



Minutes 17 March 2018

Greater Western USA Region

11:00 am – 12:30 pm, Pacific Daylight Time

VIA Teleconference Call: 605 472 5354

Access Code: 861824#

Chair, Carole, open with traditional Serenity Prayer

Note: All Region Reps are required to furnish the Minutes of the business meeting at which the Intergroup voted to appoint them as representatives to Greater Western USA Region (aka Region 2) and a Commitment to Service and a Representative form, which they must send via email to gwuregion@gmail.com.

Roll Call of Regional Reps: Carole, Rosalie, Guy

Approval of February Minutes: Although we have a quorum, Rosalie felt we needed the whole Board to approve them. Tabled until April.

Word of the day: Networking

Officer Reports

Board Chair - Carole: *We need a new GWU Chair*

I am getting ready to go to the ABC in Toronto next month but will be available the Saturday before I leave for our April teleconference.

We need help with our committees, because we have a lot of ideas but not enough people to do what we want to do.

Below is a list of our Committees and their Chairs or members. Our H&I Committee is vacant. Lisa D. and Jay have not attended our teleconferences or corresponded with us. Our Special Events Committee is also vacant. This is an important committee and we need an energetic and forward-thinking individual to Chair it.

We have a large territory badly in need of meetings and Intergroups to support the membership. That is why we formed this region. We want to assist the membership grow the ACA program, especially in areas where population is sparse, and meetings are very rare.

Last month's teleconference gave us ideas for this agenda. We will discuss those ideas today in "New Business." WSO's Service Structure Committee has decided the word Structure sounds too rigid. Service networking is better. The name of the committee, however, will remain the same.

Treasurer - Chair Rosalie: Not enough information for a report this month.

Assistant Treasurer - Delfina: Not present

Committee Chairs & Members Reports

Literature: Chair Needed - CCACAIG is developing literature that we will vet and send to the WSO Literature Committee. In addition, we talked about what will go on our website as soon we build it. The document on the ACA-Arizona.org website is an example of what we can put on it, using wording from our GWU graph about what regions can do for the membership. We need a person to head this committee, so we can go forward with that document and others.

H&I - Chair: Needed

Archivist - Denise Meeting #AK021: Not present – on vacation

Member Outreach - Laura IG#620: Laura is unavailable as she has family obligations this week.

Special Events - *Chair needed:* We discussed in previous meetings doing something this year with the Intergroups in this region even if is only in Southern California and not farther east. We need a Chair for this committee with energy and networking skills to get us moving forward with that.

Website - Guy (www.SoCal.org) (IG# 630): Concerned that we need people who will keep up the website once he builds it. We assured him that we can keep it up once he shows us how. He requested items to go on a simple, basic website. **Carole send writing the list after sending out a request to the Board for a list to give to him.**

Intergroup Event reports:

So Cal ACA Intergroup to have a keynote speaker, Isau, and workshop on "DNA of ACA." Orange County Fallmountain retreat is listed on SoCalACA.org.

Western Washington Intergroup sponsors the 33rd year of retreats in Washington. They are in the Spring and Fall every year. They are in a new location now next to the Hood Canal and across the road from the best pizza place in Washington (their opinion). It is an historical convention center and has wild animals wandering through the grounds.

Discussion:

- Develop survey questions to send to our IGs and unaffiliated meetings. Questions can be like the ones that Great Lakes/Midwestern region in process sent out. Discussed what venue.
- Develop statement on the website called "What is a Region?" something like what Arizona did for Intergroups.

- We discussed the Arizona Intergroup and how we can network and build a relationship with them.
- We have realized in our research that many event listings are valid Intergroups that host events but do not act as service organizations for local meetings. They may have listed their organizations as Intergroups, we believe, because they misunderstood the directive about having to have an Intergroup or meeting sponsor them.

To Do: Carole: make a list of items to go onto the website and send it to Guy.

Guy: Build our website

Delfina: find a bank

All: Develop a Vision Statement for GWU and work on our Mission Statement.

Date Next Meeting: Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

Adjourned the Meeting with ACA Serenity Prayer