

GREATER WESTERN USA REGION (REGION 2)

*Building relationships between
Adult Children, meetings, and Intergroups
in the western United States*

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Open with the ACA Serenity Prayer at 7:01 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Roll call - Present were: Roger, Kaz, Carole, Jim, Cathy, Willa, Marjia, Pam Quorum: Met

Visitors: Courbet (Region 6, IG 640), David, Dawn (AK), Monica

Minutes of 29 May 2025: Moved by Carole, Seconded by Marjia, Minutes were approved

Officer Reports

Chair - Roger: Nothing to report

Vice Chair – Kaz: Nothing to report

GWU Rep to WSO – Kaz: WSO Member Services Committee is modifying the Certification/Recertification process (Courbet added that it is to be a two page form that asks for bylaws and monthly minutes and Treasurers reports are to be posted). The WSO Board elected new Officers: Chair – Tamara; Jim R – Vice Chair; Al E. – Treasurer; and Kaz, Secretary.

Executive in Charge of the Entity – Carole: The cost to buy a deposit stamp to endorse the back of incoming checks is \$18 that this Board has already approved. Carole has not had time to pick up the mail from the Region Post Office box, so she has not taken any deposits to the bank.

Treasurer – Jim: Jim has been working on creating an annual budget for the Region. He apologized that he did not also have the time to give us the monthly numbers. He will have the May and June numbers in his July report.

Recording Secretary - Pam: Pam is filling in as the Recording Secretary; we need a permanent Recording Secretary.

Old Business – Committee Reports

Informational Technology – Jim (with Carole & Pam) – Website:

- Added items – we added events and took down old ones
- Update on difficulty downloading the free copy of Reparenting My Inner Child workbook – still no solution on having to input information twice to do that, but we have instructions telling users to input their information (e-mail addresses) twice and that we are trying to fix this problem
- Traffic on website: Total visitors – 12,695; total visits – 26,116; past 30 days visits – 4,937

Informational Technology – Carole – Zoom Accounts:

- Update on Upgrading Zoom Account - Our meeting capacity on Zoom has been strained, so we upgraded our Zoom plan from Pro to Business which now gives us the ability to have two meetings running at the same time. The upgrade cost is \$218.09 from about \$159.00 annually. We now have regular meetings, 2 Puppet workshop meetings twice a day, and the monthly service & recovery workshops coming up in July.

Database – Pam

- MailChimp – Have FREE account up to 500 addresses & 1000 emails per month (2 mailings); have imported 455 email addresses for Region distribution; Learning curve not yet mastered of how to send out Region meeting agenda – did send out invitation to meeting tonight
- Mailing & Updating – MailChimp has an unsubscribe option that is in the email; on this mailing we only had one so far from a woman who is no longer in California or ACA

Newsletter – Cathy: Cathy screen-shared the July issue; she linked the events listed in the newsletter to the actual flyers; she will input change suggestions made at this meeting; we are all impressed with her great work

Special Events – Vacant (Pam is temporary – need Chair):

- Workshops – begin in July; flyer on Region website
- Father's Day, June 15) Loving Parent/Inner Child Day Marathon - – Ben (Mass. IG), Brigitte, & Pam
- Thanksgiving Marathon on Thursday, November 27, 2025
- Christmas Marathon on Thursday, December 25, 2025

Literature – Carole

- Progress on Editing Workbook – Carole has one volunteer; she reached out to Mardi, a past WSO ComLine editor who lives in Montana; she has not yet responded. Carole is a temporary Chair, but this effort needs a permanent Chair. There is a process of editing that has three phases to ensure grammar, diction, ease in translation, and social appropriateness that the team will be using. This workbook was created by a meeting, accepted by Central Coast ACA Intergroup, and passed on to our Region for final editing and publication. The Reparenting My Inner Child project began in 2016. We intend to publish this as an e-book as well as a spiral-bound workbook. At some point we may choose to turn it over to WSO.

Intergroup Reports

Central Coast ACA (IG076) – Jim: We have a new Secretary, Polly, who is doing a terrific job. We have updated our website. Asked about the low number assigned by WSO to our Intergroup, Carole briefly shared the history dating back to about 2000.

Orange County – (IG 620) - Dan L: Dan L. is not with us tonight.

SoCal ACA (IG630) – Libby/Stephen: Representative not present. Stephen did forward the email he sent out to meetings in his Intergroup. Pam shared it with this meeting:

Re: Agenda 26 June 2025 & Minutes of May 2025

Stephen Gibson

To: me · Thu, Jun 26 at 2:23 PM

Socalaca,

We are in preparation to make a big push to personally visit as many meetings as we can to help educate meetings on the importance of having a WSO delegate to participate in name change vote. Hoping to also enlist in SoCalaca. We are in dire need of turnover in our service positions as many of the core have been here for years.

Reading the last few minutes from region we are curious as to the bug reserve yet there doesn't appear to be anything sent to WSO. With socals reduced meeting participation we had still sent money up the ladder and were curious why it stopped with region.

Stephen G is the most active on IG and his home meeting he chairs is Thursday night so will not be able to attend yet appreciate minutes and any discussion on the large reserve as well as the goal of the \$9k publishing reserve.

Short discussion about the budget formatting which Jim is now doing. Included are earmarked funds for publication of the Reparenting workbook of \$9,000 which is far less than the expected cost of publishing. The workbook was written in 2016 and has gone through many improvements since then. It is in its final editing phase, which means the funds will be needed immediately upon completion of editing. While WSO received over \$2,350,649 in 2024, Region 2 received about \$5,000; our Region database lists about 500 meetings, about 1/5 of those in the worldwide fellowship.

Washington State ACA (IG595) – Kaz: In May we met with few people. In June we had 6 people. From the Olympia meeting we got an idea to look at a model of peer support to do co-sponsoring and workbook studies on a one-to-one basis. We discussed the importance of meeting registrations and electing delegates.

Northern California Intergroup (IG640) affiliated with Region 6 – Courbet: We have been holding picnics and sponsorship workshops. We are making available free books for those who cannot afford them. Our next meeting is on 6/12/25 at 1 pm Pacific USA time.

Old Business –

New Business – Discussion

Cathy – Motion on Laundry List Workbook – Cathy presented what she has so far on writing up a proposal. She included her research. Wording suggestions were made.

Pam – Motion to do more relevant outreach to Region fellowship, maybe beyond. Goal is to entice participation in ACA recovery and service. Committee forming – first meeting: June 28, Saturday, at 12:30 pm Pacific on Zoom. Zoom number and passcode will be sent to volunteers. Existing resource materials may be posted on the Region website. We may be discussing educational workshops. Topics may include: volunteers, enthusiasm to do service, sponsorship in ACA, liability insurance, and recovery topics. We will inventory what we have, ask our IGs to send us their in-house literature for posting, develop information white papers for topics, and monthly prompt our meetings to tell us what topics they want more information about.

Website - Jim

- Need help section on website – links not working for all
- Sharing resources for websites – Rename a page for an Intergroup on Region website; Kaz moved, Pam seconded, motion for sharing resources on website passed.
- Website users will be able to download and print the newsletter from the Region website. Jim will work on subscription service for newsletter to meetings that sign up.

Getting 30% Discount on Books from WSO – Willa

Willa has contacted WSO to establish this program. Roger (Chair of Region) will work with Willa. Need to establish a consistent e-mail address for this according to WSO.

Meeting Affiliation – Marjia: Marjia is her meeting's newly elected representative to Region. Her meeting is concerned that WSO revenues that come from book sales (80%) and 7th Tradition (20%) by default encourages the WSO Board to operate as a for-profit, top-down corporation.

Concerns - None

New Business for Next Month - None

Motion to Adjourn: Carole moved, Pam seconded, motion carries

Close with the Serenity Prayer

Adjournment: 8:50 pm

Next Meeting (last Thursday of each month): 31 July 2025 at 7:00 pm Pacific USA time