

**Minutes for Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup (GEBACA)
Saturday February 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

Zoom only meeting.

Meeting Minutes

A. Serenity Prayer and Introductions

Present: Carmen B (Chair); Zoe H (Communications Officer); Marcus H (Secretary/IGR- Thurs. 7pm Oakland); Jesse (Webmaster/Treasurer); Carla (IGR- Thurs 7pm *Clothesline Group*, Fremont); Terri (IGR- Tues 4-5:30pm *Tuesday People of Color*, Oakland); RA (IGR- Sunday 12pm *All Women in Harmony Strengthening My Recovery*, Online); Rich (IGR- Fri 7:30-9pm *Zoom Boom Room Friday Night Speaker Meeting*, IGR- Thurs 6pm *Becoming Your Own Loving Parent*, Concord); Claudia (IGR- Monday 10:30am *Courage To Change*, El Cerrito)

B. Standard Meeting Readings

- . GEBACA Mission Statement.
- . Concept II
- . Tradition Two
- . Tradition Two Meditation

C. Review and Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion of the Zoom Boom Room Meeting using a recording release form

D. Review and Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Approved as written

E. Guest Input

F. Trusted Servant's Reports – 3-to-4-minute reports

1. GEBACA Chair Report chair@gebaca.org.
2. Secretary secretary@gebaca.org
3. Treasurer's Report treasurer@gebaca.org
 - a. February Report

Income	
7th Tradition - Meetings	180.86
Book Sales	79.38
Total Income	260.24
GROSS PROFIT	260.24
Expenses	
new meeting start up	100.00
Utilities	59.57
Total Expenses	159.57
NET OPERATING INCOME	100.67
NET INCOME	100.67
4. Literature Report literature@gebaca.org

a. Sales and inventory

\$414.31 order made to WSO for BRBs, LPGs, SMRs soft and hard covers 30 books total, 10 of each title.

Order made for Oakland of 5 BRBs and 6 LPGs.

Literature Inventory: Value of stock on hand = \$229

Chip Inventory: Value of stock on hand = \$599

Donated literature inventory 2 “meeting copy” BRBs, 1 YB, 1 SMR, 16 Newcomer Booklets and 57 various trifolds.

b. Donated Literature and Chips Inventory Dispersal

Much of the literature donated from meetings which closed has gone to individuals in financial need as per GEBACA motion from approx. 1 ½ years ago.

Motion: To donate donated literature and medallions to any GEBACA meeting.

Made/Seconded/Carried: Unanimous Yes

5. Communication Report communications@gebaca.org

Updated and sent out Contact List.

Emailed welcome letter for just joined GEBACA meetings to all meetings since it is the first issuance and it lists some of the the benefits of belonging to Intergroup.

Emailed welcome letters to IGR's new at the January meeting.

Emailed information to meetings about the 12 Proposals they can vote on to send to the ABC.

6. Website Report webadmin@gebaca.org

Change in Webmaster title motion to change to webadmin

a. Consent for posting recordings of main speakers from Zoom Boom Room

A new meeting, Friday 7:30pm Zoom Boom Room, is requesting to have recordings of main speakers posted on the GEBACA website using a verbal consent rather than a written online consent form which is present policy.

Discussion included do we change the policy for only this meeting. What are the legal implications of a verbal consent as opposed to a written consent.

Discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

WSO will be asked what their policy is.

GEBACA minutes will be referenced for our past discussions and motion.

A lawyer will be informally asked for an opinion.

b. New GEBACA Venmo account

We need an account that is not directly tied to an individual so it can easily transfer with rotation of service positions. We will investigate a business or non-profit account. We will likely pay a 1.9% fee.

c. Change webmaster name

It has been raised by members that the name webmaster in particular master has negative connotations and conjures images of inequality. It will change the email address as well. An email will be sent to all meetings to inform of the change.

Motion: To change the name from webmaster to webadmin

Made/Seconded/Carried: Unanimous Yes

7. Public Information info@gebaca.org. November

8. H&I hospital-institution@gebaca.org.

9. Diversity and Inclusion Committee diversity@gebaca.org

Committee is discussing having a 2 to 4 hour event in April with the theme Reclaiming Our Cultural Identity and the Diversity and Inclusion Half Day event in September or October.

The theme Reclaiming Our Cultural Identity was selected from input in surveys from past events. The Committee also talked about inviting GEBACA members to submit writing about their experience, strength and hope in recovery to be posted every few months on the website. This is to have an ongoing discussion about diversity and inclusion.

10. Intergroup Rep Updates

IGR- Sunday 12pm All Women in Harmony Strengthening My Recovery, Online: Meeting is looking for Inclusion Statement. The GEBACA Diversity Statement will be emailed. The meeting was Zoom disrupted and new security has been put in place. Question on communication with people in a waiting room. It is only one way messaging from host to the waiting room.

IGR- Monday 10:30am Courage To Change, El Cerrito: A good number of newcomers are attending. The new meeting in El Sobrante enables people to not have to cross the bridge to Marin to attend ACA meetings.

IGR- Fri 7:30-9pm Zoom Boom Room Friday Night Speaker Meeting: This coming Friday our first meeting as part of GEBACA.

IGR- Thurs 6pm Becoming Your Own Loving Parent, Concord: Is a small meeting average 6 people for the past year.

G. 2024 ABC Ballot Proposals 1 through 6 Discussion and Voting

Proposal 1 - The Promises

Issue: We propose changing the ACA literature so that The Promises would be printed and presented in the present tense and no longer be presented in the future tense.

Discussion: Needs to go to Literature Committee.

Vote: 3 yes, 5 no, 3 abstain

Proposal 2 - Literature Projects

Issue: We propose that all WSO literature projects, new or in development, must pass ABC motions initiated by group ballot proposals to start or continue development (publication not guaranteed). Proposals should detail the unmet need(s) the literature addresses and its synergy with existing ACA literature, and ideally provide all ACAs access to a 25-50 page review draft 20 days before any ABC vote. Exception: literature approved by the Literature Evaluation Subcommittee before 6 October 2023.

Discussion: A Literature Committee function where in depth discussion can take place. There is not a problem this is solving.

Vote: 8 no, 3 abstain

Proposal 3 - Publish Introductory Book

Issue: We propose that WSO develop an introductory guidebook (about 200 pages long)

that focuses on the essential needs of ACA recovery, including for new ACA members, with a proposed publication date of no later than May 2027. This book would include a gentle framework for working ACA's 12 Steps, discuss how the Steps interact with reparenting, and contain shares and perspectives that reflect ACA's diverse global fellowship.

Discussion: There is a need for this type of book.

Vote: 6 yes, 1 no, 3 abstain

Proposal 4 - Affirm Non-Conference Approved Literature

Issue: Change and affirm language in the Operating Policy and Procedures Manual (OPPM) regarding usage of outside literature. OPPM to read: "It has always been accepted that ACA should remain eclectic in choosing literature. That is, ACA meetings may draw from various sources without censorship. Each group is cautioned to be extremely careful in selecting materials, reviewing them against the 12 Traditions that govern our fellowship. This policy is subject to change only per Conference approval."

Discussion: There is not an identified problem this addresses. This wording tends to take it away from the Traditions.

Vote: 1 yes, 8 no, 1 abstain

Proposal 5 - Publishing License

Issue: We propose returning to the countries the right to serve their needs in published program literature and to manage this process - according to the publishing license from WSO.

Discussion: WSO can and is flexibly now working with individual countries to provide affordable literature. Individual country licensing causes problems and is not needed.

Vote: 8 no, 1 abstain

Proposal 6 - Delegate-Driven Conference Committee

Issue: The 2024 ABC Delegates authorize creation of an autonomous Conference Coordinating Committee, directly responsible to the Conference of Delegates, to partner with ACA World Service Organization (WSO) in planning, organizing, and implementing ACA's annual and quarterly business meetings (ABC and QDMs).

Discussion: Need a Charter first and clear worked out structure. ABC Study Group is where this needs to be discussed and worked out.

Vote: 8 no, 1 abstain

H. Old Business

1. Review and Update of Service Positions Document
2. Items for discussion from Goals for 2024
 - a. Finalize the Review and Update of Service Positions Document
 - b. Facilitate the setting up of member Study Groups for Steps, Traits and Loving Parent Guidebook – in need of volunteer to implement service
Review of response to email sent by Communications Officer to the meetings letting them know of the need of a volunteer to implement this service
3. GEBACA sponsored speaker meeting in the fall
4. How to archive GEBACA documents
5. How to answer an email received from a member with questions about Intergroup.
6. Changing regions - on hold

7. Change Intergroup meeting time

I. New Business

J. Announcements

Next GEBACA Meeting:
March 23 2024 10:30am-Noon PST
Zoom only - Meeting ID: 116 286 465
<https://zoom.us/j/116286465>

Intergroup meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10:30am via Zoom.
2024 Meeting Dates: Jan 27th, Feb 24th, Mar 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, June 22nd, July
17th, Aug 24th, Sep 28th, Oct 26th, Nov 16th