

Service Network Committee September 2019 Activity

We meet weekly on Monday at 8PM ET, and Tuesday at 2PM ET to accommodate European and other schedules. See <https://acawso.org/category/service-structure-committee/>

<https://zoom.us/j/368722526>

Check the WSO committee calendar at <https://acawso.org/committees-calendar/>

The committee is continuing the review of other fellowships service manuals to see what we like and what we will have in the ACA Service manual.

Our current plans and schedule are to:

1. Review other fellowship Service Manuals on our Monday and Tuesday meetings ending on the December 10th Meeting
2. Work on the ACA service Manual table of contents until Jan 7 and publish a draft
3. Identify what existing ACA literature can be updated and used in the service manual
4. Work with the Literature committee to update existing literature and publish new service-related material going forward until the service manual is completed.

We have submitted a proposal ballot for an ACA Preamble as follows.

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Dysfunctional Families (ACA) Preamble

ACA is a spiritual program for people who grew up in dysfunctional homes. That experience infected us then and it affects us today. Our membership also includes people from homes where alcohol or drugs were not present; however, abuse, neglect or unhealthy behavior was.

The purpose of ACA is to shelter and support members in confronting denial, to comfort those mourning their early loss of security, trust and love, and to teach the skills for reparenting ourselves with gentleness, humor, love and respect. *

ACA provides a safe, nonjudgmental environment that allows us to grieve our childhoods and to conduct an honest inventory of ourselves and our families. Identifying with the Laundry List Traits (The Problem), we learn to live in The Solution one day at a time.

* This paragraph is adapted from the Identity Papers