

Minutes in Red

Sept '25 MSC Monthly Report

Member Services Committee

Regions & Intergroups Subcommittee

Business Meeting

Chair - William G-B

Regions and Intergroup Chair - Courbet (CA) regions@acawso.org

Recording Secretary Marilyn (AZ) Msc-assist2@acawso.org

Sept 25th, 2025 at 11 am ET on Zoom (2) ID: 964 1415 5183 Passcode: 308405

Attendees: William (MSC Chair); Courbet (Region 6); Marilyn (IG9 AZ); Channen (CO IG605) George from NY (just observing); Reyna from NY, (interested in Teens)

The meeting covered organizational updates including the consolidation of Global Fellowship meetings and discussions about publishing and translating various materials for different age groups. The group addressed the reinstatement of the Young Adult and Teens Subcommittee and planned upcoming events to celebrate organizational anniversaries, while also reviewing committee structures and regional activities. Technical difficulties arose during the meeting when accessing and editing Google Docs for meeting minutes, requiring additional support to resolve the issues.

Focus on the agenda: Member Services Committee

- **MSC Global Fellowship Meeting** report.
 - Eastern Global Fellowship Meeting and Western Global Fellowship have been merged into one Global Fellowship Meeting
Meets on the last Thursday of the month at 11 am ET
 - In the last meeting
 - Marion gave a report on the challenges and the growth of translations into many languages
 - I gave a report on what MSC and RISC is trying to accomplish

- We spent the rest of the meeting discussing the need for translations of the traditions and commitment to service around the world and the need for a more inclusive way to communicate.
- We also discussed the possibility of having alternating international meetings with the alternating chairs using their own language.
- Any further discussion?

➤ **Teen Booklet**

- Member Services has agreed to continue supporting the publishing of Chapter 18 of the BRB into a teen booklet
- Any Questions
- At this time **YAT is still in inactive status** and at this time
 - Courbet and myself have been working on a Suggested YAT Chair Service Position Description
 - **Young Adults and Teens Subcommittee (YAT) Chair - Su**
 - **ggested Service Position Description**
 - 1. 2 years of recovery in ACA**
 - 2. Some kind of previous service**
 - 3. Attend monthly meetings which will be held in conjunction with MSC**
 - 4. Prepare monthly/quarterly/annual reports**
 - 5. Respond to emails**
 - 6. Support Young Adults and Teens on their ACA Recovery journey which includes:**
 - a. Defining a vetting process of adult facilitators to start new Teen Meetings**
 - b. Assist in bringing the Teen Booklet to completion**
 - c. Assist in creating new YAT material and**
- I'd like to discuss the YAT Sbcmtc
 - What will we need before we reinstate the Sbcmtc
 - **Chair**
 - **at least 3 members to support the chair**
 - YAT email.
 - Any further discussion

- The **Celebrations Team** has met twice and I'd like to consider MSC sponsoring a **week long speaker series** for Nov '26 and Jan '28
 - I now have at least 7 trustees who are willing to speak for either the BRB 20th anniversary (November of 2026) (Topic of the BRB) or for our ACA 50th ACA Anniversary celebration (January of 2028)!
 - Do we want to set some tentative dates?
 - We will need members to step up for hosting, tech help and security for these meetings. Are any of you willing to tentatively step up for one or two of these roles?
 - Are there any other ideas for celebrating our anniversaries?
 - Any further discussion? **Courbet Nominated William as Chair to oversee preparations Passed Unanimously**
- **Elections** are coming up in November. Please think about stepping up and into service! **Marilyn will send email with service position descriptions, asking for those interested in these positions.**
- **Marilyn's new AZ ACA Diagram**
- Any **other MSC matters** for consideration?

Regions and Intergroups Subcommittee

- ◆ 9/20 William attended the Great Lakes Intergroup #70 meeting.
- ◆ Reports from **Intergroups** -
 - IG 640 Northern California - Courbet Has annual Sponsorship Workshop, Has Annual Picnic in the Park, Offers free literature to members and meetings in need. contact Courbet 916-833-6074**
 - IG 009 Arizona - Marilyn Has annual retreat, offers workshops, meets monthly and has good attendance**
 - IG 605 Channen - Colorado Actually covers 3 states. Monthly meeting has low attendance but we are moving forward. :**
- ◆ Reports from **Regions**
 - Region 6 ARC ACA Region Connecting Courbet Planning Retreat in 2026, offers annual Sponsorship workshop, offers free literature to members and meetings in need and has donated books to Mexico, Finland, and Canada.**

◆ Regions Formation\Certification

- Is there anything new to report on the **Regions Certification** or with new **regions forming!** **The 2 page document is at the Board for Review. The idea that approval for Regions 2 page certification document be approved at this Committee went to the Board and the Board thought that at this time The Board should handle this . Courbet has a proposal to have the OPPM be changed to allow this to happen at the Committee level. It will be presented at ABC. Also a Responsibility statement will be presented (as it is in AA and Alanon).**
- **Intergroup Handbook**
 - The handbook has been posted to the Intergroup Roundtable and MSC slack channels for several months now, and **is now pinned at the top of each msc slack channel** for review, comments, and edit suggestions
 - In collaboration with the Intergroup Roundtable, MSC has set up a **Revision Team/Working Group** to be held on the third Monday at 11am PT/2pm ET to edit this work
- **Intergroup Handbook Meeting**
 - is held on Zoom the third Monday of the month at 11am PT/2pm ET ID: 832 2274 7561 Passcode: service
 - If interested in being a part of this project, please submit your email addresses to Laura either in slack or by email at intergroupsroundtable@gmail.com
 - Any Further discussion
- Please remember to support the **Intergroups Roundtable**
 - Is held on the second Wednesday of the Month at 4:30 pm PT / 7:30 pm ET **ID:** 832 2274 7561 **Passcode:** service
- **Any other Business**

➤ **Closing/Adjourn-** (1 minute)

- **Motion to adjourn? Courbet, Channen 2nd**
- Close with the ACA Serenity prayer

Higher Power, Grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know that one is me

Next month's meeting is to be held on Monday, October 27th

MSC Western Global Fellowship Meeting

July 24th, 2025, at 9am ET on Zoom (2) ID:

ID: 936 0349 8782 Passcode: 163248Ø

Attendees: Brian (Thailand); Kaz S (WA, USA); Monica S (Portugal) Edmundas (Lithuania) William G-B (FL, USA); Laura L (Ca, USA); Katsumi (Japan)

Global Fellowship Meeting Overview - The Global Fellowship Meeting sponsored by MSC began at 11 a.m. on September 25th. William introduced the agenda and Edmundas volunteered to open the meeting with an affirmation. The meeting was recorded to the cloud.

ACA Principles and Service Traditions - The meeting focused on the principles and traditions of the Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) program, including service commitments and the concept of the month. Edmundas shared a reflection on recovery, and volunteers read the suggested commitments to service and the 12 traditions, emphasizing unity, autonomy, and the primary purpose of ACA. William introduced the concept of the month, highlighting the importance of good service leadership and the role of trustees in world service leadership.

Fellowship Group Vote Schedule - William announced that Sue was unable to attend and would have spoken about the fellowship group vote and ACA name change. He shared details about three upcoming town hall meetings scheduled for October 4th, December 6th, and January 17th, where the fellowship group vote and voting process will be discussed. The voting period is set from October 1st to January 31st.

ACA Anniversary Projects Update - The meeting began with introductions from participants, including Kaz from the Pacific Northwest, Edmundas from Lithuania, Brian from Bangkok, and Mônica from Brazil, who shared their roles and personal experiences. Laura (CA, USA) and Katsumi (Japan) joined the meeting bit later William, the Member Services Chair from Florida, provided updates on several ongoing projects, including the 20th anniversary of the Big Red Book and the 50th anniversary of ACA. He also discussed the progress of the teen booklet, which is in the editing process, and the Intergroup Handbook, which is available for review and comments. William encouraged participants to join the working groups and provided details on how to get involved.

Translation Teams Onboarding and TMS - Monica reported on the onboarding of translation teams for Arabic, German, and Portuguese, and other languages, who are translating foundation literature and updating the website. She explained their implementation of a Translation Management System (TMS) that will help streamline translations through a translation memory feature, ensuring consistency across publications. William inquired about the TMS, and Monica elaborated that it learns from translations and reduces repetitive work, particularly for commonly used phrases. She also mentioned plans to translate the traveler and assist with ballot translations.

Global Fellowship Meeting Support Improvements - The meeting focused on improving communication and support for meetings within the Global Fellowship. William and Laura discussed creating a document to enhance Member Services' support for meetings, with Laura offering to assist. Kaz highlighted the need for better communication from WSO to regions and Intergroups. Brian provided a report on the health of meetings in Bangkok, noting growth and cooperation with the Philippines. The group discussed ongoing surveys and the name change process. Monica volunteered to chair the next meeting in Portuguese, with William offering support. This is being done as an experiment to try something new and give members of the global community a chance to express themselves in an authentic way. The conversation ended with a brief discussion about Japanese translations.

The next meeting of the “MSC Global Fellowship Meeting” will be held October 23rd, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 11am ET.