

Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization



2000 Book of Motions

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Seconded by: John

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Proposed by: Charles

Seconded by: Barry

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Motion: It be recommended to the WSO to have the ABC Chairperson and ABC committee person be the same person

Proposed by: Carole

Seconded by: Mark

Outcome: Passed.

ABC Motion 2000-04: Ratify the Board of Trustees for the year 2000

Proposed by: Tom

Seconded by: Pam

Outcome: Passed

REFERENCE DOCUMENT - 2000 ABC Minutes

2000 Annual Business Conference (ABC) of Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

Held at SHARE! in Marina del Rey, CA

Saturday, April 29, 2000

Present - Tom B., Los Angeles/San Fernando Valley Intergroup (IG) *secret 7/13/00*
Clarence B., Los Angeles ACA Meeting *secret 7/13/00*
Ed. W., ChicagoLand IG and World Service Board (WSO) member *secret 7/13*
Charles P., San Gabriel Valley IG and Treasurer of WSO *7/13*
Barry W., Long Beach/South Bay IG *7/13*
Pam M., Glendale, CA ACA Meeting *7/13*
Carole C., Central Coast ACA IG and Chairperson of WSO *7/13*
John P., Harbor City ACA Meeting and Secretary of WSO *✓*
Mark S., Hurricane, Utah ACA Meeting *7/13*
Carolyn C., Ft. Worth, TX ACA Meeting and Chairperson of ABC *7/13*

Meeting began at 11:25 a.m. after an ACA meeting from 9 to 11 am. Agenda presented. Motion to allow all members present to vote by Charles, seconded by John. Motion passed.

Annual Reports in delegate packets. Request made by Pam for each writer to take a few minutes to discuss their report as just received reports. Agreed to do so.

First report was by the Chairperson, Carole. She read through her report and made recommendations that we need an Outreach chair and the Hospitals and Institutions Committee (H&IC) is requested to increase in size and begin the development of literature of their area. Ed made a statement about some confusion over the use of ACA versus A.C.O.A. and the two different logos he has seen. Discussion about this began, and a suggestion was made to refer this to the Outreach Committee. Mark made a statement about how to deal with situations that come up in meetings. His experience with the CODA format and its clear statement about crosstalk. Discussion about the need for the secretary at the meetings to go over meeting guidelines and have an agreement in the ACA group of how to handle disruptions. Pam brought up that inside new meeting packets was information about safety at meetings, then corrected that by saying the information was in the new handbook. Barry requested information/suggestions to give to students asking about ACA. Discussion and suggestions to read literature and attend open ACA meetings were given. Report accepted as submitted.

No report submitted by the Vice Chairperson.

Secretary's Annual Report was read by John. In general, he prepared Teleconference minutes and distributed them, picked up the mail and answered or forwarded it. Mainly received 7th Tradition contributions and requests for meeting locations. He also received messages from the phone message service for the Torrance WSO phone number and responded to those. Those messages were mainly requests for meeting lists. Tom had a question about terms of the Board and John located the information in the Teleconference Meeting minutes from 12/11/99. It was clarified that a new rule for service on the Board was 6 years actual time. John received a letter from an ACA group in Roanoke, VA, that began in the early '80's and continues to meet. Report was accepted as submitted.

Charles submitted a written report and reviewed it. He brought up an issue that we (WSO) don't have a corner on program literature. He mentioned Tony A. published and therapists publish. Would like to draft literature on feelings process and service affect (people destroy IGs due to own ACA issues. Service is opportunity to grow). Continued report by saying that the cost of the Teleconference to WSO is nothing. The participants pay for it. Pam suggested we put the ComLine on the Internet. Charles stated that the ComLine is the main communication with contributors according to the OPPM.

Adjourned for lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Reconvened the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Literature Committee - Report was give by Carole. See report submitted. Handbook Chairperson's report was given by Pam. See report submitted. Carole has received questions from ACAs about ACAs and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, ACAs and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and ACAs and Fibromyalgia. Requests for literature to read about these subjects have been directed to her. Carole would like articles to be written by medical professionals about these topics. Discussion ensued. Websites about research in these areas might be recommended, as well as our own experience, strength, and hope. Pam distributed "Record Your ACA Recovery" as a way to contribute to the ACA handbook. Discussion about the handbook commenced. Reports accepted as submitted.

Data Base Committee - Dan's report was accepted as submitted.

Hospitals and Institutions Committee - Mark has information from other 12 step programs and will send to Carole. This is information on how to conduct a meeting in a treatment facility or prison. Discussion ensued on purpose of committee. Agreement that committee would send information to institutions so a meeting could be started. Also to consider half-way houses and mental health institutions to contact. It was recommended that a list be created that defines hospitals and institutions and that this list be distributed to IGs so the IGs would recognize them as such. ChicagoLand has a Public Information person/committee that will contact Josie so she will know what is available in the Chicago area when she is contacted. Other IGs would likewise let the H&I committee know what is available in their areas. Report accepted as submitted.

Annual Business Conference Committee - See written report. It was recommended in the report that the ABC meeting be every 5 years. There was discussion on this but no motion. A second recommendation of the report was to have the 2001 ABC in Arlington, TX. Discussion ensued. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was recommended that a proposal be submitted to the WSO including (1) where it would happen (facility) and cost of meeting space; and (2) where delegates would stay (hotel, other ACA's homes) and (3) what significant others would do for fun in Arlington. A motion was made by Charles that Carolyn C. be ABC chairperson for 2001. This was seconded by Barry. Motion passed. Carole made a motion that it be recommended to the WSO to have the ABC chairperson and ABC committee person be the same person. Seconded by Mark. Motion passed. Report accepted a submitted.

Intergroup and Region Reports

Tom B.: LA/San Fernando Valley IG - IG suspended for a while. The number of ACA groups has decreased from a high of 125 to 13 meetings. Currently working on outreach to verify meetings. Has available a literature disk that was developed by Pam and Tom for \$10. Includes a typed table on

contents. Has 300+ literature items. Camp Recovery 2000 (formerly Camp ACA) is June 9-11, 2000 in Big Bear.

Ed W.: ChicagoLand IG - Ten open meetings to help get information out about ACA meetings in local areas. At one time had 100 meetings but has stabilized at 30 meetings. Have a website and is linked to WSO website. His struggle is how to get membership involved.

Carole C.: Central Coast IG - Started IG to get meetings started again.

Pam M.- Glendale - 3 meetings per week. 10 to 12 people per meeting.

Barry W.: LB/SB IG - Dan recently elected chairperson. Barry elected vice-chairperson.

Charles P.: SGV IG - Stable at 12 meetings. IG not meeting. Welcome packets from IG to groups.

A motion was made by Tom to ratify the Board of Trustees for the year 2000. It was seconded by Pam. Motion passed.

Adjourned meeting at 5:30 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Sunday, April 30, 2000

Present: Carolyn C.

John P.

Clarence B.

Pam M.

Charles P.

Ed W.

Carole C.

Barry W.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m. and Serenity Prayer said.

Goal today is to solidify the problems identified yesterday in the annual reports and offer possible solutions.

From Carole's report:

(1) What to do with disruptions at ACA meetings? Pam will send to Mark and Carole information from the new ACA handbook. It was recommended to Carole to put information on website.

(2) Add to meeting format and ACA literature a suggestion that other groups are available for other issues, i.e. Emotions Anonymous.

(3) Weird/Violent behavior - a guideline/brochure to deal with disruptive behavior. Possible solutions offered - ask a healthcare facility for appropriate guidance or the manager of the facility. Cases of women being harassed at meetings/13th stepping.

Make a behavior contract with disrupters. Entire group tell disrupter that he is not welcome if he continues behavior. Go to local police department and explain situation and see what suggestions they have. Involve family/care givers of the disrupter.

(4) "Recovery is subtle and slow" - Solution proposed by Charles was to distribute the brochure written by VanWinkle to the Board members. Charles wants/needs an official point of view/definition of ACA. Proposes a health care professional write an article/brochure describing the process and pace of recovery as an ACA.

(5) Meetings don't register with WSO or don't let WSO know of changes

- *Educate groups on structure of organization, 7th Tradition/"Where Does the Money Go."

- *Visit meetings - example given by Pam of Group Service Representatives that go to meetings and say "What do you need? What can I do for you?"

- *Send out expiration letter.

- *Send promotional items to meetings.

- *Give a workshop on service open to everyone - brochure on service.

- *Have Service Sponsors - someone that has been in service to show you how to do service.

- *Online registration for ACA meetings - is it available?

(6) Safe and affordable meeting sites

- *NMP-check handbook.

- *Hospitals, Alano clubs, community mental health facilities, churches.

(6.5) How to start Intergroups

- *Other IGs help.

(7) Brochure for students/therapists research and children

(8) Outreach

- *Public education-ChicagoLand/Ed define.

From John's report (Secretary's)

Answering service problems

- *Put number on phone message as well as e-mail address.

- *consider new answering service.

From Charles' report (Treasurer's report/ComLine)

- *Literature Publishing - on-line on web.

- *Literature - as well as.

- *Literature disk.

- *Sort out categories.

- *ComLine - put out on email list formatted (MSN network).

*How to increase 7th tradition.

Outreach - Group Service Representatives to IGs.

Graphic 60/40.

Mailing on 7th Tradition contribution with SASE envelope.

Sign in mailing \$2.

Web presence.

ACA WSO address presence.

Literature Committee

*Publish brochure on medical.

*H&I outreach brochures.

*Meeting in prison format.

*See other committees' reports.

Database Committee

*Add ComLine addresses to Database.

*Dan will send labels each month to John, who will get them to Charles.

H&I Committee

*Mark send 12 step H&I.

*Committee Chair to be more global, not doing 1-on-1 liaison with inmates. Ed will send information to Josie.

ABC Committee

*See written report.

Meeting reports

Clarence - Needs representative to come out. Check with IG for speaker; Use Step Study; Play days; Therapist Tapes; Go to IGs; Go to other meetings.

Other business

Josie wants us to save our change in plastic drink bottles and donate to WSO for 2001 ABC. "Change Your Life in ACA"

Clarence suggested putting ACA logo on T-shirts and selling.

Adjourned at 11:50 a.m. with a prayer.

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Everyone on the list agreed to have their names and addresses and phone numbers distributed in the minutes.