

Report Member Services Committee Monthly Teleconference

Our monthly teleconference is the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10 p.m. UTC (Coordinated Universal Time), which translates to 2 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, and 5 p.m. EST. We meet through a Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/698113496>

Our January meeting will be on the 8th as the 1st Wednesday of January is New Year's Day.

- ✓ **In November**, we presented our budget to the WSO Board. We await approval.
- ✓ This month, we worked to streamline our TC meeting, getting through the entire teleconference in about 45 minutes. We agreed that posting and reading current Member Service Committee and subcommittee reports prior to the teleconferences and keeping our necessary highlights and remarks as short as possible will keep future teleconferences even shorter.

We approved the following Motion unanimously:

WSO Information Technology requests approval from Member Services Committee to require phone numbers for private primary and secondary WSO contacts on WSO website listings.

Reasoning and background: The meeting registration form currently only requires a first name and email address for the private and primary and secondary WSO contacts. We run into situations where we do not get a response to emails. In such cases, if we had a phone number, the office could call the contact.

Comment: WSO IT will use our approval if it is necessary for them to put this motion before the Board.

Member Service Committee Chair, Carole

Requests the Subcommittee Chairs help look for a Member Service Committee Vice Chair. This needs to be a person who can take over as Member Service Committee Chair when Carole rotates out in a couple of years.

All Subcommittee Reports can be seen in full in the Repository on acawso.org (the Blue website)

Intergroups – Chair Tamara

Teleconference 4th Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Members Subcommittee Needs a chair.

The Members Subcommittee works to promote connections between members, groups, and WSO. Website <https://acawso.org/category/member-outreach/>

Regions

Requirements to Establish and Certify an ACA Region

In order to embody the vision and accomplish the mission of an ACA Region, we suggest that there is need for the following:

- I. Register with the WSO Region Subcommittee in order to avoid duplication of efforts.
- II. Document the following to the Region Subcommittee for certification:

- A. An established group of trusted servants willing to create a regional framework
- B. The designated geographic area of the map created and approved in 2019 that is being represented.
- C. Participation of Meetings and Intergroups throughout the geographical region.

- D. A service plan that will meaningfully improve recovery throughout the Region.
- E. Minutes and/or other documentation that reflects organizational information.

III. Consider sending a representative to the Regions subcommittee of MSC.

When the above qualifiers have been met, the Region subcommittee of the Member Services Committee will recommend the Region to the Board of Trustees for certification.

When a region is certified, it can submit a candidate to the Nominating Committee. Regional Trustees must meet the same eligibility requirements as all other Board Trustees.

In accordance with the Fourth Tradition, all participation in regions is voluntary. Groups and intergroups may choose whether to affiliate, and if they are on the edge of two regions, they may choose which region to affiliate with.

Traveler – Editor, Sharon

The Traveler is ACA WSO's monthly newsletter; it's issued at the beginning of every month. Traveler articles include announcements, news, and events, from around the ACA fellowship

Young Adults/Teens – Chair, Marc November highlights

The next Young Adults and Teen Subcommittee Zoom teleconference will be Wednesday, 18 December 2020 at <https://zoom.us/j/192934184>

- Teens have difficulties with outreach to others. Young people have difficulties with reaching out to others to start an ACA Teen meeting or group. Suggestions, ideas and help needed. Looking into the idea of a handout, folder, flyer, or brochure where experience is shared for reaching out.
- Suitable teen reading materials of the exiting ACA materials for meetings are required. Not everything of the “ACA Fellowship text” or “Twelve Steps of Adult Children Steps Workbook” is suitable for teens. What is suitable for teens, is the question.
- Specialized Teen meeting materials for teens to relate with. Teen meeting materials are asked. Some teens can relate to the Laundry List/Problem, Other Laundry List, others not. There is a need for more inclusive materials all teens can relate with. It is asked and needed to get a better outreach for young people. The WSO has no official teen meeting/group materials.
- ACA people and/or adults from schools don't know how to start or facilitate a teen meeting and asking for help.

Young Adults/Teens is still brainstorming about this.

Global Members Subcommittee Report – Chair Sue V.

Reminder: January 8 at 7 a.m. Brainstorming regarding getting literature to places with little or no access to it. See Full Report or Slack for Zoom address.