

# Member Services Committee (MSC)

## Monthly Subcommittee Reports – September/October 2023

In September, MSC started a new process, dividing up this MSC meeting into a section for Regions, a section for Intergroups, and a section for ACA Young Adults and Teens.

### Regions

- Attendance.** In September, we had representatives from 2 certified and 2 developing regions, Northeast US Region (Region 5), Kaz from Greater Western USA Region (Region 2), Tina from ACA Region Connecting the World (ARC, developing region), Alisa from the Russian Speaking Service Committee (developing region), and Marcin from Sussex, UK/our IT Committee liaison. In October, we had Alisa from the Russian Speaking Service Committee (developing region) and members attend from 2 Intergroups: Pam M from Central Coast IG, in California, and Linda from a new Florida IG #770.
- Statement of Purpose** was revised to combine similar statements of regions and intergroups. It was approved by the Subcommittee, Member Services Committee and the Fellowship & Public Engagement Collaboration Committee. The revised statement will be updated on both the Intergroup and Regions blue service webpages.
- Numbering system for new regions** The Subcommittee discussed numbering of Regions in November 2022. Here are some of the proposed ideas and a few ideas collected recently:
  - I think the 2-digit numbering is good, potentially 1 number for the continent, 2 number for the country, time zone/longitudinal, or some other pattern.
  - I prefer that developing regions either have a different numbering system, or no number.
  - A number is also a method of tracking 7th Tradition contributions. This should be considered when defining.
  - Keep it simple for the developing regions. The number itself doesn't matter, it is only for tracking and for developing regions to find other developing regions.
  - This numbering system of regions is a bit confusing with it being geographical. When a meeting is registered it is just assigned the next WSO Meeting number, and likewise for Intergroups assigned an IG xxx number. Why not just give recently certified regions a sequential number? REG 06, REG 07, etc...

The Subcommittee will search for historical regions maps (from Archives), maps used in service structure /network committee discussions, and responses received by the Regions Intergroups Subcommittee [regions@acawso.org](mailto:regions@acawso.org).

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Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ 12:30p ET, November 27, 2023, [964 1415 5183](tel:96414155183) Pass: 308405

# Intergroups

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**Emails.** Intergroups received 22 emails and responded to 27 emails in September and the first half of October. I started addressing the backlog of emails received & could use help responding to the numerous emails received regarding Intergroups. **Types of emails received.** Few emails were from Intergroups who had gotten smaller and were searching for support; where I could, I referred them to a region in their area/regions listing. One Intergroup in North Georgia (USA) provided a report of the 3 trusted servants serving the IG, 15 meetings affiliated with it and the 2 ACA events it had hosted. We received a question from a forming Intergroup was there a requirement for a physical address in today's mostly online world. When I inquired about it, the answer came back, no... there didn't have to be a physical address, however there is a need-to-know in what city, state/province, country, time zone a service body is located... I think there will be opportunity for more discussion around this...

There was a request made at the October MSC/Regions/Intergroups Subcommittee meeting on October 24, that an email blast be sent out to registered Intergroups to let them know that:

1. This Subcommittee and monthly meeting are here to support Intergroups,
2. That there is a Slack workspace and open forum for Intergroups to support Intergroups and to exchange experiences, and
3. Regions are here to help support Intergroups. Listings for Regions are here: <https://adultchildren.org/regions-listing/> and listings for Intergroups to outreach to other Intergroups are here: <https://adultchildren.org/intergroup-listing/> . Find a region and ask for help. Find other Intergroups, outreach and ask them for support /experience.
4. Can your Region or Intergroup discuss sponsoring a developing Intergroup, or sponsoring a struggling Intergroup to help guide them with what has worked for your service body?

## Young Adults and Teens (YAT)

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**Subcommittee information.** Statement of Purpose is under revision to make it sound more up-to-date. The information of a new day and time for meetings was posted on the blue site - Subcommittee page and on the calendar both. Links:

<https://acawso.org/young-adult-and-teens/>  
<https://acawso.org/committees-calendar/>

**Materials for groups.** It was suggested to approve a presentation that new ACA Teen could use to get supported with other groups. We are in contact with the ACA groups from 3 cities in Russia – Samara, St.Petesburg and Kazan. There were a round table in October for the curators to share their experience and answer the questions of potential curators. 2 Russian cities more are

considering the starting of ACA groups – Tyumen and Nizhny Novgorod. One of the curators provided a number of documents that were sent from WSO when they got started their ACA Teen groups 2-3 years ago. These texts for the meetings are not approved by ABC, Marcia, the archivist, confirmed that there was no improvement of the ACA Teen meeting format by the Board in the past. We have now a workbook for working through the steps from Narateen to see if we can adapt it for ACA Teen.

**New groups.** A new group in Moscow (Russia) was started a month ago. There were 4 meetings and 3 kids/teengers attended – from 11 to 15 years old. 2 of them have parents from ACA. There were questions we received from members:

- Why the meetings are called anonymous, if we tell our names and other details about ourselves?
- How to act if you have a resentment about how the parents treated you in the past, and now they don't drink alcohol?
- What to do, if I can't cry, but I want to?

**Emails.** The Subcommittee received 6 emails and responded to 6 emails in September and the first half of October. **Types of emails received.** Two emails were from the fellow travellers who would like to serve, one email was about ACA Teen meeting format and one about if there are online ACA Teen meetings from a person from Sweden who lives there in a small town and would like to start both online and live ACA Teen meetings. One person “would like some guidance or something to talk to”. One email was from a fellow traveler about the ACA Teen meeting format who was trying to start a new in person meeting for teens & young adults, she was “wondering what format we use and if we have any suggestions to start the group off in a good direction”. One person was wondering “why on ACA WSO homepage there's a "Category: Young Adults and ACA Teens" <https://acawso.org/category/young-adults/>, whereas it would be quite logical to call the category either Young Adults and Teens OR ACA Young Adults and ACA Teens”. Previously in August there were 2 letters – one from mother who is looking for the live meeting for her daughter-teenager and one more email was from a 20-year-old person who was looking for “a 12-Step for ACOA”.