

ACA SMR Business Agenda

January 16, 2023

1. Call to Order
2. ACA Serenity Prayer
3. General Guidelines
4. Call for Service
5. Motion to Adopt the Agenda
6. Reading of Traditions and Commitments to Service
7. Approval of Minutes
8. Reports
9. New Business: Presentation of Motions (slides)
10. Brainstorming Session 3
11. Announcements and Next Meeting
12. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

OPENING

1. **Call to Order:** *The meeting will come to order. Welcome to the Group Conscience Business Meeting of the ACA Strengthening My Recovery on-line meeting. My name is Jean, and I will be leading this meeting. Let's open with a moment of silence, followed by our Serenity Prayer.*
2. **ACA Serenity Prayer:**
3. **General guidelines for this meeting only.** *These guidelines help keep the meeting safe.*
 1. To be called on to speak, please use the Raise Hand function. The GC secretary will call on you.
 2. Waiting to do your second share until everyone has had an opportunity to share. (pg 595 BRB)
 3. To ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak, shares are limited to two minutes for Trusted Servants giving reports and one minute for questions and discussions
 4. We do not interrupt one another and abide by the "no cross talk" rule. (BRB 598)
 5. For the safety of the meeting in this group, the chat function will be disabled during the reporting portion of the meeting. The chat will be enabled during the brainstorming session.
 6. We ask that children not be brought to a business meeting so that disruptions can be avoided. This is true for our Inner Children because they, too, need attention and are equally disruptive in meetings. (BRB 597)
 7. Business meeting to adjourn at 10:00 am ET.

4. **Call for Service:** *May I have a volunteer to take minutes of this meeting? May I have a volunteer to keep track of time in this meeting – to let us know time at 45 minutes and 60 minutes.*

Recording Secretary: Carmen *has volunteered to be the Recording Secretary*

Timekeeper: *has volunteered to be the timekeeper.*

5. **Motion to adopt the agenda:** *May I please have a motion to adopt the agenda as presented? Second? All in favor, please say Aye*
6. **Volunteer to read Traditions:** *May I have 3 volunteers to raise your hands and read Traditions 1,2, 3, 4, 5 & 12*

Tradition 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on ACA unity.

Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Tradition 3: The only requirement for membership in ACA is desire to recover from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family.

Tradition 4: Each group is autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or ACA as a whole. We cooperate with all other Twelve Step programs.

Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the adult child who still suffers.

Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Volunteer to read Commitments to Service: *May I have 3 volunteers to raise your hands and read 3 commitments each?*

I perform service so that my program will be available for myself, and through those efforts, others may benefit. I will perform service and practice my recovery by:

1. Affirming that the true power of our program rests in the membership of the meetings and is expressed through our Higher Power and through group conscience.
 2. Confirming that our process is one of inclusion and not exclusion; showing special sensitivity to the viewpoint of the minority in the process of formulating the group conscience so that any decision is reflective of the spirit of the group and not merely the vote of the majority.
 3. Placing principles before personalities.
 4. Keeping myself fit for service by working my recovery as a member of the program.
 5. Striving to facilitate the sharing of experience, strength, and hope at all levels: meetings, Intergroups, Regional committees, service boards, and World Services.
 6. Accepting the different forms and levels of service and allowing those around me to each function according to their own abilities.
 7. Remaining willing to forgive myself and others for not performing perfectly.
 8. Being willing to surrender the position in which I serve in the interest of unity and to provide the opportunity for others to serve; to avoid problems of money, property, and prestige; and to avoid losing my own recovery through the use of service to act out my old behavior, especially in taking care of others, controlling, rescuing, being a victim, etc.
 9. Remembering I am a trusted servant; I do not govern.
7. **Approval of Minutes:** *The first order of business order is the approval of the minutes from the previous meetings. The minutes were posted on the website.*

December 19, 2022 minutes: *Are there any corrections to the minutes? Are there any further corrections to the minutes? There being no corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved.*

8. **Reports: [XX Minutes]:** *We will now hear reports from other Trusted Servants. Please hold any questions/discussion until the end of each person's report.*

Treasurer: Adam K *May we have the treasurer's report? Are there any questions? The report will be filed and posted on the website.*

Service Team: Krista & Boaz *May we have the service team report? Are there any questions? The report will be filed and posted on the website.*

Communications: Lisa & Joy *May we have the communications team report? Are there any questions? The report will be filed and posted on the website.*

WSO Representative: Vivienne *May we have the WSO representative's report? Are there any questions? The report will be filed and posted on the website.*

Website: Conrad *May we have the webservant's report? Are there any questions? The report will be filed and posted on the website.*

9. **Brainstorming session three:** For the past two months, the sticky notes were created and categorized into themes by the GC team. We created breakout rooms for members to discuss the themes/topics presented. Session 3 involves looking at the motions and creating workable solutions.
10. **Announcements and Next Meeting** *Does anyone have any announcements? The next business meeting will be held on [date].*

Next meeting – February 20th

11. **Adjournment and Closing Prayer** *May I have a motion to adjourn this meeting? Second? All in favor, say Aye.*

The meeting is adjourned at ...

Would you please help me close this meeting with a moment of silence followed by The ACA Serenity Prayer.