey have stepped down from the EC. An Interim committee to be ratified in September on the EC Teleconference. Charlie offered gratitude to Majbrit for her tremendous leadership shown in this time of transition!
- 8. WSO Office:** Nick C. David reports a new procedure of an IG discount of over \$100 receives a 30% discount. Website offers easier access and improvements to 7th Tradition contributions. Broken records of 24 hours getting orders out by Jose. Books are being stored in various locations, U.S, Canada, Amazon, Bang and the UK and Signal Hill CA. Sales are up on Shopify and Amazon. Twenty-three hundred and forty active meetings, 102 Intergroups. Upgrades to OSHA safety kits in place. Executive Committee approved costs to relabel books for Amazon.
- 9. DCOC:** Bill D. No Report.
- 10. Service Network Committee:** Jim B. No Report.
- 11. Website/Database Committee:** Jim B. Sharon F. reports. Posted on repository. Working with Robin and Mardi html format for the website. Each article will run independently as a blog post. Updating meeting lists. IG subcommittee and regions to provide more search capabilities. Best practices for using Zoom and Dropbox.
- 12. ABC Committee:** Miles C. Meeting August 17 with the Florida team. An Advisory team will be a resource for host committees to fall back on. Erin D. Application for Speaker Presentations was approved and is expected to be up shortly. The 2021 Host Bidding Packet as well as an Invitation to Host letter. Miles will establish a monthly meeting for the ABC/AWC and the Advisory Team. Question from Carol. Will we continue to use the term Host since the WSO is the host? To be followed up at the Board Working Session Thursday.
- 13. Ballot Prep Committee:** Mary Jo L. The committee prepared the Call for Proposals which went out Aug 1st, as well as, info on how groups can prepare for submitting a proposal. If any group needs these mailings please email the committee bpc@adultchildren.org. Proposals due Nov 30th.
- 14. OPKM Committee:** Mary Jo L. Creating a project plan and prioritizing and awaiting approval on things currently in the hands of the board.
- 15. Nominating Committee:** Greg R. Two openings with qualifications for Nominating Committee members are on the website. Two new Trustee positions are open for 2020. The committee requests review of the NC process regarding references and applicants. Please send suggestions to the NC. Since July no applicants for either positions. Trustee position submissions due November 22, 2019. Submitted this morning to the board questions on

requirements for selecting and vetting committees. We suggest it is not an appropriate for this committee. Sent a letter through Carol to the Board requesting a change to the OPPM. Beneficial if the board confirmed each year whether it's two new trustees needed. Send written confirmation through Carol.

- 16. Predatory Behavior Work Group/Committee:** Karin S. Chair. Erin Reports. A third Town Hall tomorrow August 18, 2019. Revised safety card will be presented revisions to all interested. It will then go the Board for approval.

K. Motions passed at the board working meeting on Aug 1, 2019

- 1. Motion:** That WSO revise ballot measure requirements, so that support from 60% or more of voting groups places a measure on the next Annual Business Conference.

Amendment (Jim B.): That WSO revise Annual Business Conference rules so that 60 percent passage by ABC delegates is required to enact a motion.

Background: The current 66.7% requirement has been in effect for years. In the last few years, fellowship involvement has grown substantially. Limiting proposals for the ABC to a rigid 66.7% has prevented debate on many proposals that had strong fellowship interest but fell short by a narrow margin. Lowering the limit to 60% would reduce the frustration felt by many groups and make the ABC more accessible, while making sure that proposals considered at the ABC have substantial fellowship backing.

Second: Miles C.

Discussion: Majority favored lowering the threshold for discussion motions. Changing the rule now would enable WSO to communicate this to the fellowship in its Ballot Preparation letter.

The Amendment was proposed because ACA generally requires a principle of substantial unanimity, and a simple majority vote might allow major changes to occur based on a closely divided vote. The new formula will require delegates to work to gain greater unanimity before passing a motion.

Decision: Motion passes unanimously. Amendment passed unanimously.

- 2. Motion:** To revise the OPPM so that former board members must have left the board two years before they are eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee. (David McB)

Background: The motion is intended to correct a drafting error in the original motion creating the Nominating Committee. When the Service Structure Committee (now the Service Network Committee) discussed this measure in 2017, it was considered important that former board members gain some separation and detachment from their time on the board before participating in the vetting and nomination of future board members. A recent review of the final committee report and board motion revealed that this provision had been omitted.

Second: Carole C.

Discussion: Participants in the original Nominating Committee discussion agreed that a two-year separation from the board was intended, and that the goal remained valid.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously.

L. New Business: Change name from the ABC Committee to the ABC/AWC Committee.

1. Motion: Charlie H.

Background: Until 2015 there was no World Convention. Since 2016 it has exploded in size, importance and budget. Yet no official committee is responsible for being a lead group in working with the host committee. Unofficially the ABC has continued to handle the AWC but it is important to change the name so that it is clear the ACA World is part of the area of responsibility.

Second: David

Discussion: No discussion.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously.

M. 2019 ABC Motions and Status (Note: Motions will be posted until three months after they have been implemented. Failed motions will drop from this list three months after the ABC.)

Ballot Motions: APB in progress

Literature Motions: No update.

N. Guest Comments:

- 1. Mikkel Denmark**—Interest in the study group on God. Two people who have stepped up to be the chairs of the EC they have discussed and suggest the chair and vice chair as members of the WSO as well. One hundred and fifty people in Minsk celebrating a 10 year anniversary. Russia and Belarus difficult as they do not speak English.
- 2. Jeannie**—International sponsorship. Request if anyone knows anyone who has gotten mtgs in their town's prisons please contact Jeannie on Slack on developing H and I guidelines. Emails to information@acawso.com 7 emails went unanswered. Risk of credibility without emails returned to prisons as they follow up. mscchair@adultchildren.org hichair@adultchildren.org vicechair@acawso.org. David McB: Prisons take time because it must go from WSO to prison. Different prisons esp. private-run take longer in their systems. Pat H. on Slack she is also working with Santa Cruz prisons and available.
- 3. John Mass** –What is Slack? A chat board to committees, persons, documents to communicate with committees. It is a communication too. An email address sent to a Board member will get anyone invited. Send your email to any board member to be invited.
- 4. Majbrit**-Currently experiencing email problems.
- 5. Josh**- request to announce on Slack next teleconference one week prior to jog member's memory.

O. Motion to close the meeting: Carol

Second: Miles

Decision: Motion passed unanimously.

P. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Next Meeting:** September 14, 2019, 2pm EST

Close with the ACA Serenity Prayer