

SERVICE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE Minutes—June 19, 2017--6 PM EDT

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- I. 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.
- II. Members Present:** Marcia, Mary Jo, Carole, Jim R. David, Matt K. Bonnie
- III. Purpose:** *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.*
- IV. Goals:**
 - A. Research and define regions for a recommendation to the ABC and ACA/WSO Board**
 - B. Research and Recommend a Process to Elect Trustees**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 10 meeting.** (Marcia) **2nd:** David **Pass:**Unanimous
- 2. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 17 meeting.** (Marcia) **2nd:** David **Pass:**Unanimous
- 3. Motion to approve the minutes from the June 5 meeting.** (Marcia) **2nd:** David **Pass:**Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Read and discussed Charlie's Transition Proposition

Introduction: There was a consensus that the committee would like to work as one team, at least in the beginning.

- 1. Set priorities and timetables for key 2017-2018 deliverables**
 - Discussion about whether to start with Regions or the election of trustees.
 - Definition of "conference" is needed. A conference could be an event or it could be people.
 - We could write something rather easily, maybe intended for a short period of time, about the election process. Then we might be ready to work in groups on regions.
 - Need for conversations with the fellowship about regions in order to create what is best.
 - Most members thought working on regions should come first.
 - We can use the newsletter to poll the membership.
- 2. Clarify the process for our work teams**
 - Identifying our questions about regions, the electoral process, an ABC Charter
 - Taking our time to study the ways regions are used by other fellowships; while looking at the past, being open to inspired innovation.

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- Regions have a larger purpose than choosing trustees for representation on the Board. They are also vehicles to engage the fellowship in service, and are used to strengthen groups and Intergroups.
- WSO does not have the ability to meet the needs of individual groups.
- Two ways of looking at regions
 - Encouraging participation; doing the work of the region to serve groups; representing the region on the Board of Trustees. Using a grid of tasks to separate the work of the WSO, the work of the groups, and the work of the Regions.
 - Starting from the individual groups and Intergroups. What do they need? It's all about meetings, distance, and having peer groups for support. They are not aware in a big way of WSO, or worried about representation. Grow from the bottom and worry about developing representation later. Looking not at the needs of WSO, but the needs of the individual members.

3. Determine how we will communicate our work to the fellowship, board and ABC

- When we talk about presenting our work to the fellowship, ABC, and Board prior to their adoption: how “prior” is “prior”?
- We can use our newsletter to inform the fellowship
- Intergroups can communicate
- Listening tour

4. What are we committing to deliver to the board and 2018 ABC?

- It would be good to have our written report done by January so it would be ready to put into the delegate handbooks. Write up whatever we have by then, turn it in, and then continue working.
- On the other hand, that is a bit early. We could write up parts of the report while still working on other parts so we would not have to do it all at once.

5. Put the plan in writing and begin carrying it out: No discussion

NEXT MEETING: Monday July 3, 2017 8PM EDT

Work to do before next meeting: Mull it over, rest with the ideas of the document.

David made a motion to close the meeting.

2nd: Carole **Vote:** Unanimous

David R: Good night!