

## ACA Intergroup Minutes November 2020

| <b>Welcome and round the room</b> |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Service Prayer</b>             | 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.  |
| <b>Tradition</b>                  | (11) Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, films, and other public media.  |
| <b>Concept</b>                    | (11) While the Trustees hold final responsibility for ACA's World Service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate trustees, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern. |
| <b>Attendees</b>                  |   |
| <b>IG Sydney</b>                  | Service Positions: John M. (Chairperson), Bill H (Treasurer), Tiffany M (Secretary), George (Zoom Convenor), Lawrence (RSG Coordinator)   |
| <b>IGs Australia</b>              |   |
| <b>GSRs</b>                       | Erskineville Friday (Laura), H&I (Peter), Narraweena Tues (Maria), Men's Group Wed (John), New Hope Thursday Evening (George), Saturday Morning Ultimo (Nic), Lunchtime Meditations (Clare), Inner Child (Lawrence)   |
| <b>Observers</b>                  |   |
| <b>Apologies</b>                  | Simone (ACOA Sydney Telephone), Maryjoy (Erskineville Tues. Laundry List meeting), Alison (Newsletter and Maroochydore), Waverely Friday (Margaret)   |
| <b>Previous minutes</b>           | <b>MOTION: To accept the September Intergroup Minutes with noted amendment on page 2, identifying Bill as Treasurer:</b><br><b>Moved: John M</b><br><b>Seconded: Maria M</b><br><b>Accepted Unanimously</b>   |

| <b>GSR Reports</b> |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>General</b>     | An administrative point was moved by George and Seconded by John which was that each GSR report be limited to 2 minutes. All participants agreed.<br><b>Action: All GSR reports should be emailed to the secretary at <a href="mailto:secretary@acoasydney.com.au">secretary@acoasydney.com.au</a></b> |

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>GSR Reports</b> | <p><b>Narraweena Tuesday Afternoon (Maria M):</b> Narraweena Tuesday 12.30pm: Our F2F and Zoom Meetings are healthy, and still being run concurrently, and attracting an average of 15 members at each meeting. Secretary position is held from one Business Meeting to the next. There are no 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions to Intergroup this month, due to a literature order placement.</p> <p><b>Ultimo Sat Morning (Nic):</b> Meeting continues to be held via zoom and the group is travelling on as it has been. Members do want a face to face meeting but venue isn't appropriate for this at the moment. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is picking up.</p> <p><b>Lunchtime Meditations (Clare W):</b> there are 30 – 50 people participating each day, with 7-12 regular international participants and a good turnover of different people joining the. A group conscience was held to discuss whether zoom meetings should have cameras on or off and so far the issue hasn't been resolved. Currently it is not an obligation. A Saturday lunchtime meeting might start but so far there is no host. Clare shares the need to make 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations after each intergroup meeting.</p> <p><b>Friday Erskineville (Laura):</b> 20 – 30 participants each week and on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November will move zoom meeting onto intergroup zoom account. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition conversations are happening.</p> <p><b>New Hope, Thursday Evening (George G):</b> 40 – 50 people participating regularly. Steps group will begin in January. The WhatsApp group has 109 members and there are 7 hosts that share the running of the meeting. A parents and grandparents group has started with 25 people participating in the first meeting and 21 in the second.</p> <p><b>Men's Group (John):</b> 15-20 people participating in this meeting which is held on zoom. Call for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions has been made.</p> <p><b>Inner Child Meditation:</b> Between 40 and 60 people participate each week. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is an issue and a group conscience will be held to discuss.</p> |
|--------------------|--|

| <b>Executive Reports</b>     |  |   |  |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Service Positions</b>     | <b>Secretary</b> Tiff. M<br><b>Chair</b> John<br><b>H&amp;I</b> Vacant<br><b>Literature</b> Leonard  | <b>Treasurer</b> Bill<br><b>WSO</b> Sharon<br><b>Activities</b> Oriana<br><b>RSG</b> Lawrence | <b>Admin</b> Vacant<br><b>Info</b> Jules<br><b>E News</b> Alison<br><b>ZOOM</b> George |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Bill     | <b>Intergroup Account</b>  | <b>Literature Account</b>   | <b>Activities Account</b>  |
|                              | \$10,220.05 (\$1380)   | \$9000.52   | \$1175   |
| <b>Secretary</b><br>Tiffany  | <b>Action: Tiffany to set up dropbox account</b>   |   |  |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Bill     | Paypal: Bill is working on this and it might be easier to start fresh with a new account<br><br>Give Now Donations Option identified for 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition donations: Tiffany and others from Intergroup to look at Give Now as an option for online donations that can we used for Australian based and international donations.<br><br>Debit Cards: Bill recommends a debit card for each account, 2 to be held by the treasurer, the other one provided to Exec roles when needing to use so no one is out of pocket.       |   |  |
| <b>H &amp; I</b><br>Bill     | Peter was introduced to Intergroup as possible recruit to H& I position, taking over from Bill and filling H&I vacancy. Need to get more speakers as only have 9 active H&I speakers who do 2 sessions in order to fill 14 sessions.<br><br><b>ACTION: Tiffany to email Alison and ask her to promote doing H&amp;! speaking via newsletter.</b><br><b>Intergroup members to put the call out on acoasydney facebook page.</b><br>Intergroup thanked Bill for his service with H&I and welcomed Peter to fill H&I coordinator vacancy. |   |  |
| <b>Literature</b><br>Leonard | John and Lawrence provided updates on printing options to help reduce the costs of literature orders. Melbourne is going to start to print its own Red Book – cost is \$15 for a soft copy and a license fee is paid to WSO. John is waiting on Patricia for updates on quotes. Either options entail bulk buying and creating a distribution system.  |   |  |

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>WSO</b><br>Sharon            | No report for this meeting.   |
| <b>Activities</b><br>Oriana     | No report for this meeting.   |
| <b>Ready Set Go</b><br>Lawrence | <p>Workshop 5 on October 17/18 had over 60 people attend.</p> <p>Workshop 6 on November 21/22 will be the last for 2020. We currently have over 70 people registered.</p> <p>We have had over 300 people register throughout the year and will have guided over 200 people through the 12 steps with the Ready Set Go workshop, which I think is an amazing action of healing, love and service by the team. I would like to extend my thanks to all committee members who have participated in the various roles of the RSG committee. We will meet after the final workshop to work out the dates for 2021. I would expect that we will have between 4-6 yearly and we are well placed with the committee and roster to continue.</p> <p>I have a meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup> to finalise the details and then will announce:<br/> These will be facilitated by members from Nth America, who will then be replaced by local members similar to how we do the Zoom RSG weekends.<br/> Step Study 1: Sat Jan 30 - Sat June 5<sup>th</sup> [18 Weeks]<br/> Step Study 2: Sunday Feb 21 - June 27 [18 Weeks]<br/> Traits Study 1: Sat July 17 - Sat Nov 20<sup>th</sup> [18 Weeks]<br/> Traits Study 2: Sunday Aug 15 - Sunday Dec 12 [18 Weeks]<br/> I expect there to be a cap of about 35 participants per group.<br/> I am hoping that from the first 2 Step studies we can then get local members to then facilitate more Step Studies in the second half of the year, on a midweek basis and then to continue them into 2020 and beyond. A process similar to what we have done with the RSG workshops.</p> <p>The times for the International facilitators are locked in for their availability and manageability, i.e. their Friday/Saturday night EST, and clash with timeslots already being used on our present Zoom accounts</p> <p>I would like to propose that Intergroup purchases another yearly Zoom account, for the purposes of the step studies.</p> <p><b>Motion: Intergroup to set up a 3<sup>rd</sup> Zoom Account at a cost of \$240</b><br/> <b>Moved: John</b><br/> <b>Seconded: George</b><br/> <b>Accepted Unanimously</b></p> |
| <b>ZOOM</b><br>George           | Two zoom accounts are running and meetings are being held on both accounts across most days. 9 meetings are using the accounts. There is an opening for meetings to take place on Thursdays.  |
| <b>Web</b><br>Kevin             | <p>George provided an update on the website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter to Perception (website designer) has been written and sent, details of all issues were outlined and waiting on follow up before request refund</li> <li>- All current meeting updates and other information updates to current website are being made by George</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Info Email</b><br>Jules      | No report   |
| <b>e-News</b><br>Alison         | No report   |

### Continued Business

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Role Vacancies</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature Chair role needs to be addressed as Leonard will be stepping down</li> <li>• Admin role is vacant</li> </ul>   |
| <b>ACA Sydney Telephone Service</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiffany provided an update: Optus Loop Contract is not going ahead. Lawrence will follow up with NA Australia and get Tiffany relevant contact details and report back at next Intergroup meeting.</li> </ul> |

### New Business

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  |  |
|--|--|

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  |  |
|--|--|

**Next IG Sydney Meeting**

Saturday 11am 12 December 2020 (via ZOOM)