

July MINUTES (draft) – SAA Women’s InterGroup (WIG)

Zoom teleconference at 3pm CT, 4pm EST, 9pm UK.

Sunday, 13 July 2025

(All times are US Central Standard Time unless noted otherwise)

1. Call to order time: 3pm CST
2. Silence for the addict who still suffers, and the ‘we’ version of the Serenity Prayer
3. Roll Call (Secretary): Thea, Serena, Kristie, Deborah
4. Excused Absence(s):
5. Readings:

Vision statement:

"To carry the message of recovery to the (woman) sex addict who still suffers and to support the (woman) sex addict who continues in her journey of recovery"

Our mission:

"To produce, support, and financially assist women-only retreats, workshops, events, activities, and initiatives focused on sexual addiction recovery; to support the women's outreach initiatives of other SAA groups; and to provide information, encouragement, and financial assistance for individual women to participate in these events."

6. Minutes and agenda:

Motion to accept Minutes. No meeting held in June.

Motion to accept agenda. Motion passed.

7. Intro to new attendees

Existing members describe our work and our meetings.

No new attendees.

8. Reports

Chair’s Report (Deborah) - involved in literature discussions

Treasurer’s Report (Kristie) - An Intergroup has been making monthly donations.

Women’s Outreach Committee (WOC) Liaison (Thea) -

- 1) Would like to know if we will host the WOC Safe and Sober Dating panels on our

website. Professional sound editor has removed all identifiable information eg no names, audio only etc. Vote: **Yes**. We could do with a website tech but Deborah will give it a go.

- 2) WOC notified WIG that LitCom that are editing, but not replacing, the pamphlet titled 'Welcome to the woman newcomer' (as part of the 5-year literature refresh). They are notifying us and asking for volunteers.

(Other service positions not filled)

Website servant

Secretary - minutes, and agendas for meetings.

Retreat/workshop Coordinator - Working with a team to plan and hold online or in-person events.

Ad-hoc roles such as ideas and proposals for financially supporting women. Public information and internal outreach.

Liaison Servants for the ISO Committees and Intergroups

- Intergroup Communications Committee.
- Telemeeting Intergroup.
- Inclusion and Diversity Committee.
- Information Systems and Online Presence Committee.
- LGBT Outreach Subcommittee.
- Intimacy and Sexual Avoidance Awareness Committee.
- Long Range Convention Planning Committee.
- Women's Outreach Committee: filled by Thea
- Office Oversight Committee.
- Prisoner Outreach Committee.

9. Urgent business

A. NA

10. On-going business

A. **Finance/ Money:**

- We have agreed to take steps to agree financial support offers before December 2025 for 2026.
 - End of September each WIG attendee will have ideas for specific events. We will identify which to support and the costs.
 - Thea to create text for the next Grace List email from WOC to ask for suggestions. Deadline of end September to give us time to consider each request.
 - Suggestion to contact InterGroups to let them know they can ask for

financial support for women.

- Give examples eg 2025 - attendance and literature at Annual Convention.
- October - make decisions

B. Individual requests:

- Allow and consider requests ad-hoc throughout the year. 1) support women in recovery and 2) inform people of our work and opportunities. **Agreed.**

11. New business

- A. Suggestion on video meetings to use Google meet which is FREE for the first hour, for a group. Then sign off and sign back in if business is not finished. **Agreed a change is not needed at this time. Zoom is working well for our needs.**
- B. Mission - doesn't include literature. Originally decided not to include as LitCom and WOC organise creation or editing of literature. WIG can financially support requests. **Agreed not to add it as it is covered in 'outreach', we will communicate instances where we have supported the buying of literature and will send people to WOC for creating or editing literature.**
- C. Literature/ author's group - An update on discussions with LitCom and, separately, with the Author's group on their proposals for literature aimed at women.
- Author's group have proposed a project titled 'Lack of women in SAA' - WIG agreed this is inappropriate language. WIG discussed whether people who are concerned with the low numbers of women in the fellowship could focus on the majority of the demographic in SAA.
 - It was discussed that there is missing literature directed towards men. There are no webpages, pamphlets etc to help men settle into the fellowship. Perhaps literature should be written for men, about men, written by men. For example, 'to the male sex addict'. This could give guidance to men on how to keep themselves safe at meetings, and what is appropriate conduct.
 - WIG discussed the increase in women in service roles eg at board, area and intergroup levels internationally, indicating that women are very visible in service levels.
- D. WOC notified WIG that LitCom that are editing, but not replacing, the pamphlet titled 'Welcome to the woman newcomer' (as part of the 5-year literature refresh). They are notifying us and asking for volunteers.
- E. Austin conference - ask for feedback from women who attended conference with WIG funding. (**Deborah** to take action)
- F. Austin Area retreat: request for financial assistance for women. **Serena to ask for**

further detail to support the request.

12. Business tabled for next meeting

- A. Update on Twin Cities IG offering WIG a zoom account - they are currently unable to do this but are keen to investigate the offer in the future.

13. Motion to close the meeting at TIME X.XXpm CST.

14. Close with the “we” version of the Serenity Prayer

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15. Business postponed for the future

- A. Workshops - WIG is keen to have an online event but it will need support to create and host it. Access to a Zoom account is the first challenge.
- B. Future of the website - Dan currently has ownership of the WIG website and would like to transfer it over to WIG. Deborah has reached out for help in understanding this process and requesting timings and fees information. Dan will find out how to start this process. There is no action for WIG to take.