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## WSO News

### **The Fellowship is Asked to Comment on First Ever Price Increase for Books**

At the February Monthly Teleconference the board hosted a discussion about the need for a price increase for ACA books to help WSO meet its obligation to carry the ACA message throughout the world. To address the publication of additional translated literature titles and global requests for translated literature, WSO has had to increase staff and resources.

There has never been a price increase in the 16 years since WSO began printing ACA books. The need for an increase stems from inflation and supply chain disruptions which have driven up the costs of printing books about 30% on average in the last year alone. In addition, ACA WSO is in the top four of 12 Step programs based on financials and receives a significantly smaller percentage (17%) of its operating revenue from 7th Tradition contributions than is received by the other major 12 Step programs (45% - 55%).

Please visit the link below and give WSO your opinion on a cost increase for ACA literature:

<https://acawso.org/book-price-survey/>

## **a Delegate to the 2022 Annual Business Conference!**

Your group may vote on each of 13 proposals and designate a delegate to represent your group. More info here: <https://adultchildren.org/comline/wso-news/groups-meetings-to-vote-on-abc-ballot-proposals/>

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### **Ballot Preparation Committee**

Voting on the 2022 ABC Ballot is open until the end of the day on March 31st. *Please note that some Ballots already received have not included the WSO registered group, Intergroup or Region number.*

The submitters of these incomplete Ballots have been informed that we cannot accept their Ballot, but that they may be resubmitted. However, since some of our process is still manual for WSO, groups that submit incomplete Ballots received too close to the March 31st deadline may not have time for resubmission. Please be careful.

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### **Voting for the 2022 Ballot Proposals**

Please note that registered meetings, intergroups, and regions will be able to vote on the 2022 ABC Ballot Proposals starting on February 15th. Voting must be completed by March 31st. An email was sent out on February 15th to announce the link for voting. The proposals that get at least 60% yes votes will be placed on the 2022 ABC Agenda for discussion. Please check <https://acawso.org/category/ballot-prep/> for additional information on the ABC Ballot Proposals.

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### **The 2022 ACA Annual Business Conference will be Zoomed live May 6 & 7!**

Register as a Delegate here: <https://www.acaworldconvention.org/2022-abc-delegate-registration>

Register as an observer here: <https://www.acaworldconvention.org/2022-abc-observer-registration>

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### **The 2022 ACA World Convention will be entirely online May 21-22 2022!**

ACA focused workshops and presentations from across the globe!

<https://www.acaworldconvention.org/2022-awc-registration>

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## The 2022 ACA World Convention Workshops

Interested in presenting a workshop, leading a special focus meeting, or conducting a panel session? Please fill out the AWC application - deadline extended to 3/31/2022.

<https://www.acaworldconvention.org/apply-to-present-a-workshop-at-the-2022-awc/>

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## ABC Voting Delegate Information

To register either as a voting Delegate or as a non-voting Observer please visit <https://www.acaworldconvention.org>

Every group/intergroup/region is encouraged to elect a Delegate to represent their group conscience via voting at the ABC per Concepts II, III, VI, and XII.

What is an ABC Delegate? An ABC Delegate is an elected representative of a registered meeting, Intergroup or Region who serves to communicate the voice of the group to the World Service Organization (WSO) at the ABC. They have been given the service autonomy to vote in a manner that represents their group's conscience to the best of their ability - taking into account any new information that is presented (see Concept III).

As a trusted servant delegates vote on what comes to them at the conference (Ballot Proposals and Floor Motions, Ratifying Board Members and Committee Chairs) and may also submit Floor Motions.

All ACA members are welcome to attend the ABC. However, an individual group may have only one registered delegate. An exception is that two individuals may share the position of voting delegate for their group as long as they are both registered and have indicated how they will share their responsibilities, e.g., person A will cover the first day and person B will cover the second day.

See more in the [ACA Operating Policies and Procedures Manual \(OPPM\)](#) p 42

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## New Content Posted To The ComLine Blog!

Please visit the blog and hear the voice of the Fellowship. New content posted on the 1st and 15th each month.

<https://adultchildren.org/literature/comline/>

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## Literature Committee Quarterly Meeting

On April 2, 2022, 11:30am ET the Literature Committee Quarterly Meeting invites all working groups that are writing content for ACA members to attend a collaboration session. zoom: 856 5245 7314. All are welcome.

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## Volunteers needed!

In search of volunteers for the Literature in Development Subcommittee, which will guide messaging about literature currently being created, and propose new literature and updates to existing literature. Upcoming projects include revision of ACA WSO trifold, and revision/updating of the BRB. Contact Justine F, the Interim Chair, on Slack or at [LitDev@acawso.org](mailto:LitDev@acawso.org).

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## Fellowship review comments on the Loving Parent Guidebook are Welcome

We welcome fellowship review comments on the Loving Parent Guidebook. You may submit as many times as you wish, so please feel free to submit comments as you work through the book. The survey form is at <http://litreview.adultchildren.org>.

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## ARCHIVES

### Request for material

The archives committee is actively seeking materials from those who have previously served ACA on the Board of Trustees, WSO Committees, or early formation of ACA. We can arrange to have materials transported. Old copies of the ComLine are especially welcome.

For questions, please contact [Archives@adultchildren.org](mailto:Archives@adultchildren.org)

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## Request for Volunteer Support

Seeking members to do service in planning and taking oral histories of early members of ACA. We have people to interview, but no interviewers. Experience welcome, but not necessary.

For questions, please contact Marcia J at [Archives@adultchildren.org](mailto:Archives@adultchildren.org)

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## Treasurer's Corner

### How important are financial reports?

Often times a group will just pass over the financial reports in their business meeting agenda and rely on the treasurer to let them know if they need more money to cover the expenses. This is a dangerous habit to get into as it puts all of the financial responsibility on one person. A group that actively reviews its financials can make better decisions about its expenses and contributions to other service entities like intergroups, regions, and WSO.

Being in the know about where the money goes is also important to prevent those instances where trusted servants deviate from their role and take the group's funds for their own personal use. Nothing is worse than learning your group's treasury has disappeared and no one saw it coming. Ask for a financial report at your next business meeting as it is an important part of a healthy functioning group. It also lets the treasurer know you are interested in the finances.

[Click Here](#) to see the entire pamphlet "Suggested ACA Banking and Accounting Procedure".

[Click Here](#) to read the Monthly Treasurer Report.

## Featured Meetings & Events

### From Brokenness to Healing - In Person Retreat

**April 8-10**

Join us in retreat for "From Brokenness to Healing" on the weekend of April 8-10 at Lutherdale Conference Center in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Program, Food and Lodging for the whole weekend is \$250. We've only got room for about 40

program. This is \$50.

See <https://retreats.wglaca.org/> for information and registration.

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### **New Meeting WEB0619 on Boundaries**

Wednesdays at 11:00 am (EST) using materials created by the WSO Boundaries working group.

**Zoom:** 818 6249 6245

**Passcode:** boundaries

You may drop in at any meeting. The meeting will continue indefinitely with a 22-session format.

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### **Monthly Tradition Workshops**

Saturday, March 26, at 1pm ET continues the 12 monthly Tradition workshops. Skits with questions and sharing build on personal, group, service, and business meeting procedures grounded in the spirituality of our Traditions.

<https://acawso.org/calendar/tradition-one-workshop/>

We have 2 free downloads for Previous Tradition Workshops, [here](#)

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**Meetings** - ACA WSO maintains a World Meeting List of registered ACA meetings that take place in person, over the phone or online, which is updated monthly. Visit the [Find a Meeting](#) page on adultchildren.org to search for a meeting, or for more detail on specific meeting types, visit the [Meeting](#), [Phone](#), and [Online](#) meeting information pages.

Saturday of each month, using Zoom, at 2pm Eastern Time.

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 228 809 511 **Passcode:** 90755

For more information, including agendas, previous minutes, the Zoom meeting ID, and telephone access numbers, please visit the [ACAWSO.ORG website](http://ACAWSO.ORG).

## 7th Tradition

The flyer titled "[Where the Money Goes](#)" shows how we utilize your contributions to carry the ACA message around the world. Please consider making a monetary contribution to help the next ACA receive the gift of recovery. Contributions can be made using any of the following options:

- [Online by using this link](#)
- By Venmo using @acawso
- By calling 562-595-7831
- By mail, payable to ACA WSO, PO Box 811 Lakewood, CA 90714

WSO appreciates all contributions no matter the size.

## Twelve Concepts of Service - Concept #3

As a means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relationship between the ACA meetings, the ACA WSO Board of Trustees, and its staff and committees, and thus ensuring their effective leadership, it is herein suggested that we endow each of these elements of service with the traditional Right of Decision.\*

\*The right of decision as defined herein refers to:

- 1) the right and responsibility of each trusted servant to speak and vote his/her own conscience, in the absence of any contrary mandate, on any issue regardless of the level of service;
- 2) the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the Commitment to Service will be followed by trusted servants in decision making;
- 3) delegates to the Annual Business Conference are trusted servants and therefore equally guided by the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and the Commitment to Service;
- 4) standard practice that decisions made by subcommittees are subject to the authority of the service body which creates its mission and defines its parameters.

You can find the [12 Concepts of Service here](#).

## Daily Meditation Emails

ACA WSO also publishes a daily email with the Meditation of the Day from the book "Strengthening My Recovery". You can sign up to receive the [meditation email here](#). You will need to sign up for this separately from The Traveler Newsletter email.

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### About Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

ACA is a worldwide 12 Step / 12 Tradition program of recovery dedicated to people who were raised in dysfunctional families. ACA does not seek to assign blame to parents or caretakers, but we seek to understand the reality of how family dysfunctions affected us as children and still affects our adult behavior today.

Family dysfunction can include alcoholism, abandonment, neglect, or any type of addiction or abuse.

ACA is synonymous with ACoA & Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families.

For more information visit:

[www.adultchildren.org](http://www.adultchildren.org)



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