

Meeting and Service Safety Ad-hoc Committee September 2020 Monthly Report

Next Meeting: Saturday October 17, 2020 12:30 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Submitted by Erin D, Chair

Thank you to Sharon and IT for the prominent display of our Mission Statement, Floor and Board Motions on our webpage.

A three-question survey has been sent by email to all group contacts and posted in the October Traveler. The survey asks the fellowship for safety concerns of online meetings, what WSO can do and any additional concerns. The survey will close on October 14th so that responses can be reviewed for lay out of discussion at the town hall.

The first town hall is scheduled for October 31st at 12 noon EST. To be discussed are survey results, open dialogue to make sure we are capturing top concerns and issues, current resources and determining what resources the committee can create to serve the needs of the fellowship for online meetings.

Concerns of emails received in September included:

- Unfamiliar with group autonomy and using Traditions
- Teens in meetings
- Camera on/off during meetings
- Welcoming newcomers to online meetings
- Abusive, bullying behavior during the meeting

A mini-repository of safety tips is being created from documents received from email which may be evaluated for possible resources or best practice.

Board Chair, Charlie H, was present and explained WSO actions before 2020 ABC—especially telephone and APB. Charlie discussed the ABC motion and how in implementing the ABC motion, the board wanted to bring all safety issues into one committee, so that everyone can work together on related issues.

Next Committee meeting is Saturday October 17th at 12:30 pm EST. The town hall will be the main focus. Upcoming topics include development and/or creation of subcommittees, strengthening meeting resources for protecting safety, guidelines for phone meetings and all levels of service safety norms. New members are welcome. Contact us at meeting-safety@adulthood.org

