

SERVICE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE Minutes—June 5, 2017--6 PM EDT

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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: Carole, David, Bonnie, Charlie, Matt, Miles, Laura

3. 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.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve the minutes from the April 10 and 17 meetings

2. Write and approve the minutes from the May 9 meeting: Carole Moved to approve 2nd: Miles Vote Unanimous

3. Organizational Research List

AA--Laura/Miles	DA--Bonnie	NA--Matt
ACA--Carole C./Marcia	CMA--Marcia	OA--Carole C.
Alanon--Nancy	CoDa--Sarah O.	SAA--Charlie

Carole talked about OA and their Regions being on the Board of Trustees along with 7 others

Bonnie says DA doesn't really have Regions that have any position like ours.

Nar anon - only Regions send representatives can vote in their service conferences. Last year they had 29 voting members present and 10 were Board members. The business conference is every other year and always at their headquarters in CA and they calculate the cost of bringing someone from each region and divide up the money. It is a collective way of doing it. They are the only voters! The Board members are nominated in another process.

SAA - Rubric is confused with SA. Refer to Regions, but do not explain it. BOT made up of each geographic area but at large may be elected. Very vague.

Matt says they are sending out an invitation letter to IGs in their area to form a Region.

NA - Matt 67,000 meetings. Donations flow from group to Intergroup then Regions then WSO. Areas are the workhorses. Intergroups are easy driving distances. Send reps to Region Committee. He thinks that ACA can support meetings that have no IG. Regions 112 Regions in NA. Typical size is about one state. **CA has a**

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couple. Primarily they focus on the Regional assembly. They elect a Region rep and alternate to be a delegate at the yearly meeting. They train IGs in all things 12-Step. Identify weaknesses, etc.

Laura did historical research on our Regions and wanted to know if AA changed their map. Miles says that AA has 93 areas and 6 Regions in North America. 7 trustees at large in USA and 3 in Canada. The At Large Trustees go to the World Service meeting every two years and they also go to zonal meetings (vertical). Matt says no matter what we do, not everyone is going to like it.

Bonnie likes the vertical time zone. So does Laura.

Regions

Regional service bodies are part of the Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families service structure that support the membership. This service structure includes Group Meetings, Intergroups, Regions, and World Service. Information on regions can be found in the Big Red Book, pages 604-605.

Regions consist of members of intergroups and meetings in their geographic areas. In April 2017, the board of trustees and Annual Business Conference reaffirmed WSO's "historical commitment to the formation of regional service entities as important channels for improving service to the fellowship, and for increasing connections between groups, Intergroups, and the WSO."

To register a new region, or to find existing regional service organizations, use the buttons on this page. New regional organizations and newly forming regions can consult the Meeting Directory and Intergroups pages to learn about the fellowship in their area. They can also connect with new and existing regions by contacting the Membership and Public Service Committee.

Important Note: The WSO board and ABC in 2017 enacted an interim policy governing region formation and is updating WSO's Regions policy and map to reflect the current global fellowship. Newly emerging regions should consult the Interim Regions Policy and Interim Regions Map.

Motion: Submit the above for approval to put on the website. Charlie move. 2nd Bonnie

Charlie thinks we need people from the European committee to see what their thinking is. Pacific Rim, New Zealand, Australia, UK, Russia, etc.

The point seems to be that we are all agreed that we all want Regions and then maybe Trustees at Large. General thread. We've discussed different models of how we want to align Regions geographically. David says to come back with different ways to align the Regions, be they organic, geographical, etc., but we do want to stay with the Region model.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Deciding on a meeting time. June 19th at 8 p.m. EDT**
2. **Closed the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Pacific Time**

NEXT MEETING: June 19, 2017 8 PM EDT