

ACA Intergroup Minutes January 2021

Welcome and round the room	
Service Prayer	Higher Power, we are your trusted servants seeking to support ACA and its primary purpose. Please remind us that the life of our program and our own recovery depends upon our willingness to put the unity of our intergroup first, above our own will.
Tradition	(1) Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on ACA unity.
Concept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for ACA World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.
Attendees	
IG Sydney	Service Positions: Chairperson (John M), Treasurer (Bill H), Secretary (Tiffany M), Zoom Convenor (George), Lawrence (RSG and Steps Study Coordinator), Peter (H&I), Leonard (Literature Chair), Sharon (WSO), Kevin (Website Coordinator),
IGs Australia	
IRs	Men's Group Wed (Lawrence), New Hope Thursday Evening (George), Erskineville Friday (Laura), Lunchtime Meditations (Clare), Waverley Friday (Margaret), Sydney Promises Group (Patricia T), ACOA Parents and Grandparents in ACA (George), Tony A Zoom (Mary), Australia and New Zealand Global Coordinator, Global Members Sub Committee (Monique), Rosebud (Asma)
Observers	James (Men's Group), Jodi, Janine (interest in Literature Chair), David T.
Apologies	Maria (Narraweena), Oriana (Activities Chair), Alison (Newsletter and Maroochydore), Maryjoy (Tuesday 6pm Erskineville 'The ACOA Experience' by Tony A and Monday 7pm Sydney Open Steps Study Group), In Person Chatswood Tony A's 12 Steps (Karen)
Previous minutes	MOTION: To accept the December Intergroup Minutes Moved: John M Seconded: Clare W Accepted Unanimously

IR Reports	
General	IR reports were deferred to the February meeting. Below are reports provided by GSR reps who had submitted their reports before the meeting. Please note that all IR reports should be emailed to the secretary at secretary@acoasydney.com.au

IR Reports	<p>Narraweena Tuesday Afternoon (Maria M): Face to face 12 Step meetings were closed in the Northern Beaches Council area from Friday 18th December for the Xmas Holiday period due to Covid Lockdown. ACA Tues Narraweena reopened f2face 5th January for 22 attendees, wearing masks and keeping 4sq/m social distancing. Zoom Meeting attracting many overseas visitors, with less than a handful of Australians running the meeting.</p> <p>No funds to Intergroup this month due to pending Literature Order. However, following WSO request for each member to donate an extra \$7 (where able) in January for the 7th Tradition to go to WSO for the 43rd anniversary of ACA's founding. Question arises as to how this money to be directed to WSO. Can the group do a one-off donation to WSO at the end of January for this, or do it through Intergroup?</p> <p>Waverley Friday (Margaret): Both person to person and Zoom meeting going very well. Averaging 13 people at each meeting. \$100 donation has been made to Intergroup today. Rent for person to person paid till April. Zoom meeting paid up also. All service positions filled. Sharyn P is Co Group service Rep with me.</p> <p>Just reiterating that moving person to person meeting to the Waverley Library - Theory Room has been postponed until mid February due to library current closure at 6pm. We will continue in Mill Hill Centre till then.</p> <p>Men's Group (Acting IR Rep: Lawrence): The meeting has a regular attendance of 20 people approximately of local and international member. We have a functional group conscience that shares the group roles on a week to week basis. The GSR position is available.</p> <p>Tony A's Way In Person Saturday (Report from Karen): The Saturday Tony A meeting has been closed because the Dougherty Centre has been closed but the regulars have been meeting at a coffee shop in Chatswood Westfield. We are back next week on the 16th at the centre.</p> <p>Lunchtime Club (Clare W): The meeting runs 5 days a week with 2 hosts each day and has about 40-45 attendees including international members. Host turnover and training of new hosts serves the group well. Dominance continues to be challenging and the monthly group conscience has not voted on nor adopted any remedy. Secretary role remains unfilled.</p>

Executive Reports			
Service Positions	Secretary Tiff. M Chair John H&I Peter Literature Leonard	Treasurer Bill WSO Sharon Activities Oriana RSG Lawrence	Admin Vacant Info Jules E News Alison ZOOM George
Intergroup Accounts Statement Bill	Intergroup Account	Literature Account	Activities Account
	No update for this meeting	No update for this meeting	No update for this meeting
Chair Update John	No update for this meeting.		
Secretary Tiffany	All IR reports need to be mailed to secretary@acoasydney.com.au as the google form can't be accessed currently. A dropbox account will be set up in Dec. / Jan and information about telephone service will be provided at February meeting.		
Treasurer Bill	No update for this meeting.		

H & I Peter	In mid Dec H&I had run out of available speakers (who weren't already in place for the rest of Dec, or who hadn't already attended in the previous week's). So I had to ask the solitary speaker rostered that Monday to pressgang a suitable partner from members she knew to join her. Fortunately, that speaker was Alison (Newsletter) who posted a call to arms of such Churchillian proportion, that this resulted in the number of speakers now volunteering on the roster to double! We now have 20 ACA members volunteering to do H&I! This includes 10 H&I first-timers who will be paired up over the coming months with the old hands. A huge thank you to Alison. This is a good example of one Intergroup portfolio supporting another. I will be looking forward to working with Alison, using her skills in the Newsletter and other postings to carry the message within the fellowship about this important 12th Step and Recovery tool -- the Hospital & institution speaker.
Literature Lawrence	No update for this meeting.
WSO Sharon	No update for this meeting.
Activities Oriana	No Update for this meeting.
Ready Set Go Lawrence	Both 18 week Yellow Workbook Study Groups are filled. We have another 30 people registered for future groups. RSG Committee will meet next month to discuss and plan the years workshops and dates.
ZOOM George	No update for this meeting.
Web Kevin	Kevin prepared a list of functionality on the current live site and what has been developed for our new site. Areas to look at closely are use of sliding galleries and how the shop is set up as that's what has crippled the new site. Kevin suggests this list be discussed, updated and then request three quotes. Quotes should include price, time taken and final delivery. It should also include technologies used (we require WordPress), testing done and acceptance testing to be done by us before final payment. To avoid loss of money, it is suggested that a deposit be paid and the rest on delivery (after acceptance testing). As part of this work, user documentation and technical documentation needs to be prepared. A good development house won't have any problem agreeing to all of these requirements.
Info Email	No update for this meeting.
e-News Alison	No update for this meeting.

Inter Group Sydney Elections

Inter Group Sydney Position Descriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to accept the Inter Group Sydney Positions Descriptions (prepared by John M. and aligned with Oregon ACA position descriptions) Moved: John M Seconded: Tiffany Accepted Unanimously
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**Inter Group
Position Elections**

The following IRs were in attendance and had representatives who voted:

- Friday Waverley
- Lunchtime Club
- Sydney Promises Group
- Erskineville Friday
- ACA Food and Emotions
- Men's Wednesday
- Zoom Tony A's Way
- New Hope Thursday
- Parents and Grandparents in ACA
- Rosebud

John M. declared the positions vacant and thanked everyone who held a position for their great work and dedication. John agreed to chair this part of the meeting.

Position Elections:

1) Secretary:

John M nominated Tiffany
George G seconded
Tiffany accepted
Majority voted in favour.

2) Literature Chair:

John M nominated Janine
Clare W. seconded
Janine accepted
Majority voted in favour.

3) Treasurer:

John M nominated Bill
George G. seconded
Bill accepted
Majority voted in favour

4) Activities:

John M. nominated Oriana
George G. seconded
Oriana (in principle acceptance as wasn't at the meeting)
Majority voted in favour

5) H&I Coordinator:

George G. nominated Peter
Asma seconded
Peter accepted
Majority voted in favour

6) Insurance Coordinator:

The meeting agreed that this task (renewing and maintaining Public Liability Insurance) could be overseen by the Secretary position

7) Newsletter:

John M. nominated Alison (current newsletter coordinator)
George G. seconded
Alison to confirm at the next Inter Group Meeting
Majority voted in favour

8) Public Information Coordinator:

John M. nominated Jules
George G. seconded
Jules accepted
Majority voted in favour

9) Website Manager:

John M. nominated Kevin
Clare W. seconded
Kevin accepted
Majority voted in favour

	<p>10) World Service Organisation, Inter Group Sydney Representative: Sharon nominated Monique George G. seconded Monique accepted Majority voted in favour</p> <p>11) Zoom Coordinator (3 accounts): Note: Meeting agreed that this position was needed Laura nominated George Asma seconded George accepted Majority voted in favour</p> <p>12) Chairperson: Note: John M. vacated chairing this part of the meeting and Sharon stepped in to chair. Sharon P. nominated John M. George G. seconded Majority voted in favour Note: John M. returned to chairing the meeting</p> <p>13) Vice Chairperson: George G. nominated Sharon P. Bill seconded The decision was deferred until the February meeting to allow for further consideration.</p> <p>The meeting agreed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Each position should have a support person who could learn the role which would also more people to step up to service positions and learning how to do them before stepping into the position 2) This approach to service positions will be promoted on the facebook page and in the newsletter and elections held at the February Inter Group meeting

Continued Business	
ACA Sydney Telephone Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to next meeting
New Business	

Next IG Sydney Meeting	
Saturday 11am, 13 February 2021 (via ZOOM)	