

**LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR APRIL 2020
(MARCH 2020 ACTIVITY)**

CALL FOR LITERATURE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED:

- TRANSLATORS
- WRITERS
- EDITORS
- PROOFREADERS
- ILLUSTRATORS
- GRAPHIC DESIGNERS
- LAYOUT SPECIALISTS
- PHOTOGRAPHERS and VIDEO SPECIALISTS
- AND OTHER TALENTS!

We have several exciting projects in the works and are grateful for the enthusiastic teams of volunteers who are helping shape the future of ACA. To volunteer, or to learn more, email litstaff@adultchildren.org.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly Literature Committee call is held the first Saturday of each quarter at 11:30 a.m. eastern US. Past Literature Committee meeting information is at <https://acawso.org/category/literature-committee/>

During our last call, held April 4, we discussed emerging literature needs in response to the coronavirus and its impact on in-person meetings. Main discussions included additional communications from WSO, the perceived benefit of more online workshops to augment printed literature, and accelerated focus on e-publishing, to make delivery of literature easier.

The next Literature Committee Quarterly Meeting is likely to be rescheduled from the normal date of Saturday, July 4, to avoid a holiday conflict. Further information will be announced when available.

The Literature quarterly call can be accessed via internet or by telephone.

Join Zoom Meeting

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ACA Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights working group needs fellowship input on their most recent draft of this document. The group has submitted a 22-item draft Bill of Rights to the Literature Evaluation Subcommittee (see the end of this report), and will present it during the 2020 online Annual Business Conference.

For more information, contact Rich R. on Slack.

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The Loving Parent Guidebook is an expanded, experiential book to support BRB Chapter 8. The group is reviewing and compiling shares on the subject. This book will help newcomers and seasoned members alike.

The group leader for this project is Bonnie M.

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Spirituality in Literature. This new Literature Committee study group focuses on how ACA discusses God and spirituality in its fellowship texts. The group is reviewing existing ACA literature and considering alternative ways to discuss ACA's spiritual dimension that are inclusive of all religious traditions, including those who are agnostic or atheists.

For information, please send an email to litchair@acawso.org, or contact the meeting facilitator, Lou B., via Slack.

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Working My ACA Program with Others (Sponsorship Task Force). This group is developing language to support the unique ACA sponsorship models of fellow travelers. The first draft explains the range and types of working with others.

The group met on Saturday, February 1. To listen to the meeting, visit https://www.dropbox.com/s/yb7w4i6uxqz05zk/GMT20200201-195449_Sponsorshi.m4a?dl=0

For more information, contact Justine F. on Slack.

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Ready Set GO!! (RSG). Ready Set Go!! is a workshop guide authorized by the 2018 ABC. The book was originally created by members of the West Great Lakes ACA Intergroup, as a four-part introductory meeting to ACA's 12 Steps. The guide is being adapted so that it can be used for one-day workshops as well as in multi-part in-person and telephone meetings.

Final one-day module testing is complete. Layout of this project will be ready for final editorial review in mid-February. Print production is scheduled to begin in 2020.

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Getting Started (LBRB). The *Getting Started (LBRB)* The revision team for this project comprises original authors. The revision team meet 3-4 times a month to engage in an active process of editing and revision.

For information on this project, please contact Ralph B. via slack.

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Please be aware that to participate in any Literature Development Subcommittee project, we must have received your completed, signed Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA) prior to the project launch. A nondisclosure agreement can be downloaded from http://www.repository.adultchildren.org/images/literature/ACAWSO_NonDisclosure.pdf.

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TRANSLATIONS. International demand for literature is growing. Several groups are translating core literature into the languages of their childhood. New core literature that is offered for free download is uploaded when it becomes available.

With guidance from Majbrit M., translation volunteers are collaborating to develop best practices for translating WSO literature. For example, we find that it is best for translators to work with the support of an intergroup. The European Committee has conducted a call that focuses on translators' needs. The call is held on the first Saturday of odd-numbered months. Remaining calls for 2019 are planned for August 5, October 5, and December 7.

Free trifold in English and other languages can be downloaded from our site at <https://adultchildren.org/literature/free-literature-english-translated/>.

Any ACA member or group downloading free trifold is asked to kindly make a one-time voluntary 7th Tradition contribution of USD10.00 or more as a token of appreciation for the downloadable trifold service.

If you choose to make a one-time voluntary contribution, please include a note letting us know that the contribution is made by a grateful member for this download trifold

service. In either event, we graciously thank you for your support and help in carrying the ACA message.

Free downloadable literature can be copied for ACA meetings or personal use.

The Japanese BRB is ready for production. The literature committee is evaluating production and distribution costs for print and e-books.

The French-Canada BRB will be ready for prepress production in late 2019 or early 2020.

ComLine. The *ComLine* is our quarterly publication where members from around the world share their experience, strength, and hope on the 12 Steps, Traditions, and Promises of ACA. To view current and back issues, please visit the ACA *ComLine* web page at <https://adultchildren.org/literature/comline/>.

The April *ComLine* is publishing late because of health issues on our production staff. It should be published by April 20.

We are currently accepting shares for the July issue. Shares for this issue typically cover Steps 7, 8, 9 and Promises 7, 8, 9. However, we welcome all recovery-related shares.

Deadlines for submissions is May 31, 2020. Shares should be between 250-500 words.

Please email your story along with a scan of the completed, signed [ComLine Copyright Release Form](#) to litstaff@adultchildren.org.

For more information and to find out how to share your experience, strength, and hope, see <http://www.adultchildren.org/comline>.

WSO LITERATURE EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT. We are currently reviewing suggestions for new literature and changes to existing literature. Development, review, design, and publication of new literature are time-consuming, and major projects can take years to complete.

Literature evaluation involves a wide range of ACA members and viewpoints. In proposing new ACA literature, an author should be motivated by service, and surrender any notion of personal ownership.

The **WSO Literature Development Policy** outlines procedures for submitting a proposal for new literature or to change existing literature. The policy outlines the evaluation, development, and production processes. It provides criteria guidelines for members considering a proposal, as well as a timetable estimate.

The literature development policy can be found at <https://acaawso.org/2018/03/13/wso-literature-development-policy/>.

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WSO LITERATURE SALES FOR March

- 322 BRB e-books were sold. Total sold is 20,088 e-books.
- 86 Strengthening My Recovery e-books were sold. Total sold is 2,891 e-books.
- 259 BRB audio books were sold. Total sold is 8,717 audio books

Sincerely yours in service,

Charlie H., Chair, Literature Committee
Robin R., Literature Committee Staff
Majbrit M., Chair, Translation Subcommittee
David McB., Chair, Business Operations Subcommittee
Mardi M., Editor, *ComLine*
Bonnie M., *Loving Parent Guidebook* team leader
Lou B., *Spiritual Inclusion* study group leader
Rich R., *Bill of Rights* team leader

The ACA Bill of Rights (fellowship evaluation draft)

1. I have the right to say no.
2. I have the right to say, "I don't know."
3. I have the right to detach from anyone in whose company I feel humiliated or manipulated.
4. I have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
5. I have the right to be wrong.
6. I have the right to make mistakes and learn from them.
7. I have the right to make my own choices and decisions in my life.
8. I have the right to grieve any actual or perceived losses.
9. I have the right to all of my feelings.
10. I have the right to feel angry, including towards someone I love.
11. I have the right to change my mind at any time.
12. I have the right to a spiritually, physically, and emotionally healthier existence, though it may deviate entirely or in part from my parents' way of life.
13. I have the right to forgive myself and to choose how and when I forgive others.
14. I have the right to take healthy risks and to experiment with new possibilities.
15. I have the right to be honest in my relationships and to seek the same from others.
16. I have the right to ask for what I want.
17. I have the right to determine and honor my own priorities and goals, and to leave others to do the same.

18. I have the right to dream and to have hope.

19. I have the right to be my True Self.

20. I have the right to know and nurture my Inner Child.

21. I have the right to laugh, to play, to have fun, and the freedom to celebrate this life, right here, right now.

22. I have the right to live life happy, joyous, and free.