

Publishing Committee Monthly Report April 2022

Purpose:

To create a WSO Publishing Committee that will centralize and direct all publishing activities, and ensure efficient, affordable delivery of literature to the entire world fellowship, with consistent business practices and oversight.

Committee Members:

Chair: Sue V. Members: Charlie H, Fredrik H, Bill D, Lucia, Markus, Christine, Hasse, Marion, Brad L

Guests: Sunil (India), Shangreila (India), Daanish (India), Pat (UK), Denis (Russia), Marcin (IT), Sergei (Russia)

Publishing Committee Meets: Fridays (every 2 weeks), 10:00 am ET, 7:00 am PT, 4:00 pm CET , & SAST, 7:30 pm India, 3 pm BST

**Next meeting is May 20th. All are welcome to attend.*

<https://acawso.org/category/publishing-committee/>

Activities & Accomplishments:

1. Publications being worked on:

- a) Ebooks: Finishing for launch: English BRB (Updated), English YWB, Japanese BRB and YWB, next e publications are the English YWB, Italian BRB and YWB, French BRB

2. International printing requests:

- a) We are working with business operations in developing a plan for worldwide regional printer hubs. Currently, we have UK Martins, South Africa Jetline, India Thomson Press and we are starting a first print run with Canada Solex.

3. Amazon: We are working with business operations in hiring a new Amazon consultant to resolve our Amazon UK, Europe and Asia-Japan problems.

4. Translations: We are issuing translation licenses and integrating the translation groups in the new system. It is going well. We are in need of a chair, vice chair, secretary and AI coordinator of our Translations Subcommittee.

5. Contracts: We are working with business operations, the European Committee and the Global Members Committees on moving to direct WSO purchase vs Intergroup contracts for printing ACA translated books. This will provide better prices for translated publications and increased efficiency for business operations and accounting systems.

6. Project Management: Training Continues for the new Smartsheet program. We will be providing reports on publishing activity with more details once this system is in place.

7. India Regional Print Hub: We reviewed India ACA's business proposal to receive affordable ACA

books in India. They are providing a 1000 deposit and requested a grant of \$1, 015 plus shipping from the International Literature Scholarship Fund (ILSF). They made a compelling case on their economic hardship, their growing fellowship and met the subsidization principles developed by the Publishing Committee in 2021. The ILSF had over \$7,000 in the fund available. The Collaboration Committee approved and it is pending final board approval.

8. Collaboration Committee: We discussed the new Collaboration Committee and how it could benefit our committee. The structure is still being developed, more work will be done after the ABC and AWC.

9. Chair / Vice Chair/ Secretary/Volunteer Coordinator Roles: We have openings for vice chair, secretary and volunteer coordinator. We are exploring how to recruit more volunteers.

Please use our intake link for requests for approved English and Translated ACA literature: Intake for Publishing Requests: https://acawso.org/publishing_intake

Questions for the publishing staff can be emailed to pubstaff@acawso.org.

Call for Service: We are in need of a volunteer coordinator, volunteers for admin support, proofreaders, policy writing and members with experience in publishing and Adobe Indesign for both English and Translated languages . We would love to hear from our members!

Questions for the Committee & Offers to Provide Service: Please contact Sue V at:

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