

Member Services Committee May 2020 Report by MSC Chair, Carole C.

The Member Services Committee is responsible for overseeing five subcommittees and monthly editions of The Traveler, I am amazed at and gratified for how much they all accomplish for the growth of ACA. You will find their subcommittee reports here in the repository.

MSC's Global Subcommittee's report (found on this repository) describes their presence and participation during the 2020 ABC/AWC and how it opened up and helped increase WSO's awareness of many countries of the world who are struggling to establish ACA meetings and the difficulties they face. This Chair is very grateful and thankful for the growth of their one year old subcommittee and what they have accomplished in such a short time.

Another new subcommittee that came into being a short year or so before Global is Teen and Young Adult. It was born because of a question put out to the membership about whether or not they were holding such meetings or whether or not they wanted to do so. The response from the membership was so extensive, we had to establish this subcommittee just to get help to answer the emails. Out of that is coming literature and a very active subcommittee.

The Region Subcommittee was formed a while after ACA received a request in 2017 for Greater Western USA Region to be recognized and registered on the website. (Region 2), in 2017. It became clear at that time that Regions were forming and it was decided we needed another subcommittee to assist any emerging regions with their formation. We now have at least two new regional organizations that may soon register their regions and hints of others. Regions are an important part of the service network between the membership and our World Service Organization (WSO) who do the business of ACA, so we can do the healing.

The next two subcommittees were formed in response to the need for them and well before this oversight committee came into being. They are Intergroups and Members.

Intergroups grew out of the organic growth of Intergroups in the fellowship when meetings decided to work together for their area's ACA growth and to put on workshops and events. This subcommittee was formed to assist those intergroups in their service work. This subcommittee is now looking at the idea of non-geographic Intergroups, such as English speaking meetings in non-English speaking countries, combining to form Intergroups.

The Members Subcommittee has not always been a subcommittee or even a committee. WSO in its early years took care of the correspondence from and assistance of the membership. This subcommittee recently acquired a new Chair and is in the process of updating the meeting listings on the adultchildren.org website. They recently sent out a survey and the new chair has put together a report on the findings. A goal of this subcommittee is to have workshops with all the subcommittees on how to do things, like How to Start an Intergroup, How to Start a Meeting group.

In May's business meeting, after hearing what was happening with our subcommittees, we discussed coming up next month with ideas for workshops on how to do things, like how to start an Intergroup, How to Start a Meeting group, a Member Services Workshop, and so on. We can also have a fellowship meeting where we can add a little levity in our lives. The idea is to come back next month with how to implement this and some speakers.

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