**Intergroup Subcommittee**

**Teleconference 3/26/16**

In attendance:

Don S. (IG612), Marietta (IG616) Pam M. & Carole (IG076) Bonnie K-M (IG600)

Old Business

Online Forum:

We discussed using an outside provider for this. There was debate paid vs. free providers. Using free providers (such as Google groups, Yahoo, etc.) opens up our data to outside sources. As a subcommittee of the WSO Board a more professional site seems appropriate. While none present are skilled in this area, we identified some others who might help us identify suitable providers. We will continue to search for an appropriate venue. When we have details worked out we will present a proposal to the Board.

Marietta and Bonnie will report back on their contacts.

New Business

Priorities:

We easily reached consensus that communications should be our priority. Communication between IGSC and Intergroups, Intergroups’ communication with meetings, and being accessible to the still-suffering emerged as the main concerns. Key to our most pressing issues is the group/Intergroup database.

WSO Group/Intergroup Listings/Database

We noted some useful changes to the meeting registration form, such as the expanded notes section and the confirmation by email.

The Intergroup registration form is a modified version of the meeting form, but not all fields are appropriate. The form still uses “New” as a default. It also requires a physical postal address.

When a new meeting registers we would like their auto-confirm message to contain information about Intergroups in general. When registering for the first time newcomers might not fully understand their options.

We would like to make the process of affiliating with an Intergroup easier for the groups.

We (IGSC) would like to be notified whenever a new Intergroup registers.

Our Intergroups would like to have an option to be notified when a new meeting registers in their (self-defined) area.

There is precedent for on page 17 of the OPPM:

“The Office Committee shall support Regional Representatives and/or registered Intergroups by providing mailing labels for those registered groups in their area upon reasonable request.” (Email addresses instead of mailing labels)

Intergroups to facilitate communication, IGSC should have access to the Primary Contact information for all Intergroups. (Email addresses instead of mailing labels)

Most of these ideas would require special workers’ and programing time to implement.

We think committing resources to this will further our primary purpose.