



Greater Western USA Region

Minutes 17 November 2018

11:00 am – 12:30 pm, Pacific Time

VIA Teleconference Call: (605) 472-5354

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Chair opened the meeting with traditional Serenity Prayer at 11:02 a.m.

Greater Western USA Region is building relationships between adult children, meetings, and intergroups in the western united states.

Roll Call of Board of Directors: Rich IG#033, Carole IG#076, Guy IG#630, Andy IG#631

Introduction of Visitors and Volunteers: Denise AK020, ZeeAnn AK024

October 2018 Minutes approved unanimously:

Phrase of the day: *Today, I will be kind to myself and my Inner Child.*

Officer Reports

GWU Chair - Carole: We need a GWU Chair for this Region. Ideally, the GWU Chair and the WSO Representative would be two people. Having one person in both positions is not functional. The Representative to WSO from GWU is a Trustee on the ACA WSO Board. I was elected at the San Diego ABC in 2017 as such. My GWU Chair responsibilities in addition to my WSO Trustee responsibilities is overwhelming. I will consider staying on as Vice Chair temporarily to assist a new Chair.

As the WSO Trustee this month, I presented a Motion to the Board to give all Regions the same discount as the Intergroups now can have. The Motion passed unanimously. In addition, I am working to get literature mailed directly to the areas where it is wanted rather than to the Region, which would then have to mail it to the distant meetings. As a member of the Service Structure Committee of WSO, I have also lobbied successfully to keep our 13 states in our region. In addition, I was influential deciding how to place the other areas that may become regions on the map of the USA. The committee decided that Regional boundaries will be flexible near the borders, not rigidly outlined. I am also the Chair of the Member Services Committee and oversee Member Outreach, Region, Intergroup, and Telephone meeting subcommittees; Traveler; and a Service Employee. I sit on standing and ad hoc committees as well.

Treasurer - Rosalie: No changes - Balance still \$776.48. No expenditures in October.

Secretary - We need a Secretary (Officer position) or a Recording Secretary (non-officer position).

Standing Committee Chairs Reports

Archivist: Denise Meeting #AK021 - up to August with the Motions in the Archives

Website www.gwuregion.org: **Chair**, Guy (IG# 630) - absent

We need the following Committee Chairs: H&I, Literature, Member Outreach, and Special Events, and Public Outreach.

Intergroup and Meeting Event reports:

Rosalie (WWA IG#595) reported that people continue to have difficulty posting their Washington area meetings and events on the WSO website. Intergroup WWIG #595 losing their Literature Chair and Treasurer in April. Wanted feedback.

ZeeAnn (AK024) says that her meeting has from 1 to 6 people each week. They did have a newcomer in the last week. They are at the "Dry Dock" in Anchorage.

Andy (NV IG# 631) has been asked to put together an organizing committee for a May AA/AlAnon conference in Reno. They are also putting in a bid the 2020 ABC to be in Reno.

Carole (CA IG#076) said that Fresno wants information about starting an Intergroup.

During our discussion on the Mission Statement, we agreed on the following bullet points and will continue with our final wording next month.

- We are members of the Adult Children of Alcoholics program.
- We lend support and guidance for the fellowship in our region by being the contact between meetings, intergroups, and world service.
- We insure that all meetings are safe and in touch with the greater fellowship.

We continue our outreach to unaffiliated meetings in sparse western states with no Intergroups. The following are the assignments for those states:

Montana (Mardi), New Mexico (Rich), Utah (Guy) Denise (Hawaii), and Alaska (possibly ZeeAnn).

Rich has contacted meeting in New Mexico primarily to update the WSO listings. He will notify WSO about the meetings that some of the listed meetings no longer exist.

We closed the meeting at 12:59 p.m. and will continue the other agenda topics next month.

Date Next Meeting: Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.