

ACA SMR Election Minutes

06.09.24 [Revised 06.15.24]

- **Call to Order:** Jim R 8:48 AM ET, stepped up to chair with no other takers.
- **ACA Serenity Prayer**
- **General Guideline:** Jim
- **Call for Service: Recording Secretary:** Lisa M
- **Timekeeper:** Stephen
- **Motion to adopt the agenda:** Stephen made motion, Lisa seconded, Vote with no opposition
- **Volunteer to read Tradition Six:** Brenda
- **Volunteer to read Commitments to Service:** Tricia
- **Nominations and elections:** Nickie opened floor for elections; Sandy seconded.
- **Web Servant:** Vivienne nominated Staci; Lisa seconded. Staci spoke about her interest and capabilities, went to a breakout room. Vote of 27 attendees: 16 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
- **Communication Co-Secretary:** Staci nominated Andy; Vivienne seconded. Questions answered, position description reviewed. Vote of 23 attendees: 14 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.
- **Service Co-Secretary:** no nominations, Vivienne asked of interest, a member said that she was intimidated to nominate herself due to the brutal criticism aimed at trusted servants of this meeting. Rene asked that this comment be noted in the notes. Jim asked for this topic to be brought up at next week's business meeting for discussion, or at an after meeting.
- **Business Meeting Co-Chair:** no nominations, Jim read existing position description and asked if anyone would like to nominate themselves. No response. Question by Clara: would they have to follow the guidelines, or would they have the freedom to build brand new? Answer: study group has been working on the script for last several months, so script developed by the group would be followed. Clara said she would love to do it but cannot do it abide by the group's decisions but would like to post her ideas for a different structure via a link in the chat.¹ Jim asked if anyone wanted to nominate themselves at this time. No response from 22 attendees.
- **Extension of meeting 9:40 AM ET to 10 AM ET:** Stephen, seconded by Cori. No opposition.
- **Revisit two open positions:**
 - **Business Meeting Co-Chair**

¹ Clara subsequently requested via email that this information be inserted into the meeting notes: "*I would love to do it but I can not do it as I find the current guidelines to go against the spiritual principle of unity which is the number one principle of our ACA traditions. And that's the reason why I decided to present a new set of guidelines and shared it with the group, at the business study group meeting, when answering the survey and chat.*"

- **Service Co-Secretary:** Laura S indicated interest and background that has many of the same elements. Vivienne nominated, Von seconded. Discussion: Phillippe asked two questions 1) length of position and 2) how group conscience applies in this group. Staci added that length of service can be 1-2 years, depending on role and learning curve, and commented that there was no pay. Vote of 15 attendees: 11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
- **Extension of meeting 10 AM ET to 10:05 AM ET:** Stephen, seconded by Von. No opposition. The purpose is to discuss the issue of Group Conscience raised by Phillippe and when and if appropriate to call one immediately. Lisa commented, Vivienne commented, Jim commented, Jim commented, Phillippe commented.
- **Extension of meeting 10:08 AM ET to 10:18 AM ET:** Continued discussion: Laura commented, Jim commented, Lisa commented, Von commented, Stephen commented, Vivienne commented. Jim gave direction on how to use our globally available method for anyone in the fellowship to raise a motion, go through commenting and online polling. This opportunity is available to the whole fellowship at any time.
- **10:17** Motion to close meeting by Von, seconded by Vivienne.
- **Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** Led by Von.