

Publishing Committee Monthly Report November 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)

Guests: Shangreila (India), Laura L

Publishing Committee Meets: Fridays (every 2 weeks), 9:30 am ET, 6:30 am PT, 3:30 pm CET , 4:30 pm SAST, 8:00 pm India, 2:30 pm BST & GMT

Translation Subcommittee Meets: 3rd Wed of the month, 1 pm EST, 7 pm CET

**All are welcome to attend. [Committees Calendar | ACA WSO](#)*

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

Activities & Accomplishments:

1. Publications: The Japan and Italian Intergroups are distributing their newly translated BRB and YWB in their countries. The Polish YWB is being printed for the Polish Intergroup. Coming soon: French and Lithuanian BRBs.

2. Accessibility with our Publications: We have been working with the General Manager in our publishing meetings to find solutions for providing ACA ebooklets in a financially sustainable way. WSO has a new online store for English and translated books and booklets. This is important for our international and virtual groups. As well, we are selling the Translated printed books as they become available. Currently we have for sale Spanish, Japanese and Italian BRB and 12 Steps books (YWB). Special thanks go to our awesome team - Bill D, Markus and Brad L.

3. International Literature Scholarship Fund: We approved India Intergroup's request for an additional \$300 from the fund to pay unexpected custom taxes related to books being shipped from the UK.

4. Intellectual Property- Copyright: We continue to work with the General Manager on copyright infringements and/or concerns.

5. 2023 Budget: We developed a budget for 2023 to meet the current financial needs by deferring some of our translated ebook conversions to 2024 and reduced outside vendor costs for the new publications by having our multilingual publishing staff complete the work. We will do more when the funds become available.

6. Translations: The translations subcommittee continues to meet monthly to support our translation

groups around the world. We worked with them to forecast future publications in the next 2 years.

7. International Pricing of Books: We have started a study group to research and assess best practices and equitable solutions due to the volatile currency conversions from the US dollar.

8. Website: We have started looking at updating the Publishing Committee and Translations Subcommittee pages with the new suggested format.

9. Volunteers: We would welcome additional volunteers to join the Publishing Committee and Translations Subcommittee. We have a new study group and need support on writing projects, secretary and other admin duties.

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

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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