

ACA Intergroup Minutes 13 March 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	(3) The only requirement for membership in ACA is a desire to recover from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family.
Concept	3) As a means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relationship between the ACA meetings, the ACA WSO Board of Trustees, and its staff and committees, and thus ensuring their effective leadership, it is herein suggested that we endow each of these elements of service with the traditional Right of Decision.* <i>*The right of decision as defined herein refers to: (1) the right and responsibility of each trusted servant to speak and vote his/her own conscience, in the absence of any contrary mandate, on any issue regardless of the level of service; (2) the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the Commitment to Service will be followed by trusted servants in decision making; (3) delegates to the Annual Business Conference are trusted servants and therefore equally guided by the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and the Commitment to Service; (3) standard practice that decisions made by subcommittees are subject to the authority of the service body which creates its mission and defines its parameters.</i>
Attendees	
IG Sydney	Service Positions: Chairperson (John M), Vice Chair (Oriana), Treasurer (Bill H), Secretary (Tiffany M), Zoom Convenor (George), Peter (H&I), Jules (Info Email), Kevin (Website Coordinator), Oriana (Activities Chair)
IGs Australia	
IRs	Emotions and Eating (Jules), Men's Group Wed (Lawrence), New Hope Thursday Evening (George), Waverley Fri. (Sharon), 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), Narraweena (Ali), Sydney Open Steps (John Michael), Granville Tues. (Peter)
Observers	
Apologies	Literature (Janine), Lawrence (RSG and Steps Study Coordinator)
Previous minutes	MOTION: To accept the February Intergroup Minutes Moved: John M Seconded: George G Accepted Unanimously

IR Reports	
General	Please note that all IR reports should be emailed to the secretary at secretary@acoasydney.com.au

IR Reports	<p>Narraweena Tuesday Afternoon (Ali): Secretary: Sue will be Secretary for March; Peter in April and May Treasurer: Odette Alternate Treasurer: Sue Literature: Kim It was decided that we separate our face-to-face group from the Tuesday Zoom group. Ali agreed to be the new GSR. Todd will be our alternate GSR. The group discussed changes to the source of our topic for meetings which will now be the BRB beginning from Chapter 1. We will trial having someone read a paragraph then open the meeting to whomever wants to open-share on each paragraph etc. Peter will draft a new script for the meeting. Intergroup will receive \$150. The group thanked Maria for the great job she did as our GSR.</p> <p>Waverley Friday (Margaret): Fri Group Report- both zoom and in person meetings going well and continuing. Averaging 12 at each meeting. All service positions filled. Rent paid till April. No further notice on when we will be moving to the Library ie Theory Room. At our last Group Con we voted a Yes to Proposals 8,9,10,11,16 for 2021 ABC Ballot.</p> <p>The Queer Solution (Bill): 3 meetings so far, 12 – 22 attendees. 4 Group members. Positions not filled as yet, waiting for GC. Group has its own Bank Account. Group has its own Paypal</p> <p>Global Members' Report (Monique): Teen and young ACOA meetings are happening in the US. Monique asked for a volunteer to help share the message with teens and young people (this could be a newsletter item). Otherwise business as usual. If people are interested in being a global member / delegate, there is delegate training.</p> <p>Open Step Sydney: Group members: 15, Average attendance: 18 + CO-HOST take care when monitoring The Waiting Room. Admit latecomers at an appropriate time to minimise distractions at the meeting. Keep our meeting Safe and Secure. It was noted that the group has struggled with safety in the zoom meeting format.</p> <p>Brenda to organise voting for 18 proposals for WSO ABC If you want to take part please research the proposals for discussion at our Feb GC Voting to take place at our March GC Questions: Do you have to be present to vote? No Can members from other groups vote on proposals at our GC? No Are votes counted as a group or by the individual? Group is counted as 1 vote Proposals 1. Yes No No opinion 2. Yes No No opinion 3. Yes No No opinion 4. Yes No No opinion 5. Yes No No opinion 6. Yes No No opinion 7. Yes No No opinion 8. Yes No No opinion 9. Yes No No opinion 10. Yes No No opinion 11. Yes No No opinion 12. Yes No No opinion 13. Yes No No opinion 14. Yes No No opinion 15. Yes No No opinion 16. Yes No No opinion 17. Yes No No opinion 18. Yes No No opinion Everyone extremely grateful to Brenda for her service to get this done.</p> <p>Lunchtime Club (George): Meeting is almost 1 year old and is going well. This group established the Sunday Gestr Speakers meeting which has been drawing a large number of participants. And this month also marks 1 year for the New Hope Beginners Meeting which takes place on Thursday via zoom.</p> <p>ACTION ARISING: ESTABLISH A GSR WORKING GROUP TO FOCUS ON ZOOM MEETING SAFETY</p>
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Executive Reports			
Service Positions	Secretary Tiff. M Chair John H&I Peter Literature Janine	Treasurer Bill WSO Rep Vacant Activities Oriana RSG Lawrence	Info Jules E News Vacant ZOOM George Website: Kevin
Intergroup Accounts Statement Bill	Intergroup Account	Literature Account	Activities Account
	\$12,130.05	\$9807.76	\$1,185.24
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.		

<p>Treasurer Bill</p>	<p>Seventh Traditions for March: \$868.50, discernible groups included Waverley, Granville and Narrabeen \$7 for the 7th Tradition No Deposits yet Group Deposit codes for 7th Tradition No Responses yet 7th Tradition Donation to WSO Kevin has suggested -- on my asking for a generous amount to have to hand -- that \$10,000 be set aside for website, and any contingency monies. Recommendation: Donate \$3000, plus any 747 donations at the end of March to WSO. (This would be considering that the Literature account can contribute to the website) Combined Main and Literature accounts currently at 21,937. (pending a major Literature order coming up in the next two months) PayPal A business paypal account keeps on being rejected by Paypal as we don't have a business address. (place of operation) Follow-up items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signatories form sent out to current signatories. New signatories signed up: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer • Template Form for purchase approvals (to be sent to intergroup for approval, and connected by number to invoice when it comes in. <p>Motion: \$3000 donation to go to WSO Moved: Bill Seconded George Motion Passed Unanimously</p> <p>Action: Givenow to be followed up and Monique to follow up with WSO and another 12 step program to see if ACOA Sydney can use their place of business so Paypal account can be set up.</p>
<p>H & I Peter</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Literature Janine</p>	<p>Photographs attached to minutes with monthly sales and order figures</p>
<p>WSO</p>	<p>WSO Vacancy: Motion to appoint Monique as ACOA Sydney WSO Rep Moved: George Seconded: Ali Motion Accepted Unanimously</p>
<p>Activities Oriana</p>	<p>No Update for this meeting.</p>
<p>ZOOM George</p>	<p>Discussion as to whether Sydney zoom account should have break out rooms. It was discussed that group meetings should be able to organise breakout rooms and they the responsibility of managing those break out rooms sat with each gsr. Motion: GSRs to be able to use breakout rooms when using the Sydney Zoom Accounts and that each GSR which uses these is responsible for managing them. Moved: George Seconded: Bill Motion Accepted Unanimously</p>
<p>Web Kevin</p>	<p>Website Coordinator email has been set up webby@acoasydney.com.au. Quotes from web designers are being sourced.</p>
<p>Info Email</p>	<p>No update for this meeting.</p>
<p>e-News</p>	<p>Alison has stood down from the position and we need a volunteer for this position.</p>

Continued Business

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

Next IG Sydney Meeting	
Saturday 11am, 10 April 2021 (via ZOOM)	