

SERVICE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2017
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1. Serenity Prayer:

God, grant me the serenity
To accept the people I cannot change,
The courage to change the one I can,
And the wisdom to know that one is me.

2. Members Present: Bonnie, Marcia, Bill, Debbie, Jim, Charlie

3. Purpose and objectives: *As an ad hoc committee of the ACA WSO, our purpose is to research the service structures of other global fellowships in order to recommend how ACA should best organize its service structure to serve its growing fellowship nationally and globally.*

Objective 1: Assess and summarize other 12 step organizations' service structures.

Objective 2: Assess and summarize the ACA service structure.

Objective 3: Perform a comparison of ACA service structure to the other 12 step fellowships' service structure and prepare recommendations to improve ACA's service structure.

*Objective 4: Prepare a report for the WSO Board outlining the findings and recommendations of the committee and deliver it to the board **prior to** the 2017 ABC.*

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Approve the minutes from the January 23 meeting:** Debbie moved that minutes from the January 23 meeting be accepted. Bonnie seconded the motion. The measure passed without objections.
- 2. Publicity Report: Jim and Charlie.** Jim has created a document explaining the work of this committee that can be used to report to the board, create articles for the ComLine, and organize a presentation. He hopes to use it as an explanatory brochure as well. Please go to the outline he has posted on Slack and make comments, suggest phrases and words that can be used in the final document by February 13. The goal is to have an electronic version of this document usable for the 2017 Service Committee Report to the Board which is due on March 17, minus the findings and recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Preparation for the ABC:** We examined our options for presenting our work at the 2017 Annual Business Conference (ABC). We learned that the Delegate Training orientation program, scheduled before the start of the ABC, had allocated 45 minutes for a Service Structure Committee discussion. Except for a brief report given as part of a larger segment devoted to WSO committee reports, no

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other ABC presentation of our work was planned. The only other presentation under consideration was at the Annual World Convention (AWC), following the conclusion of the ABC.

During lengthy discussion, the Committee expressed strong concerns about this approach. We agreed that the Delegate Training program and the AWC were not appropriate forums for discussing our work. Instead, we agreed to ask for an additional time on the ABC agenda, in addition to our brief report, in which we can open the floor to delegate questions and solicit delegate feedback. No vote was taken, but it was agreed that we should ask the ABC Committee to give us 30 to 45 minutes for this interactive discussion.

It further was agreed that this additional time was required and appropriate because the Service Structure Committee is not providing a “business as usual” report. Rather, it is outlining a process that could fundamentally increase the role of the fellowship, and of the ABC delegates. It was therefore important that we begin modeling this new role right away, by giving delegates a chance to ask questions and bless the direction we are taking.

2. **Brainstorming: SAA:** We started a brainstorming of SAA. The result was some confusion because of a lack of some foundational knowledge. It was decided we would look at the ACA Report and make a list of problems that need addressing. We will use the matrix Marcia originally put together and meet to talk again next week.

NEXT MEETING: Monday February 6@5 PM EST