



The Volunteer Resource Committee (VRC) Est. Feb 2022

Member of the Policy and Structure Collaboration Committee

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Statement of Purpose

The Purpose of the Volunteer Resources Committee (VRC) is to:

- a. provide guidance and support for the volunteers of WSO, such as developing welcoming and educational materials, and healthy communication and leadership workshops,
- b. be a resource for WSO committees with volunteer needs, and
- c. promote emotional sobriety and healthy functioning in WSO committees.

Recent Activity, of Note

Answering Enquiries

It appears the concerns churned up by the workings of the **Service in ACA (Volunteer)** form have been calmed. Something was accomplished, though we are unsure of exactly what. No one is voicing dismay over how the form works. IT will likely have the answers, as to what has changes. We could reach out.

Back to the Start

We have returned to the original task of the Committee – composing some type of document that would both welcome the new WSO Volunteer and provide orientation to the working world of WSO committees. Brad H. took the lead in this effort (thank you) by providing a revised outline of potential content and asking the committee members to help flesh it out with their thoughts and ideas.

The committee has had difficulty jumping into this project. Perhaps it's the gravity of the task – for some reason this orientation document has taken on 'importance'. Or maybe everyone is working on the content subconsciously and the words will begin to flow momentarily.

This is the start, or restart, of the journey. This time, though, we have a deadline. By November 1st we will have something documented addressing the WSO Volunteers.

Volunteer Day

And why November 1st as a publication date? Because on November 5th we will be producing our initial **Volunteer Day**.

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It began at the Policy and Structure Collaboration Committee, a desire to raise awareness and opportunity for prospective volunteers at an event. The VRC was asked to take a leadership role in organizing the program.

We are in initial stages of developing the activities. This is where we started:

In short, the event would provide an opportunity for ACA members, new to WSO, to learn about being of service beyond the meeting. The connections begin when we hear of the personal journeys in service of some of our WSO colleagues. After a play break, participants would be treated to a Zoom tour of the WSO facilities at Signal Hill. Finally, we would learn about the WSO committee structure – with both detailed presentations from 4 committees, and an overview of the WSO committee network in general. The event may be about 3 hours long and involve an estimated 25 - 30 persons.

We are enthusiastic about this endeavor. The program looks very doable. We are acting judiciously, biting off only what we can chew. This is not the full, expansive, all-inclusive experience. It's a sampler. And if we judge the efforts to be successful, they can be repeated and adapted. As it is, we may consider running this program twice to reach a more global audience.

For The Month Ahead

In accordance with our recent activity, our focus for the month ahead will be 2 pronged:

1. The steady development of documented material for the newcomers and committees. This will likely be a continual process, even taking us up to the next ABC, as we clarify and expand the content of an orientation-type document for WSO volunteers. For now, we have a deadline of November 1st for delivering something, whether an introductory chapter or a complete volunteer guidebook.
2. The Volunteer Day, November 5th. We will be creating the foundation for the event by beginning to check off some of our 'to do's':
 - a. Confer with IT about reserving a Zoom Room and learning about the available options, such as having breakout rooms, allowing participants to move from room to room and screen sharing.
 - b. Discuss the optimum timing with the Global Committee, and the possibility of offering the program twice for global coverage.
 - c. Envisioning the details of the program.
 - d. Enlisting speakers to outline their WSO volunteer journeys.
 - e. Finding some WSO Committees to present.
 - f. Reach out to Signal Hill for participation.
 - g. Determining Support Volunteer needs – moderators, guides, information staff

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