

AA South of France Intergroup Zoom Meeting 7th April, 2020 at 11h00

This is an on-line meeting set up to discuss present day problems during our confinement and problems / solutions encountered thus far

Attendees:

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| Dan – Chair / Montpellier | Candida – Monaco | Paolo – Monaco |
| Steve – Events / Valbonne | Nikki – Nice | Mike – PI / Montpellier |
| Katrine – Treasurer / Aix | Pamela – Secretary / Aix | Jenny – Valbonne |
| Gary – CER Rep / Aix | | |

Treasury: After discussion concerning 7th Step contributions, a **subcommittee** comprising Katrine **Treasurer**, Mike **PI** and **Jenny** Valbonne, was set up to investigate and discuss the pros and cons of using PayPal accounts. They will revert on Tuesday 21st April at a 16h zoom meeting with their conclusions.

In the meantime, and following the CER guidelines sent to us, there are 3 possibilities for individuals to respect our 7th Tradition contributions. Groups are asked to decide amongst themselves (all groups are autonomous) as to their chosen form of 7th Tradition contributions:

- a) Contribution to our IG via a PayPal account (or other)
- b) Physically putting aside one's contribution and bringing it to their Group once the confinement is over and Meetings are physically available, and/or
- c) Making a donation either as a group or on an individual basis directly to the IG Bank Account (details will be sent out via Events)

A few points: some meetings have had their rents frozen by their landlords. Once we return to our meetings, only upcoming rents will then be due. Some Groups have enough finances to cover their rents but nothing to pass on to Intergroup.

How will IG be paying all their costs due if no Groups are financially supporting it.?

- Intergroup has a healthy prudent reserve and can cover our expenses for quite a while. We have this prudent reserve because over the years it has been built up from zero to our present day reserve. This is a reminder that we did the right thing by taking this past action which allows us to continue today

Questions raised concerning why we note the amounts of Groups' 7th Contributions.

- 1) Traceability (and transparency) – this allows GSR's to see that Group's contributions have been accounted for and confirms to Groups that their contributions are being sent down.
- 2) if Groups are not financially supporting IG, then they are not self-sufficient (IG pays for our insurance, our literature, our website, our helpline, our public information - for all the AA Groups, South of France).

Telephone HelpLine : This comes under the PI Committee and not IG – **Mike** of IG will send out a message via Events to build up the Committee so that we can effectively investigate with the telephone services available in France (We presently use Orange but they have cancelled the service previously used).

IG Zoom Account setup: Do we want to set up a separate Intergroup Zoom Account?

After discussions a sub-committee was nominated consisting of Mike **PI** and **Jenny** Valbonne to investigate and discuss the technicalities and pros & cons of setting up / using a Zoom account. They will revert on Tuesday 21st April at a 16h zoom meeting with their conclusions.

It was pointed out that this special zoom meeting account would rather be like letting people use the AA room on an “as needed basis” (e.g. Holding an IG meeting, PI Committee meeting, etc)

Extra email address: Do we want to set this up and to handle the volume of messages going out because of Zoom meetings – zoom tutorials – traditions – contributions along with our other Events’ messages.

After discussion, and for the immediate present, because both Events and IG Secretary each have a distribution list, it was felt that it is unnecessary to open yet another account at this time. This could change in the future. We also will consider creating an “On-Line Officer” position with IG to look after the technicalities, necessities etc of holding on-line meetings.

Meeting closed at 12h00