

Publishing Committee Monthly Report August 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 (Treasurer/Sweden), Bill D (General Manager), Lucia (Finance Controller), Markus (Staff/Sweden), Christine(Chair Literature), Hasse (Sweden), Marion (UK/Global), Brad L (IT), Marcin (UK/Poland/European Committee/IT), Sebastian (Sweden)

Guests: Shangreila (India), Denis (Russia)

Publishing Committee Meets: Fridays (every 2 weeks), 9:30 am ET, 6:30 am PT, 3:30 pm CET , & SAST, 7:00 pm India, 2:30 pm BST & GMT

**All are welcome to attend.*

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

Activities & Accomplishments:

1. Publications in Development: In addition to the office report, we are working on the French BRB, Lithuanian BRB, Polish YWB and we have received an additional request to update the German YWB for the second printing. In 2022 it is looking like we will be adding 5 languages and 8 new translated publications to our literature list. In addition, for free literature we have added 2 new languages Arabic and Hindi.

2. Accessibility with our Publications: We continue to work with the office and the fellowship in increasing accessibility to our publications with braille as reported by the office, increased publishing of epub's for both English and Translated publications and we are in development to add a new audio function in the eBRB along with correcting the page alignment between epub and print. We are working with the Moscow Intergroup on a plan to continue to print and distribute the Russian BRB and YWB.

3. Intellectual Property- Copyright: In addition to working with the office, we worked with the Japanese translation group with publishing a meeting manual that meets their needs and preserves the copyright.

4. Budget Review: We were able to reduce the publishing budget for the remainder of 2022 by deferring some publications to 2023 and by the general manager finding vendors at reduced rates.

5. Translations: The translations subcommittee continues to meet monthly. We are working on developing a centralized list of all translation groups, both published and those groups in development. This will enable the translation coordinators to email all the groups with updates and resources on a more regular basis.

6. Volunteers: We would welcome additional volunteers to work with us as editors, secretary and/or

admin duties, as well as supporting our translation groups around the world.

Join our open slack channel, # publishing_open_forum if interested to learn more and keep informed on publishing projects.

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.

To volunteer in providing translation support to our international translation groups, contact: translations@acawso.org

To volunteer and learn more about producing audio ACA books, contact: pubaudiovol@acawso.org

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

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