

The SMR Business Meeting Minutes 25-9 September

Welcome

Call to order,

Date: Sept 21, 2025

Time: 8:47am

Participants: Number of raised hands declaring their presence at start: 10 (14 present)

The ACA Serenity Prayer

General Guidelines

1. Call for Service (*The following attendees offered to be of service*)

- Meeting Chairperson - Eric R
- Recording Secretary - Jim R
- Timekeeper - Andrea
- Other (*optional*) -

2. Readings:

The Suggested Commitment to Service (BRB, pg 601), read by: John J

The Tradition of the Month, read by: Staci

The Concept of the Month, read by: Jim R

AUDIO RECORDING . No Recording made

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve - Staci; 2nd - Maelle; unopposed

4. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Motion to adopt – Staci; 2nd – Maelle; unopposed

5. Reports

- ☒ Treasurer: OPEN [Shana - Outgoing]

<https://www.acamorning.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/SMR-Treasurers-Report-June-August-2025.pdf>

- Questions raised about the \$209+ Zoom expense in addition to the \$50 monthly charge - Jim will ask Shana.
- Craig expressed interest in learning more about the Treasury

- ☐ Service CoSecretary: [Kate]

- ☐ Communications CoSecretary: OPEN [formerly Andy?]

- This position primarily focuses on a monthly member newsletter

- ☒ Webservant: [Staci]

<https://www.acamorning.org/website-report/>

- Report expresses updates to the website and upcoming changes to the homepage

- What challenges are being addressed? - wordiness - user friendliness.
The new adultchildren.org site is inspirational.
- ☐ WSO Representative: OPEN [Vivienne]

Other

- ☒ Script Review: Jim R [Documentation](#)
 - *Process explained*

9:15 Motion to extend 15 min - Jim; 2nd Andrea

- ☐ After-meeting Study: Sue (Swamp)
 - Jim - meeting every other week; just beginning to address the issues brought forth in the 'proposal' -
<https://www.acamorning.org/subject-25-5-the-after-meeting/>.

6. Current Proposals - Update

Visit our website: <https://www.acamorning.org/group-conscience-motions/>

New Proposals Soon - moving the Business Meetings to the 15th; 30 second countdown to return to the Main Room after closing the Breakout Rooms

7. Old and New Business and Procedural Guidelines

Old Business

There was no business held over from last month.

New Business

- Meeting Listing [Update](#)
 - Distilled from an email from ACA World Service
 - Our group needs to update Private Contact listings
 - Would Communications position be one of the contacts?
 - WSO has been asking for an update for years
 - Risk of delisting?
 - Could be a role for the WSO Delegate - Vivienne
- Service Positions - Elections or Interim Volunteer
 - Taking a Group Inventory suggested
 - Perhaps 're-describe' the Group Service Positions
 - Could the positions be described as a Team, perhaps with rotating leaders
 - How to make service more inviting -
 - **Note** the New Script will be more vocal about service opportunities
 - Create an Adhoc Committee to **adapt** our service descriptions?
 - <https://www.acamorning.org/service-2/service/>
 - Maelle willing to chair an enquiry into improving the meeting service structure, with assistance. Eric /Jim also willing

Biz Mtg Motion 25-9.1: To establish an Adhoc Committee to review and adapt the service

structure of our meeting and to make recommendations and/or a proposal to make those adaptations. Maelle. 2nd - Staci; unopposed

- Place the Business Meeting in the Main Room - not in a Breakout Room

9:30 - Motion to extend 15 min. Jim; 2nd John J

- Support for the business meeting in the Main Room -
- Perhaps we utilize the [Proposal Process](#).
 - John J agreed to fashion a Proposal, Jim will assist.
 - Another idea - Shorten regular meeting to begin Business meeting, say, instead of the self-care portion of the meeting
- Request for boundaries around After-meeting sharing - timelimits
 - Contact Sue of the Swamp for Adhoc Committee - After-meeting at this address: smradhoccommittee@gmail.com
 - Can the committee work be announced?, members invited?
 - Presently, issues around 'timing' are addressed each time it becomes an issue within the Parking Lot itself.
 - The Business meeting is the place to raise issues and find clarity about the After-meeting. This is where the Adhoc Committee to create boundaries and make definitions around that space emerged.

9:45 - Motion to extend 15 min. John J; 2nd Jim

- Can a member return to the meeting if they have been bounced out?
 - Sometimes happens in the move to a Breakout Room.
 - Could be difficult to find a remedy
 - Tech host would be required
 - It's safer to wait for the Breakout Room to close - **don't click 'leave'**
- Concerns about **unlocking the meeting** at about 8:30 am Eastern
 - Everyone's volunteering - may be a simple oversight.
 - **Co chairs** have the ability to unlock the meeting

8. Next Steps

- Jim to contact Mass Intergroup about Halloween Marathon
- Jim will contact Vivienne about WSO Delegate role and attendance at the CBM
- Maelle to lead a Service Positions Adhoc Committee, assisted by Eric / Jim

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment and Closing Prayer, Time - 9:54

Motion to Adjourn: John J, Seconded: Phillippe

Closing prayer: The Unity Prayer

Next meeting: Sunday, October 19th
Minutes submitted by: Jim R