

Publishing Committee Monthly Report December 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), Ralph (Literature), Marion (UK/Global-currently on medical leave), Marcin (UK/Poland/European Committee/IT), Shangreila (Global/India)

Guest: John R

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. Rest Time:** We held 1 Publishing meeting in December and canceled the second publishing meeting and the translations meeting in December to provide extra rest time over the last few weeks of the year.
- 2. Publications:** Staff continue to be very busy completing publishing projects for both print and ebook formats. The French BRB has completed the pre-publishing design stage and has started the preprint stage. The Polish YWB is in the final stages of the preprint stage. We also just heard that the Japanese Intergroup has sold 50% of their newly translated BRB and YWB.
- 3. Accessibility with our Publications:** Our committee had been requesting our booklets to be available online for our international and virtual communities. Solutions were developed and completed by our staff. We also have had a past request from a member attending the Board TC last August about the possibility of bundling books to sale. This was started with the booklets. Thank you to our ACA members for making these suggestions.
- 4. International Literature Scholarship Fund:** We continue to be grateful for the donations for our International Literature Scholarship fund. We have funds available for additional requests needed for literature access for our economically challenged countries and regions.
- 5. Intellectual Property- Copyright:** We discussed the need to verify new literature in development to have the accurate copyright and watermark during the literature development and evaluation process. The General Manager was asked to review the RSG and New Hope and he provided his recommendations. Further work will be discussed next month.

6. 2023 Budget: We completed the 2023 budget. We had to pause work on audio books in 2023 due to the higher costs involved and the need for more 7th Tradition and book sales income. We will reassess when the funds become more available.

7. Translations: The translations subcommittee continues to meet monthly to support our translation groups around the world. We are working with the Japanese Intergroup and interested members in additional translations with the LPG. We are reviewing current copyright watermarks needed.

8. International Pricing of Books: As mentioned last month, we have started a study group to research and explore different pricing models to increase international equity in purchasing books, due to the currency conversion rates and economic conditions in some regions.

9. Website: We will be starting to update the Publishing Committee and Translations Subcommittee pages with the new suggested format in January. We have a new volunteer supporting us..

10. Volunteers: We welcome additional volunteers to join the Publishing Committee and Translations Subcommittee. We have a new study group and need support on writing projects, secretary, volunteer coordinator, experience with creating social media pages 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 translation groups around the world.

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

Questions for the Committee & Offers to Provide Service:

Please contact Sue V at:

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