

## **December 2017 – Los Angeles ACA Intergroup Meeting on 12/3/2017**

In attendance: Bianca, Libby, Guy, Guest who requested anonymity

### Directory report:

Posted December Directory

Bianca - New meeting Wednesday 6PM for Spanish speakers. Bianca may move it to 8 pm to make it easier for people to get there after work.

Proposal: Co-Sponsorship Network to close down? Do we know how to operate the network?

Guy - Maybe Patriciaa wants to manage co-sponsorship network? Mothball if no interest.

Next intergroup meeting to be held Sunday January 7, 2018

### ACA Announcements:

All members encouraged the spread the word about the following:

ACA Workshop December 17

WSO - Seeks applicants for part time job and volunteers.

WSO - World Convention Toronto - end of Toronto

Guy - Website Report

### Treasury

Paid \$30.00 to Guy for domain registration renewal.

Libby to take money home (dropped off by Ed)

As part of the rent, Intergroup can keep supplies at SHARE! in a file cabinet drawer. Unanimous vote to spend up to \$20.00 to buy lock and latch. Guy to do this. Libby to bring drill bit.

Guy - Need \$80.00 for website hosting in March, 2018. Guy is looking into moving website hosting, registration and encryption to "namecheap.com" and will report back on this.

Meeting donations Year to date.

Torrance - \$40.00

ACA Friday Night - \$80.00

ACA Torrance Monday - \$30.00

CA012 - \$50.00

? - Sunday night meeting donation

### Regional

Unanimous vote for Guy as regional rep. For a 3 month tour - Now to end of March, 2018. Guy noted that Regional uses an internet communications application called Slack that makes it easy to co-edit documents and discuss things online.-----

### Website (socialaca.org)

Guy reports: At the end of November, 2017 have we have 23,236 Website Views with 7,242 Unique Visitors from over 60 countries. This month we have a new visitor country. The country of "Jersey". Wikipedia states that this country is populated with people, all with the same name of Vinny, who have mullet haircuts and eat hero sandwiches. Welcome "Joy-see" to the family!

I have been using an analytics service that is limited. I have just enabled Google Analytics and I am getting much more detailed reports. More to follow next month.

### Site Maintenance:

Updated various plug-ins and made minor improvements to the site. I recently took some training on SEO on WordPress. I am implementing what I learned to make the website even more accessible by Google's Search Engine. I am continually checking the website for functionality and backing up its data.

I have backed up the critical website files to my computer. I've made it snow on the website.

**To do:** To post November meeting minutes.

### Website Expansion:

I have not done any further investigation regarding having to integrate Fall Mountain Retreat into our website. I will reach out to them after the holidays. I have not reached out to Marty S. about his article. Will do this after the holidays. I have not reached out to Don C. about taking over the acaconvention.org website. Will reach out to him after the holidays.

### Website Services Outreach:

Last month I discussed the idea of making a page on how we created our website. I didn't know this, but I could do this as a side gig. Therefore, I do not want to share my "trade secrets" yet. This idea is on hold for now. However, if another group wants to create a website of their own I will be happy to assist them. I have returned Las Vegas's request for assistance. Standing by.

I am in the process of working with Greater Western States by creating a website for them.

### The Future – 2018

My, personal, 4 point plan is below.

1. Find a way to reach out to every meeting in our Intergroup's Domain.
2. Send bi-weekly emails to the secretaries of every group telling them about us. I request we investigate MailChimp and or Constant Contact to give us a professional look.
3. By the end of 2018 have at least 10 meetings, of the 44, regularly be sending money to Intergroup. We have about 4 meetings now who donate funding to us?
4. Enable a PayPal Anonymous Donation Button to our website.

### Discussion of growing the Intergroup

Anonymous gives analysis and ideas about future of Intergroup. As a member of CoDA, Anonymous has been of service in local and world events.

### Anonymous comments –

CoDA Intergroup decides by group conscience. Many groups struggle to get volunteers - it fluctuates World Service uses a group conscience process. Try to be accountable to fellowship.

Speaker noted that not everyone wants to be part of other Intergroups—noted that CoDA meetings in Spanish have three separate Intergroups in L.A., which don't coordinate activities. One of the Spanish-speaking intergroups recently organized a conference.

Get EIN # (tax number for the group). Not a problem to take treasury have bank account, but it will involve more work and documentation. Advise to call it meeting donation, not payments

How do you get people connected to Intergroup? Some meetings don't want to participate. You can tell meetings about the literature-- good way to get exposed. Suggest getting a literature order form to make this easier.

Also, ACA has great retreat (the Fall Mountain Retreat) but it's hard to get info on it. Such events help the group to grow.

Do members of the fellowship know what's available?

Guy suggested creating a mailing list and sending mail to Los Angeles ACA meetings.

CoDA's meeting committees also provides directories as an incentive to attend.

Do service positions come with a budget?

Intergroup could become a 501( c ) 3 which would cost about \$1,000. Speaker doesn't think it's worth it.

Might be able to get a bank account through a credit union, might include paying \$100 insurance.

Suggest to continue sending Libby's list also to send via "announcement" email.

Ended with reading ACA 12 Promises

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