

Global Members Committee



Monthly Report - August 2021

Chair: Sue V (Canada)

Vice Chairs: Marion M (South Africa) & Sunil A (India)

Secretary: Karen T (South Africa)

Member Countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Demographic Republic of Congo, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, UAE, Vietnam

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Provide support to Fellowships outside of the United States, Canada and Europe in their efforts to be self-supporting as they grow; facilitating universal inclusiveness, accessibility and affordability of literature and ACA recovery resources as part of Tradition 5, carrying the ACA message. We honour Tradition 4 for all the countries we support, each group is autonomous.

Partner within WSO ACA and our Fellowships around the world to unify our ACA recovery resources.

2021 GOALS - LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1 **Increased accessibility and affordability processes for literature publishing and distribution for emerging countries.**
 - ❑ The proposal for start up funding for the South Africa hub has been approved by the Publishing Committee and the Finance Committee and has now been forwarded to the board for final approval
- 2 **Increased accessibility and inclusiveness to ACA recovery resources through meeting support, studies, service committees, workshops etc.**
 - ❑ A New Hope meeting is to commence in India in September
 - ❑ A Laundry List Traits study is ongoing in Australia
- 3 **Supporting translations and equitable access to the WSO ACA Fellowship and organization.**
 - ❑ We are continuing to support the Japanese ACOA translations team to get the Japanese BRB and YWB published on Kindle and then in print
- 4 **Partner with Europe and North America in unifying our WSO ACA resources for our world-wide Fellowship.**
 - ❑ We are working with the WSO Committees for the planning of the 2022 ABC/AWC

MEETINGS OF THE GLOBAL MEMBERS COMMITTEE

- Global Members (Central & West) Committee - 4th Wednesday monthly @ 10am EDT (4pm CET & SAST, 7:30pm India, 10pm Far East, 12am Australia & 2am NZ)

- Global Members (East) Committee - 3rd Saturday monthly @ 10pm EDT (Sunday - 4am CET & SAST, 7:30am India, 10am Far East, 12pm Australia & 2pm NZ)

COUNTRY AND REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Country Updates:

- India (Sunil)** "A New Hope" meeting is starting shortly every Thursday evening, a Step Studies meeting is starting on the first Saturday of October and our Young Adult meeting is going on fine; Emotional Sobriety is a new Saturday meeting on Topics registered and going strong and we had our 2nd member from Sri Lanka join the Inner Child Healing Group meeting. Shortly, India will have six meetings a week from one meeting 2 years ago!
- Kenya (Anne)** Tremendous growth has been experienced in the last few years: from 10 to 56 membership with 3 online meetings including a Young Adults meeting but no F2F at present due to the pandemic
- New Zealand (Annie)** NZ has cleaned up their meetings regarding those registered with WSO, deregistering those obsolete. Loving Parent Guidebooks have been ordered and 70% are sold already before delivery. Many are very excited and look forward to using it in a topic meeting. I have connected Sydney's Literature person with them to continue an alliance which has been long awaited. Discussions are in place regarding conferences.
- South Africa (Karent)** Our first print run is underway!! We should be in receipt of our first batch of BRB's by mid September. The membership is also excited about the LPG. We eagerly await the receipt of the A4 format print file and feedback from the board on our start up proposal so we can go to print ASAP.

Regional Development:

Global Members have created Regional Service coordinators and committees serving many countries in a geographic area. We started with the Far East with Taiwan, Vietnam, China, Japan and Singapore and more countries are joining. We have also added Regional Service Coordinators and Committees in Africa, Middle East, South Asia and Oceania. This will increase support and fellowship for countries requesting support in a regional area.

- Far East (Sean)** This region is growing in ways not anticipated as 2 years ago they had only 1 meeting in Taiwan and now they have 5 meetings a week, also that there seems to be a service bug as members were standing up and serving without being asked which truly was recovery in action
- Oceania (Annie)** This region is in early development. Annie S (Oceania Regional Co-ordinator) has joined the Far East Region's WhatsApp group so that she can see how they run their Region and get support from them. She regularly attends Global East meetings and also has been on the ABC 2022 Planning Subcommittee providing a voice for the Region's needs.
- Southern African (Marion)** Africa South & Central Regional Hub comprises of Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, which are English-speaking.

- ★ Currently working with SA IG to find literature funding and courier solutions for the region.
- ★ New WSO GMC regional coordinator email activated and contact established with known meetings in Zambia and Kenya to introduce Global and link them to the SA print hub.
- ★ Support for members in Lesotho and Swaziland ongoing, hoping for 1st F2F meetings in Lesotho to be possible by year end and Swaziland in 2022
- ★ Working with WSO IT team to improve online meetings search, current known meeting info updated and issues logged.
- ★ There are established and registered meetings in 3 of the 10 countries, and known members in 3 more, who currently attend online meetings.

New Countries:

Any country that is active but is not receiving global support or a member who would like support in starting a meeting in their country please contact us on globalmembers@adultchildren.org or on Slack.

VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING 149 COUNTRIES

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. We cannot successfully carry the message without our volunteers who work tirelessly at many various levels. Our team of volunteers currently stands at almost 70 members but we could always do with more.

Our current volunteer needs are as follows:

Country coordinator - [Australia, Israel, other countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Mexico](#)

Language needs - [Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hebrew, Spanish](#)

Service Project Updates:

Events Coordinator (Alaska) 2022 AWC: Volunteered to be SF Host committee overnight program coordinator (nothing else to report); met with Brad to talk about tech & A/V production and cost for onsite workshops; spoke at ABC/AWC committee meeting about Pacific time zone less convenient to Global time zones; inquired about workshop/panel selection criteria (2022 Theme is: Beyond Mere Survival).

Volunteered to help with Western Great Lakes IG conference speaker panel, but haven't heard from their contact.

International Studies Coordinator (Monique) Steps Study Group that started in March has decided to continue till years end. Participants are keen to continue with the International Studies next group for 2022, Traits Study. Another RSG starts 8th September for 6 weeks. I am happy to use host key till I'm needing to book a Zoom room for 2022 studies. I am looking for someone to facilitate a Loving Parent Guidebook study. Please keep this in mind if someone shows interest. I'm happy to support this person. I took off June, July & August due to intense 4th step work with studies group and gentleness self care. I'm back!!!

If you are living or have lived outside Canada, Europe and the USA or if you feel called to global service, please consider joining us in carrying the message of ACA healing around the world.

Please email us at: globalmembers@adultchildren.org or join one of our global Slack channels.

**“W” in WSO is for “WE the ACA WORLD”
Together We are Stronger**