

August 2020 Member Services Committee Report

At this time, Member Services Committee is working with and overseeing five subcommittees (Global, Intergroups, Members, Regions, Teens & Young Adults) and the Traveler editor(s). My astonishment continues to grow at what they accomplish each month.

The Member Services Committee meets virtually on Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month. We use a workspace called Slack for communication and work between meetings. We are currently discussing the future of our International ACA growth and how MSC can assist that effort around the world.

In our August meeting we talked about being globally inclusive with terminology about the seasons. We realized that talking about the month of the year rather than the season we are in includes people in both hemispheres. We often refer to “the other side of the world” in conversation when we mean a distant country. We need to use the hemisphere, country, or area we are referring to instead.

We discussed having an MSC work group composed of its subcommittees and other WSO committees to develop workshops and events for the ACA membership. One suggestion was a workshop on how to develop and schedule workshops. Sarah O., Chair of the Members (outreach) Subcommittee would like to get people who have started Intergroups to participate in developing a workshop or panel on the subject.

Teen and Young Adults Subcommittee is still one subcommittee. They have, however, separate working groups. We have to report that the Chair of Teen & Young Adult Subcommittee resigned as of yesterday, August 9. We are sorry to see Marc leave, he has done a wonderful job developing the Teen & Young Adult Subcommittee.

Mentions about the website (adultchildren.org).

- It would be helpful to have a coherent list on the adultchildren.org website somewhere telling the user where to find things. It is currently difficult.
- It would be helpful for new ACA members if a spotlight were to shine on the availability of free literature, and also to let people know that two of our workbooks will soon be available digitally.

We now have a WSO Liaison. Trustee, Fredrick from Sweden has temporarily agreed to be our liaison.

We still have a need for a Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Email mscchair@adultchildren.org for more information.

If you are interested in attending our monthly Member Services Committee meetings or want to communicate with us, send an email with information about yourself and your areas of interest to mscchair@adultchildren.org.

Our next meeting will be 10 October 2020 at 6 p.m. UTC (11 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time / 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. *(Note: The time change will affect UTC after 2:00 a.m. 6 November 2020 until March 14 at 2:00 a.m. During that time, UTC will be 5 p.m.)*)