

LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT ON AUGUST 2020 ACTIVITY (SUBMITTED FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 TELECONFERENCE)

Call for Literature Committee Volunteers

Literature needs for adult children are on the rise. We also have several exciting projects in the works to help meet those needs. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, go to the Literature Committee volunteer interest page (<https://acawso.org/literature-committee-volunteer-interest/>).

Two particularly pressing volunteer needs exist at present:

- Volunteers with publication design skills
- Volunteers with basic web design skills

We also are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- TRANSLATING
- WRITING
- EDITING
- PROOFREADING
- ILLUSTRATING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VIDEOGRAPHY
- GRAPHIC DESIGN AND LAYOUT

August Highlights

The Literature evaluation subcommittee hosted a meeting with the Board of Trustees, explaining a new draft policy for fellowship review and Conference approval of new ACA literature. A board discussion has been scheduled for Sept. 17.

Meetings were held with Ready Set Go authors to finalize a publication manuscript.

Evaluation teams completed reading of four fellowship literature submissions and have forwarded recommendations about them to the strategic planning subcommittee.

The Literature Committee chair worked with the Global Members subcommittee of Member Services to reactivate a translation subcommittee. The subcommittee will handle volunteer correspondence and provide guidance to local translation committees.

Current Literature Projects

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. We also happy to announce that the *Ready, Set, GO!!* is in final editorial and design review.

We anticipate having RSG ready for distribution in late 2020 or early 2021.

RSG is adapted for a several workshop / study group scenarios:

- it can be used for one-day workshops
- it can be used in multi-part in-person and telephone meetings

A big lesson in developing this project is how challenging it can be to cover a four-part project in a single day. Thanks to the efforts of Toni P, Matt K, and other field-testing volunteers, the final one-day module testing is complete.

Closed Registered Online/Phone Meetings are still available for field testing. These sessions are offered as two 6-week sessions with screensharing. The workshop introduces the ACA program, the ACA 12 Steps, and a special *Ready Set GO!!* Inner Child Workshop, "Awakening My Little One."

Please direct any questions for this workshop to: acatoni5617@comcast.net

The "Ready, Set, GO!!" workshops are sponsored by the West Great Lakes ACA Intergroup IL#70. Field testing has been ongoing as ACA WSO Conference-Approved Literature. All content is ©ACA WSO INC. and is authorized for internal ACA Use only.

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ACA Bill of Rights. A draft of the ACA Bill of Rights has been completed and is in the process of being posted on the free downloadable literature page. It will enter an extended period of soliciting fellowship comments.

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The Loving Parent Guidebook is an expanded, experiential book to support BRB Chapter 8. The manuscript was completed in July and has now entered pre-publication editing.

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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. Two new members have been added to the author team, and final drafting is in progress.

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

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Working an ACA Program with Others (Sponsorship Task Force). This group is developing language to support the unique ACA sponsorship models of fellow travelers. The current draft contains a complete table of contents, as well as a note on terminology. explains the range and types of working with others.

For more information, contact Justine F. on Slack.

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Spirituality in Literature. This Literature subcommittee 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, as well as 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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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. Resources for translation committees is available at <https://acawso.org/literature-translations/>. The Literature Committee is currently seeking a new Translation Subcommittee chair. Expressions of interest may be sent to litchair@acawso.org, or by using the literature volunteer form, at <https://acawso.org/literature-committee-volunteer-interest/>.

Free trifolds 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 trifolds 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.

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/>.

ComLine publication has been interrupted this summer because of staff availability issues. We are looking for a design assistant so that publication can resume in October. A special volunteers meeting also is being planned for Sept. 26, at 2 pm eastern US. Details will be announced on Slack.

Deadlines for submissions for the next issue is Sept. 1, 2020. Shares should be between 250-500 words. Submissions on all topics are welcome, and especially those with themes involving Steps, Traditions, Concepts, and Promises 10-12.

To submit your share, please visit https://forms.zohopublic.com/admin1564/form/ComLineShareSubmissions/formperma/w_DlmVx_QY39eea7M3n_tpxNT_943hRlFBMJtJKgea5g

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

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WSO LITERATURE EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT. Volunteer readership teams are reviewing and preparing recommendations on four fellowship submissions.

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://acawso.org/2018/03/13/wso-literature-development-policy/>.

Sincerely yours in service,

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Senior Volunteers

Greg R., Literature Strategic Planning Subcommittee
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Justine F., Sponsorship Study Group
Louis B., Spiritual Inclusion Study Group