

## **RHODE ISLAND ACA INTERGROUP MEETING**

3/7/20 @ 9:30 AM  
HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
EAST PROVIDENCE R.I.

**In attendance: Bridget V, Mark J, Tracy M, Amy S, Matt M, Lauren S, Chris C**

**Lauren S opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She then read from pages 596-597 in the Big Red Book**

### **Agenda item # 1: Literature / financial issues**

Matt M reported the Intergroup bank account is now open at Citizen's, we have a debit card, and a PayPal account will soon be opened.

Multiple literature orders have been placed successfully. Matt M stated shipping used up 22% of the 30% Intergroup discount, an unforeseen cost.

Should we ship directly individual groups? Place orders separately?

Should we set up a standard order form?

Discount code will not be shared with individual groups.

As we will not be paying sales tax, do we not need a waiver (501C3)? Bridget V stated she will confirm.

Motion made and carried unanimously to amend motion from 1/11/20. RI Intergroup will now keep all of the 30% literature discount offered by WSO. All orders for individual groups will include free shipping.

This is the policy adopted by Connecticut Intergroup as well.

Motion made and unanimously carried to have all literature orders accessing the literature discount be routed through Intergroup Literature persons. Procedure to be as follows:

1. Individual groups order literature from Intergroup literature person.
2. Groups pay Intergroup Treasurer.
3. Treasurer confirms payment.
4. Order is shipped.

Any changes to ordering process will be finalized before next Intergroup meeting as we need to place more orders (gather more data).

### **Agenda item #2: WSO service issues**

The ACA Business Conference (ABC) is in Boca Raton FL this year from 4/23-4/26.

WSO had offered a list of 17 ballot proposals for State Intergroups and individual groups to vote on before the upcoming conference. Tracy M had handed out the lists to Intergroup members.

Discussion included:

Do we have time before the conference in April to go over all the ballot proposals? Should we vote on these proposals today?

Do we vote today to send a RI Intergroup delegate to the upcoming conference? Not all RI groups are represented today. Should we wait to send a delegate to next year's conference?

Motion made by Tracy M to elect a delegate today to represent RI at the World Conference in April. Discussion was tabled. Motion was postponed.

Tracy M stated she does not understand why this is a complicated process? She stated she is willing to vote on sending a delegate to the conference and on ballot proposals, but sees that will not happen today. She stated she strongly disagreed with how the discussion was going, and left the meeting at 10:15.

Discussion afterwards include how the Intergroup need not rush any decisions; we need time for every step in the process of creating a cohesive Intergroup to serve RI's individual groups.

**Next meeting to be Saturday 4/4/2020 at United Methodist Church in North Kingstown from 9:15-10:15 AM.**

**Possible items for discussion at next meeting:**

1. Literature protocol
2. Reaching out to individual groups
3. WSO issues; ballot voting, RI Intergroup representation, etc.

**Meeting ended at 10:30 am with the Serenity Prayer**

Respectfully submitted on 3/23/2020. Chris C