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ACA WSO Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Larry opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the reading of Tradition Ten: Adult Children of Alcoholics has no opinion on outside issues; hence the ACA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Attendees: Larry A. (Chair; Literature Committee Chair; Website and Database Committee Chair); Mary Jo (Treasurer; Finance Committee Chair); Majbrit (European Committee Chair, Vice Chair of the Board); DCOC Member); Ines Z. (Secretary, Spanish Liaison and Spanish Translations Committee Chair); Bill D. (MPS Chair; ABC Committee Chair); Jeffrey F. (Member European Committee, Finance Committee, Literature Committee);

Quorum was established.

Guest Introductions: Carol (Central Coast Greater Western USA Region); David (Miami) x many; Kay (Santa Cruz) x 3; Bonnie (San Antonio, TX) x 2 years; Laura, WSO Rep. CA1162 & Chair Delegate Training Sub Comm. (Southern CA); Marietta, Telephone Meeting USA Intergroup 616 (CT) x30; Mardi, ComLine Editor (Montana); Charlie, Intergroup 626 (DC); Pam, Central Coast Intergroup (Rio Grande, CA) many; Jim (So. FL, Mem IT Web Committee) x12; Colleen, Group 140 (Del Rey Beach) x 4; Bob, Intergroup 70 (Western Great Lakes) x 5; Mona (Chicago) x 5 yrs; Judith (So. Fl.)x7; Robin (Texas) x 18 months; Jim; Mike (MO).

MINUTES:

Motion brought forward by Secretary, Ines Z. to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2016 ACA WSO Teleconference Meeting.

Seconded: Majbrit **Decision:** Motion passes unanimously

Motion brought forward by Larry, the minutes of the September 10, 2016 ACA WSO Teleconference Meeting reflect that there are 1,600 meetings, not 16,000.

Background (Larry): There was a typographical error in the September 10, 2016 minutes indicating 16,000 meetings but the number should be 1,600.

Seconded: Ines **Decision:** Motion passes unanimously

Motion brought forward by Secretary, Ines Z. to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2016 ACA WSO Teleconference Meeting as revised by the previous motion.

Seconded: Mary Jo **Decision:** Motion passes unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (Chair: Mary Jo): Mary Jo reported that the Balance Sheet remains largely unchanged. WSO total assets are \$648,753, which include cash assets, inventory on hand and down payments to vendors, furniture and equipment, and intangible assets such as the website. She then reported that the Profit and Loss Statement reflects there was a net income of \$13,152, which is about the average for the year thus far.



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The Distribution Center is out of some inventory again, which will be discussed in the Distribution Office Report. The total 7th Tradition Contributions for the month of September was \$4,905; a specific breakdown of the contributions is included in the Treasurer's Report under the donations tab in the Repository. Mary Jo concluded by advising that, should anyone find an error or have any questions, please notify treasurer@adultchildren.org. Larry added that the Ware-Pak warehouse is being stocked so that will affect the outlook of inventory.

Finance Committee: (Members: Jeffrey F., Melani M., and Mary Jo L.) Mary Jo reported that the Finance committee is in need of volunteers who have a background in Accounting. Please send an email to treasurer@adultchildren.org if you are able to provide service to the fellowship in this way. The committee met twice within the past month and discussed the following: the financial backup for recommending that all tri-folds be free downloads; change in pricing for all 'for sale' tri-folds because of increased costs; and the proposal for European Committee funding.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE - Robin: Robin reported that the first shipment with Amazon UK is on its way. The "Strengthening My Recovery" e-book is available for purchase through Amazon and Nook. Robin further reported that the Russian BRB is almost completely done as far as the first round of revisions. The Finnish Workbook is in production as far as changing the layout from letter to a European size (A4 or A5), and the Big Red Book 10th Anniversary Edition is at the press and is expected to be available for purchase by mid-November. Robin closed by thanking everyone that contributes to the literature that is being prepared and keeping ready for Adult Children who have yet to be aware of this message of recovery. You can email litstaff@adultchildren.org with questions or concerns.

Robin - Special Worker: Questions can be addressed to litstaff@adultchildren.org.

Spanish Translations - Ines: No Report.

ComLine -Mardi: Mardi reported that the 2016 fourth quarter ComLine went together more smoothly this time. There was an abundance of article submissions and the overflow will be included in the next ComLine. Feature stories and release forms should continue to be sent to litstaff@adultchildren.org. Members are encouraged to submit their stories (please keep submissions between 200 and 600 words). Mardi introduced the ComLine staff: Robin - guidance; Patti - typesetter; Maria and Cheryl- proof readers and more proof readers are welcomed. Additionally, an email blast will be sent once per quarter to remind everyone of submission deadlines.

Literature Evaluation - Charlie: Charlie reported that the new Literature Evaluation Subcommittee has been doing evaluations of literature proposals and are ready to give their first report to the full Literature Committee on Sunday. Five proposals will be discussed with the primary proposal for an orientation trifold for ABC Delegates. Sundry items such as, "Honey You're Doing Just Fine" as an official ACA slogan; a proposed trifold on a meeting format for ACA meetings. Additionally, the subcommittee is trying to gain clarity to make a recommendation on a merchandizing proposal called "Very Cute Bears". Charlie also reported that the review of "Ready, Set, Go! Has been completed.

***Larry ended the Literature Committee Report by thanking everyone that is involved in the committee and subcommittees as well as those that contribute through article submissions for their hard work and dedication.**



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ACA WSO DC Oversight Committee & Distribution Office-Ines/Mary Jo: Ines reported that staff is continuing to work on preparing the stock for Ware-Pak Fulfilment Center. There is currently 1 staff member that is out on sick leave. Ines stated they are working with a temp agency to supplement staffing needs and the search for a General Manager is ongoing.

ACA Distribution Office -Mary Jo: Mary Jo reported that some stock is out but has been ordered. The stock had been printed but there was miscommunication as to where it was to be sent. Mary Jo reported that the reports produced by Gloria are in the repository under WSO Office Reports and she has indicated that there are now 1625 active meetings and 66 active intergroups.

MEMBER AND PUBLIC SERVICE (Chair Bill): Bill reported that the MPS committee was actively working as are all subcommittees, they have continued reaching out to group service representatives and delegates; developed and sent out a delegate survey; sent information to treatment facilities; worked with new and forming service bodies in different areas of the country. The committees are working on a new initiative to work with groups, intergroups, and regions to obtain contact info for sending out ACA informational letters and emails. The contact information is all that's needed to send the ACA information out. We sent nearly two dozen letters with information about ACA and local meetings last month. We continue to collaborate on Slack which has empowered many people who want to contribute their time and energy toward helping WSO spread the ACA message to be a part of the ACA team. Bill reminded that more detailed reports on each of the subcommittee and MPS Statistics pages on this website under the main MPS menu tab. Anyone wishing to provide service the MPS committee/subcommittees, please email: mpschair@adultchildren.org or contact Bill on SLACK.

Special Worker, Denise (Reported by Bill): Denise reported the statistics for September 1, 2016- September 30, 2016 as follows: Emails Received: 404; Emails Sent: 136; Vonage Voice Mails: 191; Vonage Calls Returned: 124; 620 emails; 888 email replies sent; 172 Vonage voicemails and returned 72 phone calls. There were 20 calls from Professionals and 15 emails from new international contacts. Most of the calls were about finding meetings; make meeting issues and requesting information about literature. More detailed statistics are in the report located in the repository under the Member & Public Service Committee. Bill thanked Denise for her hard work.

Delegate Training Subcommittee (Laura): Laura started the report by thanking all that have helped and attended meetings to help the subcommittee move forward and to extend a welcome to any fellow traveler wishing to extend service to the subcommittee. (dtsc@acawso.org). Laura reminded that a full report is posted in the repository. Laura then summarized the report: Members of the subcommittee want to hold a joint committee meeting with the ABC subcommittee; A PowerPoint slideshow of Roberts Rules of Order and in the next few months a short PowerPoint will be put together on The Concepts. It is hoped these can be used in pre-Annual Business Conference (ABC) telephone workshops, at a session prior to or at ABC; the subcommittee is working on a "welcome email/letter" to registering delegates. The subcommittee wants to open communication to registering delegates letting them know materials will be sent to them ahead of the ABC, such as emailing them the OPPM, Commitment to Service, Concepts; a Delegate Training Subcommittee Liaison will be communicating with the San Diego Host Committee; Lastly, the Delegate Trifold has been revised by the literature committee. Laura closed out the report



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by asking anyone interested to come join the Delegate Training Subcommittee if you would like to help with delegate training or a delegate buddy system by emailing to dtsc@acawso.org.

Intergroup Liaison-Bonnie: Bonnie reported that email traffic at intergroups@adultchildren.org was down with about 37 incoming messages and generating about 6 responses, much of the incoming traffic was cc's of info relevant to intergroups such as registration or discount changes. (Thank you Gloria for your assistance). Bonnie then reported that Initial response to the SLACK Intergroup Forum has been disappointing, but there has not been much outreach yet. "All in all, it was a very slow month for IGSC." Full report is on the repository.

Hospitals & Institutions -Bill: Bill began the report by mentioning that the H & I Subcommittee is still without a Chair and if anyone is interested to please contact him. Bill further reported the H & I Committee continued to send out the ACA recovery message, sending out almost two dozen letters to recovery centers and hospitals in the South Florida area which included information about ACA, local meetings and encouraging contact if interested in starting a meeting in their facility. It is important to understand that the meeting is not an ACA group, but a service provided by an area's H&I subcommittee of a Region, Intergroup, or where there are no Regions and Intergroups, a Group's H&I committee; the H&I meeting takes place in facilities where adult children do not have access to other ACA meetings; and due to the institution's rules, the meeting must be closed to outside participation by ACA members other than the ACA meeting leaders or chairpersons. The facility provides the meeting space and most of the attendees, and you can bring your experience, strength, and hope and the ACA literature! Bill closed out the report by reminding that there was no H&I or BBI literature sent out this month as office staff was shorthanded and primarily focused on order fulfillment. You can contact us at mpschair@adultchildren.org for any questions or concerns.

Service Structure Ad Hoc Committee (Bill): Bill started by thanking all the members of the committee for the time and work they have all put in. Bill further reported, from September of 2014 to September 2016, the number of meetings registered with the WSO of ACA increased from 1,232 to 1,625, a 32% increase in 2 years. This extraordinary growth speaks of a strong and vibrant fellowship but also results in new challenges for all of the components of the WSO. The current structure has served the fellowship up to now however, it seems prudent to address the issues that may lead to functional and operational inefficiencies in the future and to recommend changes that would enhance the capacity of the WSO to serve and support member groups in their primary purpose of carrying the ACA message to those who still suffer. As such, the Ad Hoc Service Structure Committee was structured to review the ACA service structure and make recommendations to the WSO Board and ACA fellowship for improvements to our service structure. The committee has been compiling and analyzing the service structures of nine other 12 step fellowships as well as ACA's, to date the service structures of AA, CODA, OA, Al-Anon, SAA, CMA and ACA have been reviewed. The committee uses a rubric to compare the different aspects of the various fellowships on SLACK. Bill then introduced the members of the committee. In closing, Bill advised that the full report is in the Repository. Any questions or anyone desiring to work with the committee can email mpschair@adultchildren.org.

WEBSITE AND DATABASE COMMITTEE- Jim: Jim reported that the full report is posted to the repository and questions, comments, concerns can be addressed to webservant@adultchildren.org. Jim then reported that the website was modified for the 7th



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Traditions Donations tab as well the ACA Meditation book was announced. “Strengthening My Recovery” e-book has been released and can be accessed through the site’s digital literature link. An update to the meeting list search results was made, so the triangle and exclamation symbol has been revised and now reflects when the group should update their information. A web announcement has been prepared for the 10th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the BRB as well as a new quarterly meeting for the Database and Website will be starting. The first quarterly meeting will be held November 19th and the teleconference details are the same as this meeting and posted in the minutes. Jim then reported on the September statics as follows: Website activity: 50,500 User Sessions slightly down from August, just over 35,000 unique users with 101,000 page views. New users were about 61%. User breakdown: 50% accessing with mobile device; 40% desktop and 9% from tablets. Most active page is the Laundry List followed by Find a Meeting and Search Meeting Results. About 85% of users are from the US with 3.5% from Canada, 3.5% from the UK and remaining from Australia and Russia. Jim closed out by reminding everyone that the full report was in the repository.

Larry encouraged members to explore the website. He noted there is a section called “News” on the home page that will highlight things that are recently added. As an additional reminder, if anyone is interested in participating in a particular committee, please reach out to that committee, your service is needed and welcomed.

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE - Majbrit: Majbrit reported there is lots of work being done to assist the Europeans and their structure. There is current outreach being done to find out how many meetings are actually taking place in the European fellowship. The Danish fellowship has registered about 16 meetings but there are more like 58 meetings and the Russians have registered about 7 meetings and there are 44 meetings. Once all meetings are registered the meeting count would be closer to about 1,700. Majbrit reported on the trip to Russia: There were many people there from all stages of ACA fellowship from newcomer to about 21 years. There were 44 representatives of Russia and Russian speaking countries coming from St. Petersburg, Siberia, Minsk, Belarus, etc., and there were also non-Russian speaking countries represented. On the Saturday there were many meetings throughout the day and a commemorative coin was handed out in celebration of the first Russian BRB. The Danish, Finnish and English BRB were surrounded by the fellowship given that many had seen it for the first time and the respect that was shown was amazing. The feeling of appreciation and gratitude that was directed toward the WSO was overwhelming. A business meeting was held resulting in about 18 people wanting to sign up for service and wanting to know about the WSO, the structure and support that is given in terms of experience and how to set things up. Majbrit then passed the report to Jeffrey.

Jeffrey reported on his experience at the Russian Annual Meeting in Moscow. Jeffrey noted how difficult it was to put into words the experience, the turnout, the excitement, love, acceptance, etc. One would have to be there to be able to really appreciate the depth of the event. Jeffrey also thanked the Russians for hosting and pulling off such a successful event. They actually raised more money than expected and can now have 1000 BRB printed instead of 500. Jeffrey then reported that the Amazon UK order is on its way to England and available for sale in about 3 to 4 weeks. Additionally, the work being done on converting the page sizes for the tri-folds as well as being able to download them for free will go a long way to helping the European fellowship to grow. As to the Russian BRB, the license agreements are being finalized so that printing can begin. Proof reading comments and follow-up has been received on the Greek Meditation Book and the changes are being implemented. Jeffrey



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closed the report by noting that a European tri-fold is being put together regarding all ACA literature available.

Finally, Majbrit mentioned they are working with the Germans to set up their ACA structure. Additionally, the Italian intergroup has invited her to speak about the WSO service at their national event in December. A full report will be in the repository and questions can be directed to EU@acawso.com.

OPPM REVIEW COMMITTEE - Mary Jo/Ines: Mary Jo reported the committee was still in the process of getting Board feedback on sections and preparing others to be reviewed. There are a few sections that have received feedback and the final copy is being put together for submission and final approval.

ABC LIASON (Larry):

2016 ABC Committee: (Larry) Tabled for next meeting.

ABC/AWC Committee: (Bill/Jim R.) Bill reported that the Handlery Hotel in San Diego has been selected for the 2017 ABC. The contract was just signed this past week so the hotel has not started taking room reservations yet. The host committee will have this information up on the website soon. Bill then handed the report over to Susan, the host committee chair.

Susan reported that they are preparing a request to go out for speakers and presenters. A theme for the 2017 AWC has been chosen, "Talk, Trust, Feel" which coincidentally was also the theme for the Russian Annual meeting. Susan reported that they are forming committees and should soon have their website up. Invitations will also be sent soon and the hope is to also get participation from other countries.

Bill resumed the report. The invitations to apply to host the 2018 ABC internationally, have been sent out to international meeting contacts. The process will be lengthy as the event will be held out of the US so we have started early. Please let us know if your group did not receive the application for 2018. Over the next few months we will be working on the agenda and program of the ABC and AWC and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Bill also reported that the Ballot Proposal process has been completed and the Ballot Committee has received the group proposals.

We hope everyone will come to beautiful San Diego and enjoy what promises to be an exciting ABC and ACA World Convention!

As always we are looking to expand our ABC family and add more hands to help do the work. Please email me at mpschair@adultchildren.org or reach out to me on Slack, and let me know you would like to get involved with Member and Public Service work!

Ballot Proposal Committee (Tom): Bill provided the report as Tom was out of town. Bill red the report into the record: The consideration for the next Group Conscience Survey has passed and the committee has the following preliminary report: 25 - Attempts at submitting proposals were recognized by Survey Monkey; 14 - Were marked incomplete by Survey Monkey but upon close review only 4 were really incomplete and those persons were contacted and resubmitted complete proposals by the deadline; 21- Actual proposals received from 13 different groups. (0.8% participation); 5 - proposals were from groups outside the US



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(representing 2 separate groups). Several proposals were submitted by the same group (4 groups submitted a total of 13 of the proposals), of these 9 were submitted by the same person stating that they represented 3 separate "autonomous groups" and the proposals were worded identical to the previously submitted proposals by the other "autonomous groups". Preliminary review of the submitted proposals suggested changes affecting the following areas: OPPM - 11; Website - 4; Literature - 9; Literature New - 1; Balloting Process - 4; Committees - 4; WSO Board - 8. The proposals will now be reviewed by the BPC for clarification of the proposals intent (if needed), and those committees affected will be contacted to help establish costs associated with implementation of the proposals. Once that process is completed the Group Conscience Survey will be created for distribution to the groups via email (the full report may be found in the repository). It is suggested that all ACA groups review their contact info on the WSO meetings page of the ACA website so they receive a copy of the upcoming Group Conscience Survey. For committee information please contact ballotprep@adultchildren.org.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Majbrit: Majbrit reported:

1. The Executive Board approved the purchase 2,500 soft cover Meditation books for the DC at a cost of \$4,719 including freight. This is a smaller amount than previously ordered.
2. The Executive Board approved an order of chips and coins totaling \$3,392, this is not more than previously ordered.
3. The Executive Board approved the purchase of \$529 worth of tri-folds to refill the current orders.
4. The Executive Board approved a purchase of 3100 Fellowship Text, 2500 soft cover Meditation Books and 1400 Laundry List Workbooks.

OLD BUSINESS: NO OLD BUSINESS

READ INTO THE RECORD:

These motions are being read into the record as they were voted on during a working session or strategic planning meeting of the Board.

1. **Motion:** To have Wendell's produce a coin to commemorate the publishing of the Big Red Book in Russian. This coin would be given as a free gift to participants of the 3rd annual ACA European Meeting in Moscow on 23-25 September. (Jeffrey F.)

Background: This was unforeseen at the time the European Committee (EC) plan/budget was put together and would require additional funding, hence this motion.

2. **Motion:** To engage consultant Leonard Bade to facilitate the Board's upcoming strategic planning session in accordance with his proposal dated August 21, 2016 in the amount of \$17,500 plus customary travel expenses, to be held in South Florida



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the weekend of November 10-12. It authorizes the Board Chair to execute the attached proposal. (Bill D.)

Background: At its board meeting following the 2016 ABC, the WSO Board voted to have a strategic planning session in the fall. Several Consultants were contacted and two were interviewed by the board. Mr. Bade was selected. He submitted a comprehensive proposal that included developing and facilitating a 3-day board development and strategic planning meeting. His proposal includes pre-meeting conversations with each board member (both existing and any new members as of the planning meeting), as well as interviews with key committee chairs and staff. Additionally, he will help the Board refine the GM job description and assist in the hiring process. The result of the planning meeting will be a 3-5 year strategic plan that identifies and refines the Mission, Vision and Values of WSO.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2016 TC

1. **Motion:** That the Board validate on the record their Specific Concurrence to set the price point of the electronic Strengthening My Recovery (e-Med) at \$9.99. (Larry A.)

Background: The e-Med will provide the world with an electronic version that is accessible on any electronic device.

Seconded: Mary Jo

Decision: Motion passes unanimously

2. **Motion:** That the Board validate on the record their Specific Concurrence to approve the purchase 3,000 Commemorative Edition Fellowship Texts.



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Background: This fall marks the Tenth Anniversary of the publication of the Fellowship Text. This commemorative edition will have the distinction of having a textured cover, silver engraved logo and lettering, and a bleed allowing users to find the chapters easier.

Seconded: Ines

Decision: Motion passes unanimously

3. **Motion:** That the Board validate on the record their Specific Concurrence to approve an additional budget of USD 1,000 for the European Committee so they can have Wendell's produce a coin to commemorate the publishing of the Big Red Book in Russian. This coin would be given as a surprise free gift to participants of the 3rd annual ACA European Meeting in Moscow on 23-25 September 2016.

Background: This expense was unforeseen, when the first European Committee plan and budget was approved at the ABC in April 2016, because the idea only came after experiencing the commemorative coin handout at the 1st Annual ACA World Congress in Florida following the ABC in April 2016.

Seconded: Jeffrey

Decision: Motion passes unanimously

4. **Motion:** That the Board validate on the record their Specific Concurrence to approve a general policy for its trifold literature whereby:
 - The production of trifolds at the California Distribution Center (DC) for sale/distribution from Ware-Pak will be halted and phased out. This does not preclude the DC from producing/distributing trifolds for other purposes as determined by the Board, such as Intergroup sales, H&I, etc.



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- Trifolds for sale/distribution from Ware-Pak will be completely outsourced to a local vendor such as Staples in Bourbonnais, Illinois, if their total cost of production and delivery allows the trifolds to be sold/distributed from Ware-Pak at a profit acceptable to the Board.

- Outsourced trifold production in Illinois will start with only the top 10 best-selling trifolds which will be bundled/sold in quantities of 20 per bundle instead of 10 per bundle.

- At the same time, trifolds in every language and format will be made available to download for free in pdf format on the WSO web site. US format trifolds in English will be made available within 30 days of this motion being approved. A4 format trifolds in English will be made available within 60 days of this motion being approved. And other foreign language versions will be made available within 30 days of the translation for said trifold being approved and/or verified by the WSO.5) On the WSO web site page where trifolds will be downloaded in electronic format for free (see point 4) announcements/buttons/links clearly displayed and/or repeated on the page, will suggest that any group downloading such free information is requested to make a one-time voluntary 7th tradition contribution of \$10.00 or more as a token of appreciation for this service. (Jeffrey F.)

Background: A cost analysis has shown that trifolds printed and produced at Signal Hill, California and shipped for sale/distribution from Ware-Pak, Illinois is not economically viable. For this reason, their production and delivery should be outsourced to a local vendor in Illinois. The cost analysis has also shown that there is only sufficient demand for 10 best-selling trifolds to be offered for sale. For years, most of the fellowship outside the United States has had to make due with a severe lack of ACA literature in book or trifold form due to high shipping costs. This motion makes it easier to spread the ACA word in foreign countries, particularly with hospitals and institutions, and grow the fellowship abroad. This motion equally benefits small or start-up groups in the United States with limited financial resources where international shipping charges do not apply.



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Seconded: Mary Jo

Decision: Motion passes unanimously

- 5. Motion:** That the Board validate on the record their Specific Concurrence to approve the Handlery Hotel in San Diego as the site of 2017 ABC-AWC and authorize the Board Chair to execute the contract for the 2017 ABC-AWC with the Handlery Hotel in San Diego. (Bill D.)

Background: The San Diego Host Committee has recommended the Handlery Hotel to WSO as the venue for the 2017 ABC-AWC. After negotiation with the hotel a favorable contract was obtained and has been presented to the Board. The contract will actually save attendees approximately \$60 over 2 days for double occupancy as compared to the 2016 Delray room and meals costs. The cost for single occupancy is about the same as attendees paid in 2016.

Seconded: Mary Jo

Decision: Motion passes unanimously

- 6. Motion:** That the Board validate on the record their Specific Concurrence to approve adding the following sentence to the General Manager job description: The ACA WSO office in Signal Hill is the location the prospective GM will be required to work until such time as the board changes this requirement. (Bill D.)

Background: The WSO Board neglected to clearly state this in the advertised job description and applicants have been asking where the job is located. The current office of ACA WSO is in Signal Hill, California and the WSO is seeking to hire a general manager to oversee its operation and supervise its staff. This will best be accomplished by eliminating remote supervision and having the GM perform supervision in person at the office in Signal Hill.

Seconded: Jeffrey

Decision: Motion passes unanimously



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- * Due to the time sensitive nature, Bill asked to call a vote that he had entered on SLACK regarding traveling to San Diego to meet with the Host Committee.
- 7. Motion: Bill is seeking approval for airfare, hotel and per diem in the approximate amount of \$300 to travel from Chicago to San Diego to meet with the Host Committee for the 2017 ABC.

Background: Since Bill will already be traveling, it would be a good use of time to fly from Chicago to San Diego to meet the Host Committee before returning to South Florida. The airfare is about the same from either location. The goals for the trip are to visit the site and develop a preliminary logistics plan for the ABC/ AWC and get a feel for the area that can be shared with the fellowship to promote the event, meet the committee and share the experience of last year's conference; develop a time line of objectives and to assess the capabilities of the various committee members to meet those objective so we know best where to lend support.

Seconded: Jeffrey

Decision: Motion passes unanimously

This concludes our Agenda. Thank you all very much.

Any guest comments or questions? (Q = Question / A = Answer / M = Mention)

Summary of guest comments: Guest comments focused primarily on: Q. Can an ACA meeting be set up in Santa Cruz and focused on how chronic health issues are related to childhood trauma as an adult-child? A. (Carol, Region 2) Meetings are autonomous, as long as the policies and procedures of ACA meetings are followed, the focus can be anything that you need. (Bonnie) Reminder that ACA currently has no literature or position on that. There is material available in the private sector that can be used as long as you adhere to the traditions. (Ines) It is suggested that if using literature that is not ACA Conference approved literature, that you mention that in the meeting so that participants are aware. (Majbrit) If you are calling it an ACA meeting you should be focusing on your recovery and experience through the health issues so that you draw the strength, experience and hope from that. M. Anchorage Alaska Group wanted to thank all for their service and comment that group is also exploring the effects of childhood trauma as related to chronic illness and how it affects the adult child and will share its findings. M. Pam extended an invitation to the people from Alaska and San Diego to join Region 2 and gave the email gwuregion@gmail.com to get more information. There is a meeting next Saturday at 11. M. Concern over the fact that discussion is not made on the motions before voting on them and there is no input from the groups. (Various Board Members) The Board is responsible for making decisions and in transparency the decisions are read into the record. That input from groups come through the proposals solicited for the annual business conference. All the information related to how to get on the board and how the decision process works is in the OPPM. Q. Will there be a marked copy of the amended OPPM available so that delegates can review and understand what the changes are. M. Dennis from Moscow thanked the Board for its service and was very happy to hear of the positive experience that Jeffery and Majbrit had at the Annual



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Meeting. M. With the growth of the program, there needs to be more communication and discussion between the Board and the fellowship. There should be more board members and possibly another way of getting board members other than solely by the current members. There needs to be some more fellowship input. Q. David McB. from Miami inquired as to the status of the audit.

Announcements: Majbrit - The next ACA WSO Board Teleconference is scheduled November 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. EST.

Is there a motion to adjourn the meeting? 2nd to the motion?

Majbrit - Motions to adjourn Jeffrey - Seconded the motion

Are there any questions or comments about the motion to adjourn the meeting?

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed the Meeting with the Serenity Prayer