

NE US Region of ACA
Monthly Conference Call
Wed October 26, 2022
6:30-8:30 pm EDT
Minutes

Attendance

- Josephine (NCA) - voting
- Hank (NJ) - voting
- Chris C (RI) - voting
- Richard (NH no IG) - non-voting
- Brad (NCA) - non-voting
- Liz (CT) - voting
- Lisa L (non-IG) - voting
- Laura - visitor form WSO Region Committee

Minutes/Agenda

- Approval of September minutes (Sue motion, Chris C. 2nd, Yes-5 Unanimous)
- Approval/Amendment of Agenda (Sue motion Hank 2nd, 5 Yes-5 Unanimous)

Open Positions (comes with training)

- Secretary - Open
- Events Committee - Open
- Web/Tech Committee Chair - Open

Officer Reports

- Chair (Sue B.)
- Secretary (Open)
- Treasurer (Chris C.)
 - [Treasurer's Report](#)

- Banking Business
- Have checks to deposit but unable without proper signature authority with the bank
- Need letter w/permission to deposit checks; debit card.
- Chris C. be added to account as signator, Chris J as co-signator; Justine removed, letter prepared for bank (full name, account #, name of bank), and meet with the bank. (Liz motion; Hank 2nd Yes-5 Unanimous)
- Letter of Authorization found in Foundation Doc on NE Region Google docs.
- Drafted and sent to Chris C. for review and/or changes
- Request for \$300 for RI IG for new meeting
- Discussion:
 - IG should be responsible to provide financial assistance
 - Region looking into setting up a scholarship (Finance Committee)
 - What do we want to encourage IG's to do and provide?
 - Set parameters
- RI Speaker November event
 - Endorse and provide financial support
 - Region not set up yet to provide this at this time
- Raise prudent reserve to \$1,800 to include scholarship fund of \$300
- Lower current WSO donation from \$130/mo (\$1,560/yr) to \$10/mo and give in lump sum when have surplus over and above prudent reserve
- Make donation of \$1,500 from surplus to WSO
 - Last three bullet items (Sue motion, Liz 2nd, Yes-5 Unanimous)
- Need to track what donations are going to WSO. They show only \$1K
- Need to explore finding another bank (Finance Committee)
 - Current bank location is not convenient.
 - Charges a monthly fee and must do 3 transactions per month
- Region Trustee (Liz C.)
 - First Quarterly Meeting - November 12th

- Group, IG, and Region Representation encouraged
 - Registered Delegates are automatically invited
 - Group contacts get an email
- Talking about 7th tradition issue
- What delegates want from structure of meeting
- Worldwide timing in holding events (more equitable)
- Publishing has made progress
 - Books for sale all around the world
 - Getting printed outside the US
- WSO IT working on updating meeting links and removing “dead meetings”
- Need to elect delegate to go to the meeting - Josephine backup (Motion Sue, Lisa 2nd; Yes -4 ; 1 Abstaining)
- ABC Delegate (Chris J.) - not present

Committee Reports (3 min ea.)

- Policy Committee (Sue B.)
 - Need to send out policy document for review
- Events Committee (Open)
- Web & Tech Committee Chair (Open)
- In-reach & Outreach Committee (Chris C., Chris J. & Lisa L.)
 - Nothing to report
- IG Best Practice Committee (Brad & Josh)
 - Post on website
 - Brad withdrawing from Committee
 - Good start on document
 - Concept fertile group for expanding inreach and outreach resources (people and time)

Purpose of Region (Discussion)

- What could help
 - Best practices
 - Zoom has a video out on best way to do hybrid meetings

- Hybrid meetings are difficult without a budget for a large screen in the room, laptop, speakers, etc.
- Communicate to groups and let them know that you can ask disruptive people not to come to meeting
- IG meeting - problems and how to solve
- Events - shame, game night, awareness of ACA in Region
- Need point people to implement ideas
 - Need IT Chair to post on website
 - Need Events Chair with energy to make some of this happen
- Keep regions alive pinpoint what our purpose is and get people involved in what that purpose is
- Come up with some tasks in each meeting
- What is the difference between mission and purpose?
- Zoom meeting region pays for function we perform
- Region to take on conflicts?
- Have some purpose in helping IG dealing with group dynamics don't have depth to do that right now
- Groups not talking with IG but WSO so WSO wants regions to take on more responsibility
- Offer open house to facilitate IG to discuss
- What do we do about an open model (fellow travelers) with no directive to do service; service people burned out; people coming to meetings not working the steps; other programs more prescriptive.
- Safe place to bring this. Need more structure around this.
- How relevant are we?

New Business

- Contact regions@acawso.org to update your Regions contact info at least once a year. WSO Regions Listing shows the former chair's phone number.

Next meeting November 30, 2022, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm (Sue motion; Lisa 2nd; 5-Yes, Unanimous)

Meeting Adjourned (Brad motion, Liz 2nd, 5-Yes, Unanimous)