



# Minutes 18 May 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 to all Region Reps: Furnish the Minutes of the business meeting at which the Intergroup voted to appoint you as representatives to Greater Western USA Region (aka Region 2) and sign a Commitment to Service and a Representative form and send it via email to [gwuregion@gmail.com](mailto:gwuregion@gmail.com).*

**Roll Call of Board Officers and Regional Reps:**  
**Rosalie IG 595, Guy IG630, Carole WSO Rep, Laura IG6520**

**Visitor: Denise AK021**

***Approval of February, March, April Minutes***

*Postponed the Minutes until next month (have not read them)*

***Phrase of the day: I will treat myself like a precious Child***

## **Officer Reports**

**Chair - Carole:** To your right is a list of our Board Officers. I have listed two more positions: Vice Chair and Secretary. If we can get those two positions filled it would ease my mind. Updated contact list and added three new numbers. One was for Costa Mesa 620 to the Chair. I sent another one to the Bay Area and a different one for Nevada. I got those from the internet. The new site is in flux and some of the information may not be correct.

**Treasurer - Chair Rosalie:** No communication with assistant treasurer.

**Assistant Treasurer - Delfina:**

## BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEES

### GWU Board Officers:

Chair: Carole (WSO Rep)

Vice Chair: Needed

Secretary: Needed

Treasurer: Rosalie IG Rep WA#595

Assistant Treasurer: Delfina IG Rep CA IG#076

### Other Board Members:

Laura CA IG#6520

Guy D. CA IG#630

### Potential IG and Meeting Reps.:

Brie #ID038

Terry #AK020

Denise #AK021

Mardi #MT026

Jay M. CA IG#

Libby CA IG#

### Committee Chairs:

Member Outreach: Laura IG#620

Archivist: Denise #AK021

Website: Guy D. IG#630

### Committee Members

Literature: Rosalie IG#595

## Committee Chairs Reports

**Literature: Chair Needed** - Carole has been working on a piece of literature to put on the Website that explains Regions and especially the Greater Western USA Region. Did you know that the states we decided on are the same ones that the Federal Census Bureau call the West? Wiki calls them the Greater Western United States. Yes! We chose our map perfectly.

**H&I - Chair:** No chair Laura did do an outreach to Orange County a new panel at a woman's treatment facility. Went very well and will continue to have those panels. Two women bought the book. Opened it up for questions. It is a closed facility, but the women are released for meetings on passes.

**Archivist** - Denise Meeting #AK021: up to date because no quorum for last month.

**Member Outreach** - Laura IG#620:

We would like to see the Region:

- putting together a budget for Region and
- put together budget for an assembly
- work on starting a Regional Service Assembly & what parts of it entail (one day, part day; strategic plan or bonding for Board; voting in next panel of regional officers; 1 or 2 service workshops such as H&I, how to Outreach) for first year we may need to go to a restaurant to keep planning simpler.
- find out what we want to call our regional assembly? A forum? Assembly?

Did welcome Andy from Greater East Bay. On their to do items, but no region rep now. Asking for help. Forgot to say that.

Will tell people about the Region tell them that you don't have to be a rep to come to the meeting. If anyone hears about anyone who wants to come to the meeting, let them know.

**Special Events** - Chair needed:

As we can see above, we need to host an event somewhere in our Region this year. We need someone to organize it.

**Website** - Guy ([www.SoCal.org](http://www.SoCal.org)) (IG# 630): [www.gwuregion.org](http://www.gwuregion.org). is up. Doesn't look like anything now, looking for themes that he likes. Reached out to S. Africa, the developer to get help. We will see changes to the website as time goes by. He plans to implement as much of our wish list as he can. He will modify or change as we move along and we are moving forward. He has a slight glitch because of Google encryption that increases the SEO score. We can have a Paypal donations button if we decide to go forward with that. We will be able to put up the Agenda and Minutes once it is all set up. He will let us know when we can do that. What is there right now is a placeholder.

## **Old Business:**

1. Assign each of us a state with few meetings and no Intergroups in it to contact each meeting and let them know we are available for questions and assistance. (See new business for the content of that contact.)
  - Montana - Rosalie
  - Wyoming - Carole
  - New Mexico - Guy
  - Utah - Laura
  - Idaho - ?

- Alaska - Denise
- Develop a Vision Statement for GWU and work on our Mission Statement.
- Your Chair signed us up on Survey Monkey. We need 8 questions to put on it for our Intergroups and unaffiliated meetings.
  - We can have important topics for discussion on our teleconferences, for instance.
  - The person taking the survey could put them in order of importance
- Chair will finalize “What is a Region?” and put it on Slack, the website when it is up, and send it out in an email blast to the Intergroups and the meetings with no Intergroups.

### *Intergroup Event reports:*

**Denise** will be working on ready set go with her group up in her Alaska meetings, bought all of the AWC and wants to set up workshops around them.

Rosalie texting that she is planning an event in September that will include a dance.

**Guy:** So Cal website has the events up. He read the Minutes of the IG meeting, which you can find on the SoCal.org website. Discussion was held of a possible event this summer to bring the fellowship together, such as riding a carousel followed by a sharing meeting. All to think about this and be prepared to discuss in May.

**Laura** had a member meet a member from Los Angeles and go to the Pasadena Mental Health Fair. WSO sent BRB and Yellow Workbook in Spanish and English to Pasadena High School to contribute to their library. What they learned was that if we are going to give out information at a High School we need to send younger people so that the students would share more freely with them. They did not open up to the 60 year old women that were there. The woman who contacted their IG is interested in Pasadena having more Mental Health Care Days in the City of Pasadena and, Laura thinks, all over L.A. County. Laura has her information. Also, her IG has a new special events lady and knows of an event in Bria in September and what they are learning is that if they want to go to an outreach event/fair, we have to have insurance and in order to have insurance we have to be a non-profit. So, they are going to go for non-profit status.

**Carole's** IG donated mother and baby bears and also tote bags to the ABC. Sent and asked our cost back. They gave away two and sold it all. Hopefully, CCACAIG will be getting some of their money back.

**Move: Laura**

**Second: Rosalie**

**Guy** needs \$8.88 for a website app to facilitate the website.

**Passed**

**Rosalie moved to pay Laura**

**Guy: second**

**Laura** needs \$75.00 website region website

**Passed**

**Rosalie** moved to adjourn the meeting

**Laura** second

**Passed**

**Date Next Meeting:** Saturday, June15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

**Adjourn the Meeting with ACA Serenity Prayer**