

Service Structure Committee Minutes—November 20, 2017—8 PM EDT

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Mission: ACA creates a safe, welcoming fellowship for those who suffer from childhood trauma

- 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 J, Mary Jo L, Laura L, Miles, Matt K, Jim R., Charlie H., Bonnie K-M, Carole
- 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 Select Trustees**
- V. Responsibilities:**

AA--Miles	DA--Bonnie	NA--Matt
ACA--Carole C.	CMA--Marcia	OA--
Al Anon--Mary Jo	CoDa--Sarah O.	SAA--Charlie

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion to approve the minutes from the November 6 meeting. (Marcia)**

Second: Laura

Discussion:

Decision: Accepted unanimously

2. **Final review of the document concerning selection of trustees and formation of a selection committee.**

After much discussion and rewriting, a final document met the approval of the committee.

Motion: To accept the document as amended and send it to the Board of Trustees as our recommendation for selection of Trustees and the formation of a Selection Committee. (Marcia)

Second: Carole C.

Decision: Motion passes unanimously

A copy of the document mentioned in the motion can be found at the end of these notes.

3. **Beginning conversation about regions.** The committee started a conversation about Regions, which is to be continued at the next several meetings as we work to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

NEXT MEETING: December 4, 2017 8 PM EST

ACA Nominating Committee

Accountability and Cooperation Statement

The ACA Nominating Committee (the “Committee”) is accountable to the Annual Business Conference (the “ABC”) and the ACA WSO Board of Trustees (the “Board”). When the ABC is not in session, the Committee communicates and works with the Board. The Committee strives to promote and support a cooperative working relationship with both the ABC and the Board.

Purpose of the Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to vet and identify ACA members, from throughout the full range of ACA’s world fellowship, whose skills, experience, wisdom and program knowledge support their ability to be Trustees. The Committee is responsible for forwarding qualified candidates (nominees) to the Board for consideration and selection as Trustees. Once it becomes fully established, the Nominating Committee will also vet, identify and orient potential candidates for other ACA trusted servant positions, such as WSO committee members. The Committee’s twin goals are to represent the fellowship’s broad values, by involving multiple stakeholders in a fair, transparent process for identifying trusted ACA servants, while also nominating candidates who can capably carry out WSO’s business and service needs.

In support of this, the Committee will maintain current online descriptions of the skills, talents, and experience necessary to successfully fulfill the tasks of ACA trusted service positions. Opportunities and selection criteria for all trusted service positions will be broadly disseminated and posted on the ACA WSO website so that all ACA members can have the opportunity to serve the fellowship.

General Duties

The Committee’s evaluations of candidates will be based on criteria made available on the ACA WSO website.

The Committee will utilize various WSO publications in an effort to keep the Fellowship informed of its activity and any pending nominations process deadlines. The Committee will welcome input from the Fellowship on any aspect of its work and will provide communication links for this purpose.

In conducting its vetting process, the Committee will:

- Review written applications of Board candidates.
- Conduct additional evaluations, such as examining committee attendance and considering feedback from those who have served with Board candidates.
- Interview those candidates who appear to meet eligibility criteria.
- Work with the Board to identify any specialized needs WSO has, such as financial or website oversight, and use that awareness in vetting candidates.
- Submit eligible and qualified nominees to the Board, which will either agree with each nomination, or state its objections in writing to the Committee.
- In the event of a written Board objection, the Committee will further evaluate the candidate to determine whether to withdraw the nomination or resubmit it to the Board, in which case it will affirm in writing that it finds the candidate to be qualified for Board service.

As already mentioned, over time the Committee will expand its role to vet and nominate qualified candidates for other key WSO volunteer positions, such as committee chairs and vice chairs. In its work, the Committee will collaborate with all other WSO efforts to recruit and orient volunteers.

Committee Membership and Participation

The Committee will consist of five members, including one member from outside the U.S. and Canada. Initially, two members of the Committee will be selected by the Board, and three selected by non-Board members of WSO committees. Terms will be two years, but in order to ensure an appropriate rotation of Committee members, two members of the first Committee will be chosen by lot to serve one-year terms, with the opportunity to be selected for an additional two-year term.

Trustees are not eligible to be on the Committee. However, one Trustee will be appointed to serve as a non-voting liaison. This individual's responsibility will be to keep the Board informed of ongoing Committee work by participating in all Committee meetings and discussions.

At the end of two years, after there is a chance to assess the Committee's needs and effectiveness, structural changes may be considered by the Board and ABC, including how Committee members are selected.

Membership Qualifications for the Committee

In addition to such spiritual qualities as humility, integrity, trustworthiness, and strong commitment to open communication, to help ensure that Committee members have a full awareness and understanding of Board requirements, the following are qualifications for nomination and election to the Committee:

- 1) Ability to protect confidential information revealed during the Committee evaluation process.
(Confidentiality)
- 2) History of both completing work independently and working well within a group.
- 3) Familiarity with the ACA service structure.
- 4) Strong organizational and communication skills.
- 5) Ability to donate substantial time to attend meetings and to fulfill the additional commitments of Nominating Committee membership.
- 6) A working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service.
- 7) Continuous attendance at ACA meetings for at least the previous six years, except that one member may have 2-3 years of attendance. Having one newer member will ensure that the needs of relative newcomers to ACA will be considered by the Committee.
- 8) One year or more of combined service for an ACA intergroup, region or WSO committee, with at least six months of active participation on a WSO Committee.
- 9) Attendance on at least six WSO teleconference calls in the previous nine months.
- 10) May not hold a high-level volunteer position in another 12-Step fellowship.

Qualifications for WSO Trustees

The Committee will review Board candidates according to the following criteria:

- 1) Continuous attendance at ACA meetings for at least the previous five years.
- 2) One year or more of combined service for an ACA intergroup, region or WSO committee, with at least six months of active participation on a WSO Committee.
- 3) Attendance on at least six WSO teleconference calls in the previous nine months.
- 4) Working knowledge of ACA's Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service.
- 5) WSO Trustees may not hold a similar position in another 12-Step fellowship.
- 6) Demonstrated skill at working in a group setting and completing projects.
- 7) Ability to donate substantial time that minimally includes the following:
 - Attend at least three Board meetings per month
 - Become a working member of at least one standing committee
 - Attend the yearly ABC and AWC
 - Attend the Board's annual Strategic Planning Meeting/training retreat
 - Maintain communication with the other Trustees as necessary to complete commitments (via email, telephone, and other web-based communication platforms)
 - Fulfill any additional commitments of Board membership as deemed necessary.

Exceptions to the above criteria may be granted, but the Committee must submit its reasons in writing to the Board.

Other Notes on the Committee and Board Selection Process

- The Committee may not nominate a current or outgoing Committee member to the Board. Once off of the Committee for a year, former Committee members are eligible for Board membership.
- The Committee will consider all Board candidates, including those from members of the Fellowship and ACA groups, as long as the candidate submits a written and signed application before the posted submission deadline.
- Board candidates must be vetted by the Committee and demonstrate that they meet eligibility criteria before they are affirmed for Board membership. Therefore, new Trustees may not be elected directly from the floor by ABC delegates.
- The Board may not directly select new Trustees. They may, however, submit candidates to the Committee for vetting.
- WSO-certified Regions are entitled to a seat on the Board of Trustees. Candidates from Regions will be forwarded to the Board if the Committee finds that they meet Board eligibility criteria.

- All nominees who are accepted by the Board will be seated immediately, and delegates at the next ABC will vote whether to ratify them as Trustees.
- Board objections to any Trustee nomination must be submitted in writing to the Committee within 30 days of receipt, or else a candidate will be presumed to be seated on the Board. The Board's written objections must cite specific eligibility criteria that a candidate allegedly fails to meet. All candidates will also receive the board's written objections, and be given a chance to respond.
- In the event of a stalemate between the Board and the Committee, in which the Committee continues to find that a candidate is eligible and the Board continues to object, the candidacy will be submitted to the delegates at the next ABC for a final vote.
- Committee members will be chosen after the Board passes a motion that establishes this new nomination process. Committee members and the Nominating Committee system will be submitted to the next ABC for ratification.
- It is expected that one Nominating Committee representative will attend each ABC.