

SERVICE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 7 MAY 2018

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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. Meditation: Charlie (BRB 502)

III. Members Present: Marcia J., Sarah O., Mary Jo L., Carole C., Miles C., Matt K., Charlie H.

IV. Purpose: *As a 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.*

V. Goals:

- A. Research and define regions for a recommendation to the ABC and ACA/WSO Board
- B. Come up with a 5-year vision for the implementation of a Regional structure.
- C. Create a plan to start the process.
- D. Further develop the supporting structure/s for Regional Service Committees.
- E. Create a liaison with Europe to address Service Structure needs in Europe

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2018 meeting. (Marcia)

Second: Mary Jo L.

Decision: Motion passes unanimously.

2. Vision and Mission Statements:

Vision Statement: Regional Service Committees build bridges of communication and support to bring Adult Children out of isolation and into fellowship.

Draft Mission Statement: Whenever an adult child reaches out, the Regional Service Committees will be there with information and support: to connect people within the fellowship, to encourage participation as trusted servants, and to grow meetings full of experience, strength and hope throughout the world.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Summary of ABC and the information we received there about Regions.

Mary Jo—Approval of *Ready, Set, Go!*

Charlie—Adding AWC to the ABC in Sweden

People were reading information and seeing the original map, which made people somewhat irate that there was only one region for the rest of the world. Explained that the map was old and not

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What we are currently working on it. It was just the interim report on regions. They would like to do the whole world at one time. Josh and Kristian asked if they could have some time to explore. They were looking at the maps, and thought Virginia should be in two different regions. Carole talked about how the region was started, and hopefully they understood a bit more about what is happening.

Montreal and Quebec would not want to be part of the Eastern Canadian Region, because of language and culture. They are not interested in being with France or other French speaking regions.

The conversations sound like ours of the last couple of months. So looking at cultures and who people feel comfortable with is important. We have to look at the world rather than just Europe, because there were Indians, New Zealanders, Australians, etc.

We could stay with the larger regions, and go with areas that are more culturally cohesive.

Europeans have a lot of structure issues. We want to figure out what kind of dialog we have with Europe and who we want to involve in that. The bigger moment of truth will be to create an agenda for a year from now.

Europeans are a lot more open to different languages and cultures than Americans. They have proximity to each other we don't have. We are more isolated. Americans tend to be more ethno-centric.

We have certain voices that claim that the Europeans weren't ready to lead, and that Americans were outraged to have everything in Europe. This could be an echo chamber. The fellowship spoke differently. An overwhelming majority of the fellowship see themselves as a worldwide fellowship.

Suggestion for next call: We made nine recommendations to the ABC about the Service Structure Committee. It might be worthwhile to see if we want to pull delegate information from the pile.

2. Midwest Intergroup/Region—at the communication stage, right now. Right now the question is are we working as a region? Who will do the work? People will pop up. The paperwork is easy to do. Let it be done organically. What happens through the communication?

3. New Members—Expand the ranks

Sarah O. will put together some sample articles for the Traveler and the ComLine. It was decided to go through Slack and delete members who have not been active for the past year. As we proceed, we will consider that a committee member who does not attend three meetings in a row without contacting the committee is no longer a member of the committee.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Marcia made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM EDT

Second: Miles

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Charlie closed the meeting with a recitation of the Serenity Prayer.

NEXT MEETING

Monday May 21 at **7:30 PM EDT** (Please note time change)