

ACA SMR Business Minutes

February 20, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by GC Secretary at 8:49 AM.

A. ACA Serenity Prayer

B. General guidelines for this meeting only. A volunteer read the guidelines.

1. *To be called on to speak, please use the digital 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. (BRB 595)*
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 during shares.*
5. *We ask that (Inner) children not be brought to a business meeting so that disruptions can be avoided. (BRB 597)*

C. Call for Service:

Recording Secretary: Carmen M.

Timekeeper: Lisa FL

D. Motion to adopt the agenda: Cynthia motion, Lisa G. second. Verbal Vote. Motion passed.

E. Volunteer to read Traditions: 6 volunteers read the ACA Traditions.

F. Volunteer to read Commitments to Service: 3 volunteers read the commitments to service?

1. 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:
 - a) *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.*
 - b) *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.*
 - c) *Placing principles before personalities.*
 - d) *Keeping myself fit for service by working my recovery as a member of the program.*
 - e) *Striving to facilitate the sharing of experience, strength, and hope at all levels: meetings, Intergroups, Regional committees, service boards, and World Services.*
 - f) *Accepting the different forms and levels of service and allowing those around me to each function according to their own abilities.*
 - g) *Remaining willing to forgive myself and others for not performing perfectly.*

- h) *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.*
- i) *Remembering I am a trusted servant; I do not govern.*

G. Approval of Minutes:

December 19, 2022 minutes: There being no corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved.

January 16, 2023 minutes: There being no corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved.

H. Reports:

Treasurer: Adam K gave report. \$732 in contributions for January. \$600 distributions to WSO and \$50 in expenses, leaving an end balance of \$109.69. There were no questions. The report will be filed and posted on the website.

Service Team: Krista & Boaz. Krista gave report. There were no questions. The report will be filed and posted on the website.

Communications: Lisa & Joy. Lisa gave report. Lisa will be rotating out of this service position as of March 1, 2023. There were no questions. The report will be filed and posted on the website.

WSO Representative: Vivienne gave report. 2022 WSO report complete. \$81,000 net loss and WSO currently operating without prudent reserve. Questions: 1. Could the link to this report and the links in the report be put into the chat? This report will be on the website where all members have access. 2. Will Vivienne be the meeting delegate for our group at the ABC Annual Convention? Yes, she has agreed to be the delegate. The report will be filed and posted on the website.

Website: Conrad gave report. Visitors for January 2023 were 4017, down slightly from December 2022. Conrad will be stepping down from this position in March 2023. Question: 1. There is a link to the moderator files on our website that links to the old slide version. Can you please investigate and fix this? He agreed to look into it. The report will be filed and posted on the website.

I. Old Business: voting on meditation slide that has been tested in meetings for the last month to be added to slide deck. Tim presented motion in November 2022 and Christy second. Tim not at this meeting.

1. Voting on Meditation Slide: Digital hand raise vote.

a) Yes=28

b) Oppose= 1

i. Minority opinion: The flower on the slide looks like a lotus flower which represents the Buddhist religion.

ii. Member clarified that the flower is a water lily.

iii. Other members expressed that this may be confusing.

- iv. Suggestions offered: take image off and have only text, rotate images quarterly, and use the meeting logo for consistency.
- 2. Call for abstain vote: Abstain=6 (digital hand raise vote)
- 3. Questions:
 - i. What was the original motion?
 - ii. Do we revote?
 - iii. Should there be an amendment or new motion?
- 4. Comments:
 - i. Meeting does not follow Robert's Rules.
 - ii. Meeting format on the website. After a minority opinion is heard, ask if someone would like to amend their vote. If one person says yes, a new vote is taken.
 - iii. Person who brings the agenda item must be at the meeting. Question: once a motion is presented and seconded, does it belong to the group or the person who presented it?
- 5. The GC Secretary called for a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Sarah second. Digital hand raise vote. Motion passed.
Yes=19
No=3

J. Announcements:

- 1. Next meeting – March 20, 2023
- 2. Elections – February 26, 2023 (Treasurer, Communication co-secretary, GC secretary)
- 3. Ad hoc safety resource team is being formed. Please contact Lisa G. for more information. The team will look at notes from Safety Meetings and make recommendations to be voted on at the business meeting or Group Conscience meeting.

K. Adjournment and Closing Prayer: The meeting is adjourned at 9:53 AM.