**Saturday**

Lit Comm quarterly call

**Literature Committee quarterly call agenda**

Call time: 11:30 am eastern US, Jan. 5

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1) Serenity Prayer

2) Guest introductions

Charlie VA

Bonnie M. MA

Christine CT

David FL

Carole CA

Majbrit

Dre ME

Jeannie FL

Jim Brooklyn

Miles CN

Mary Jo IL

Louis FL

Barb CT

Karin IL

Matt WI

Justine NJ / PA IG

Alexandra Sweden

Robin TX

Laura L. CA

Greg TX

Reports

3) Literature Development Updates

a) Finding Emotional Sobriety now online

b) LBRB status

4) ACA Bill of Rights—development team being formed (see examples at end of email)

Dre: round table on Bill of Rights, Ottawa/Toronto, Whitfield Bill of Rights. Yes, want to volunteer.

Bonnie M.--great initiative

Christine--happy to volunteer

Alexandra--will want to volunteers

Jim R--Brooklyn, volunteer,

Ingrid--Brooklyn, volunteer

NY wants to keep

5) Discussion: Secular AA—An Example to Consider? (Miles C.)

At Secular Conference in Toronto, most members hated any mention of God, but also seemed to be working a good program. There has been conference in last five years in AA, and we might get ahead of the curve. Conference was well run. Took the word God out, replaced with Higher Power, or “Something you believe in.” It meant the same, but the words were changed.

Justine: there is a group called AA Agnostica. They have weekly emails, have published books. A slim volume has 20 or more versions of the 12 steps. A group called Beyond Belief, how to work a good program as an agnostic. I know they’ve faced threats to be taken off of meeting lists. Have published good material.

David: need to get ahead of this.

Carole: We are losing people from meetings. People feel stupid while the group prays.

Mary Jo: So much mention of God, rather than Higher Power. I will say, I remind we are open to everyone. The spirituality chapter feels quite religious.

Alexandra: I have spent many hours on this issue. I read the chapter, can have any conception. I am trying for more inclusive wording at materials. Power greater than ourselves, different feel than Higher Power or God. The word God is misused. If you have problem with the word God, it was reassuring to hear as a newcomer that the meeting itself is a power greater than me, so that anyone could use other terms.

Greg: Don’t like any implication that our god is better than your god. I don’t personally like the word God

Miles: I almost left AA because of God. An old-timer told me to use “good orderly direction.” 12 or 13 years before I could find a higher power I could accept. What the individual can understood.

Jeannie: My faith is the most important thing to me in the world, but I understand the concept of inclusion and not losing people. When we move forward with this, I hope we don’t implement limits on what we can say at meetings about our own beliefs and experience. People can say what is true for them, but I sure understand.

6) ComLine Predatory Behavior edition

Karin: Have assembled a great number of member shares, why ACAs are vulnerable to predatory behavior; experiences of and witnessing PB; different approaches and responses by meeting officers and meetings; and a share by a former predator.

Challenge is meeting with the ComLine into a readable and comprehensive issue. Will have a framework for presentation of the member shares; tools APB has developed. Questions for reflection and sharing with meetings.

Miles: Will we turn this into a trifold?

Karin: Trifold is among other

Carole: LBRB? Charlie: yes

Dre: Do you need more articles? Karin: Official deadline for contributions was Dec. 15. Challenge will be how to weave all of it together. May have to do skillful editing. But also have limited extension of the deadline. Would like additional information, but make it a burning desire. Email address: APB@acawso.org.

Jim: Comment--special edition of ComLine. Can that be pronounced in the layout of edition, so that other special editions in the future could flow into a certain look? Question: Is bullying considered a predatory behavior? Karin: we haven’t considered that so far, but the line is fine between this and other issues of meeting safety.

Mary Jo: It is a meeting safety issue. Safety may also need to be considered in literature.

Charlie: Add a discussion of meeting safety at the April meeting? Jim R: Is there an WSO helpline?

Carole: When an individual meeting comes up with a card, it needs to be shared, with Intergroup, and with other meetings, with network. Should have guidance on sharing.

Laura L: Suggestion--request help from fellowship.

Mary Jo: addressing meeting safety

Bonnie: love special edition, as well as column on various topics. Offer a voluntary help line, seems like a good thing to have. Could be in Traveler,

7)  ComLine—general call for volunteers?

Charlie strongly urges people to submit articles, in English or native language.

8) Evaluation group reforming—volunteers sought

Details will be sent out later this month.

9) ACA inventory, introduction

Rolled over until next call.

10) Other Literature Committee updates

a) Literature development policy revision (Charlie)

b) Sponsorship literature update

11) Fellowship Questions/New Business

12) Close with Serenity Prayer

Examples of Bill of Rights. ACA Bill of Rights <http://acainnerpeace.ncf.ca/billofri.htm>

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<https://aca-arizona.org/adult-children-of-alcoholics-personal-bill-of-rights/>

CODA rights: <http://not-codependent.blogspot.com/p/personal-bill-of-rights.html>

"Personal" Bill of Rights: <https://www.dailystrength.org/group/codependency/discussion/coda-bill-of-rights-question>

[http://not-codependent.blogspot.com](http://not-codependent.blogspot.com/)

Personal Bill of Rights

I have a right to ask for what I want.

I have a right to say no to requests or demands I can't meet (or don't want to)

I have the right to...

[https://www.dailystrength.org](https://www.dailystrength.org/)

CODA Bill of Rights-Question..

Quick question, does anyone happen to know if this list of A Personal Bill of Rights is the same as the CODA bill of rights read at some meetings?.. I want to get the CODA one, this one sounds good too...and sound very familiar.. I have not been to the live coda meeting I first went to and I know...

Mardi M [11:56 PM]

I have a bill of rights we used to read at our aca meeting..i will see if i can find it..think it was also read in Alanon!

Karin S. [12:19 PM]

Examples of Safety Statements: <https://acawso.org/2018/11/12/examples-of-group-safety-statements/>