



Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

2013 Book of Motions

January 2013 – December 2013

Karen R.

ABC Motions added by Trish I. 2025-03-15
w/appendix ref.

January 12, 2013

Motion 0112201301: To combine materials for orders in order to create an "Introductory Package." **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0112201302: To make combinations of Tri-folds. The trifold is currently sold as individual titles in packets of 20 for \$3.00. **Dropped without vote.**

Motion 0112201303: To raise the minimum amount of an order to \$30 from \$10. (Phyllis) A friendly amendment was offered by Larry to decrease the minimum order amount to \$25, down from the suggested \$30. **Tabled until the February 2013 Teleconference.**

Motion 0112201304: To approve an expenditure of \$139 to have a Serbian 'ACA is...' trifold and reviewed by Tampa, and \$20 to have it laid out by Robin. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0112201305: To have a discussion on how much we need to charge for UPS shipping and handling charges. Motion tabled until the February teleconference so that more information can be gathered. **Tabled.**

Motion 0112201306: To authorize a board member to make contact with the law firm that was being used in connection with the copyright application of the words "*Adult Children of Alcoholics*" sought by the 2012 ABC. **Motion amended** to authorize Larry as contact person for fulfillment of this motion. **Motion passed unanimously with Larry abstaining.**

Motion 0112201307: To pay the legal fees of \$1,270 associated with the copyright application of the words "Adult Children of Alcoholics" sought by the 2012 ABC. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0112201308: To cancel the AT&T services at the office for the answering machine. **Tabled.**

Motion 0112201309: Adding information about minimum order requirement, quantity discounts, and shipping charges to the first page of the website Shopping Cart so customers will be aware of them prior to placing their orders. (Mary Jo). **An amendment was made** to this motion that created a couple of general lines informing of the quantity discounts, minimum order requirements, and shipping charges. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 01122013010: To reimburse trustees Larry and Mary Jo for airfare, hotel, car rental, and reasonable food expenses during their visit to the Signal Hill office in February. **Motion passes unanimously with Mary Jo and Larry abstaining.**

Motion 01122013011: That the Signal Hill office staff be invited to the office for an informal brunch on Sunday, February 10, 2013, in the late afternoon. **Motion passes unanimously with Mary Jo and Larry abstaining.**

Motion 01122013012: That the Signal Hill office staff be made available to meet with Larry and or Mary Jo, if at all possible. **Motion passes unanimously with Mary Jo and Larry abstaining.**

Motion 01122013013: That Larry and Mary Jo look into the phone needs in the office. **Motion passes unanimously with Mary Jo and Larry abstaining.**

February 9, 2013

Motion 0209201301: The Board accepted the resignations of George S as Chair of the Board and Jeneanne S as Treasurer of the Board. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0209201302: Board approved to appoint the Interim Chair, Scott, as Chair of the Board and Larry as Vice-Chair. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0209201303: Board approved the presentation of the Public Information (approved by the 2012 ABC for production) booklet to the 2013 ABC. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0209201304: Board approved eliminating the use of paper order forms for ACA materials. (Paper order forms create a lot of 'hands on' work for the staff, thus increasing the cost of office operation.) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0209201305: Board approved accepting Vonnie to serve as a Board member. (Larry, Interim Chair, nominated Vonnie to the Board. She is active in ACA and serves the fellowship in various roles.) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0209201306: Obtaining insurance for unexpected volunteer injuries while at the warehouse working. Tabled until more specifics gained on need for insurance to cover volunteers in the office. **Tabled.**

Motion 0209201307: Raise the price of trifolds from .20 to .25. Tabled until after Larry and Mary Jo's trip to the office and further information gained. **Tabled.**

Motion 0209201308: Board approved changing the account source for Shopping Cart from *Intuit's Merchant Account* to *PayPal Express*.

Discussion: PayPal Express gave WSO a reduction in cost because of being a non-profit.) **Motion passes unanimously.**

March 9, 2013

Motion 0309201301: To Increase the amount of a minimum order from \$10 to \$30 and include shipping and handling.

Discussion: To include shipping and handling costs in this price does not work because the system is not set up to price it this way. **Tabled until more information available.**

Motion 0309201302: Obtain insurance for volunteer workers at the warehouse. **Tabled until the information has been studied.**

Motion 0309201303: Increase the cost of trifolds from \$0.20 each to \$0.25 each. **Tabled until evaluation on other cost-saving measures, including a different packaging plan, can be made.**

Motion 0309201304: That a time limit/frame of five minutes will be allowed per report and motions, and 3 minutes for each guest to comment at the monthly board meeting. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0309201305: That the revised PI letter be posted on the listserv of *Therapeutic Jurisprudence* and signed by either the Outreach or the H&I Committee. The revised letter will not offer any literature but will refer recipients instead to the free *ACA is ...* pamphlet, which is downloadable from our website. **An amendment was made** to remove the Outreach Committee from the motion. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0309201306: To sell Tri-folds in multiples of 10, unfolded, and increase the price break for a discount to 20. (Larry) **Friendly amendment made** by Mary Jo to put in package of 10 @ \$1.80, with no subsequent discount. **Motion passes unanimously with one abstention.**

Motion 0309201307: To establish a new item that consists of 1 each of all tri-folds. (Larry) Leanne seconded. **Friendly Amendment:** to sell for \$2.70. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0309201308: That the three (3) phone lines (the two (2) that are currently being used at the distribution center and the unmanned number) be transferred to *Vonage*. (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously.**

April 13, 2013

Motion 0413201301: That ACA WSO purchase a computer (laptop or desktop) for the use of the Outreach Coordinator. (Larry, Phyllis)

Discussion: The Outreach coordinator reported that she has received a desk and a monitor but now needs the CPU.

Friendly Amendment: Keep the computer as WSO property. Spend no more than \$600 to purchase. A laptop can be purchased and should have a one year maintenance agreement with it. **Amended motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0413201302: To provide guidance on any concerns about anonymity and possible infraction of traditions regarding the publication of a video made of a Sponsorship workshop by a local group. The group would like to put this video, (or audio, whichever is the best to protect anonymity), on YouTube and the ACA WSO website. They would also like to offer it directly to other ACA communities for use in the promotion of sponsorship. (Phyllis)

Discussion: There is not enough information to provide certainty about anonymity. **Tabled.**

Motion 0413201303: To have a Literature table at the 2013 ABC with trifolds, pamphlets, Fellowship Texts, and Workbooks for sale using the U.S. Dollar. (Phyllis)

Discussion: The host city or group should keep the proceeds from such sales. If someone is willing to sit at the table and sell the items, this could be done. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0413201304: To have two sets of materials for display only at the ABC. Each set will consist of one each of the trifolds, one each of the pamphlets, one BRB and one workbook. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0413201305: To establish a selling price for Finnish BRB's in various conditions.

Discussion: The books in pristine condition will sell for more than the books that are cosmetically damaged. **Motion passes unanimously.**

May 11, 2013

Motion 0511201301: To refer the issue brought up and tabled in **Motion 0413201302** to a Social Media Committee for recommendation. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0511201302: To repurpose 7th Tradition donations. **Tabled for discussion and deferred to the Treasury Committee.**

Motion 0511201303: To create a workable budget. **Tabled for discussion and deferred to the Treasury Committee.**

Motion 0511201304: To create workable logistics for ordering, storage, and expenditures in our book distribution business. **Tabled until more information is available.**

Motion 0511201305: To provide a subsidy for drop shipments of books and materials sent to foreign countries. **Tabled.**

Motion 0511201306: To establish a new committee under the auspices of the WSO Board entitled European Committee. (Joan) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0511201307: To authorize the Chair of the Literature Committee to sign the affidavit in support of the application to trademark of the term "Adult Children of Alcoholics" on behalf of the ACA. (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0511201308: To approve the expenditure of up to \$2,960 for the audio version of the BRB. (Larry) **Tabled.**

Motion 0511201309: To approve the expenditure of \$260 for preparation of the copyright application and the filing fee for the Danish BRB. (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously.**

June 8, 2013

Motion 0608201301: To approve the expenditure of \$2,960 for the audio version of the BRB. (Larry) **Discussion:** The Company agreed to cap the total cost at \$5,000. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0608201302: To nominate Majbrit M as Chairperson of the European Committee. (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0608201303: To approve the expenditure of \$4,530 to produce 2,000 each of the "**Cross Talk**" and "**Good Enough**" booklets (5 1/2 x 8"), and to place them for sale at \$4 each. (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0608201304: To authorize the donation of the van to **Wheels for Wishes**. (Mary Jo) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0608201305: To approve the purchase of a Biometric Scanner for the Distribution Center. (Mary Jo)

Discussion: Our accountant has offered to pay \$250 of the cost. Our remaining balance could be approximately \$300 more.

July 13, 2013

Motion 0713201301: To remove from our *ACA Meetings Referral List*, Phone Bridge meeting TEL159 at 712-432-8808, pin: 2233# that meets on Tuesdays and is called "*The Fourth Tradition*" meeting. This meeting was registered in January 2013. (Karen) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0713201302: To authorize the Chair to sign the Affidavit of continuing use for US registration No. 3,460,353 *ACA Logo & Design* and to pay our Trademark attorney \$750 for the preparation of the affidavit. (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0713201303: To approve the use of the Staples aggressive pricing plan for non-profits. (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0713201304: To raise the price on the New Meeting Packet from \$9.50 to \$15.00. (Mary Jo) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0713201305: To sell a package assembly called a "*New Meeting Essentials*" for \$35.00 that will include the *New Meeting Packet*, *BRB* and *Workbook*. (Mary Jo) **Amendment:** The new package assembly shall *not* be called "**New Meeting Essentials**" due to existing tri-fold title conflict. It was also decided that this board trust Mary Jo to consider and give the new package assembly an appropriate name. **Motion passes unanimously as amended.**

Motion 0713201306: To approve the expenditure of \$59 to shred 21-24 boxes of order forms over 4 years old. (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0713201307: That the Board of Trustees adopt a policy of conducting an annual ACA WSO Inventory/Processing Audit for the purpose of orientating the Board to the Literature Distribution Center processes and exercise oversight over the personnel. In order to promote consistency and the rotation of service, the Inventory/Audit shall be conducted by a team of two (2) Board members (whose membership will include one member from the previous year's team and another member of the Board. The team will do this at the Signal Hill, California ACA Literature Distribution Center (The Home Office). (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0713201308: To send \$100 to Scott and Phyllis for partial reimbursement of personal expenses related to a Signal Hill ACA Home Office visit. Their expenses included taking available staff members out for a meal, as well as time spent by the webmaster investigating and discussing computer issues. (Karen) **Motion passes unanimously with one abstention.**

Motion 0713201309: That the Board adopt a policy that allows the Board to decide minor issues by either:

- General consensus with a majority of Board members agreeing in principle with an overall goal without defining the specific method of achieving that goal and leaving the means of achieving that goal to the Board Member who is leading that effort.
- Specific concurrence defined as the majority of the Board agreeing with a specific goal and the Board Member raising the issue specifying the method of achieving that goal. (Larry)

Discussion: This board should consider their own behavior changes toward making decisions; "policy" would affect subsequent boards and their methods of making decisions. **A friendly amendment** was made to remove the word "policy" and substitute the word "guideline." This guideline will be included in

the **"On Boarding"** Project rather than as an OPPM update. **Motion as amended Carried (4) Ayes (3) Nays (0) Abstain**

Motion 0713201310: To authorize the Chair and or, if available, the Spanish Translation and Group Liaison [Ines] to travel to the conference **"Addiction and its Effects on the Family" Conference** in Puerto Rico on September 6 & 7, 2013. (Larry)

Discussion: The travel is in order to present and/or distribute literature provided. Each trustee acknowledges that they are only speaking of their own experiences and not on behalf of ACA WSO as a whole. The costs of attending (travel and incidentals) are being paid for by the conference organizers.

Further discussion: Who was invited to the Puerto Rican conference? Was the invitation extended to one or two speakers? **A friendly amendment** was created stating that if the conference is primarily English speaking, a different board member (Leanne) should accompany Larry. If this conference is being presented primarily to and by Spanish speaking participants, our Spanish Translation and Group Liaison (Ines) should accompany Larry. **Amended motion passes unanimously.**

August 10, 2013

Motion 0810201301: That the Board approve the expenditure of \$400 to be paid to Robin Remaley, our lay out person, to lay out, revise and finalize the ACA Meditation Book in print ready form. (Larry) **Motion passes unanimously with one abstention.** (Larry)

Motion 0810201302: To validate for record, majority WSO Board concurrence that Larry A as ACA WSO Board Chairman, sign the POA that authorizes Patricia of Wilshire Financial Services, Inc. to represent ACA WSO in the matter of the Drake Unemployment claim and related correspondence. (Karen) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0810201303: That the ACA WSO Board pay for expenses relating to travel and accommodations for an ACA WSO Trustee, to attend the, **"Addiction and its Effects on the Family"** Conference being held September 6-7, 2013 in San Juan, Puerto Rico and to advance our Trustee an initial \$500 of total costs. (Karen) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0810201304: That the ACA WSO Board approve the consignment of ACA Literature e.g., the Spanish translated 12 Step workbook, to be sold at the September 6-7, 2013 **"Addiction and its Effects on the Family"** Conference being held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and to cover costs of the other ACA materials, or supplies, e.g., a display for the table costing approximately \$75. (Karen) **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion 0810201305: To authorize shipment of 100 Spanish ACA workbooks plus 10 BRBs to Leanne as the point person for literature and related supplies in regards to the **"Addiction and its Effects on the Family"** Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 6-7, 2013. (Mary Jo) **Motion passes unanimously.**

September 14, 2013

Motion #1 made by Karen, 2nd by Joan: That the Board validate for record, the sending of a cease and desist letter to persons who have sent advertisements and/or solicitations for the purpose of selling outside literature to our public points of contact. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion #2 made by Larry, 2nd by Karen: That the Board validate for record. the Board's specific concurrence to lower the price of the "Cross Talk" and "Good Enough" booklets from \$4 to \$3.50. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion #3 made by Larry, 2nd by Vonnie: That the Board validate for record, the Board's specific concurrence to include the "Cross Talk" and "Good Enough" booklets in the Literature Set and raise the price of the Literature Set from \$6 to \$12, and to add them to the New Meeting packet and raise the price from \$15 to \$21. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion #4 made by Larry, 2nd by Vonnie: That the Board validate for record the Board's specific concurrence to change the price of the Meeting Starter Kit from \$35 to \$41. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion #5 made by Leanne, 2nd by Karen: That the Board validate for record the Board's specific concurrence for an adjusted increase to cover the costs for the two banners we {needed} for the "Addiction and Its Effects on the Family" conference held in San Juan, September 5th and 6th, 2013. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion #6 made by Joan, 2nd by Karen: That the Board approve changing the date for sending out the Ballot Request form, the cover letter explaining the balloting process, and the 2014 ABC meeting registration form by October 21, 2013 **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion #7 was tabled until October's teleconference

Motion #8 The Board validates the specific concurrence to assign the additional responsibilities of staffing the ABC, the Web, Outreach and conducting research projects as assigned with additional time being between 6-8 hours a week depending if there is a research project to the Staff person who updates the meeting list and receives correspondence and deposits 7th Tradition donations. (Larry)

Motion received friendly amendments to read:

The Board validates for record our decision by specific concurrence to have one of our paid staff member's duties expanded to assisting on specific Board tasks, such as ABC assignments, Website assistance, Outreach or H & I projects, etc.; This re-assignment of tasks and hours are proposed to add between 6-8 hours on the current schedule and wages for this staff person and are to be funded through the Administrative Cost center. (Mary Jo, Joan) **Amended motion passes unanimously.**

October 12, 2013

~~2. Motion made by Mary Jo, 2nd by Vonnie: To authorize engagement of a California attorney who works with non-profits to help us ensure that our proposed Employee Manual and other documents are appropriately written. The cost is not to exceed \$1200 without a further motion. After discussion and friendly amendment, the motion reads: To authorize engagement of a California attorney who works with non-profits to help us ensure that our proposed Employee Manual and other documents are appropriately written. The cost is not to exceed \$600 without a further motion.~~

Amended Motion Carried (unanimous)

D. New Business

Motion #1 made by Larry, 2nd by Joan: That the Board approve the expenditure of approximately between \$13,818 (B&W) and \$15,109 (Color) to print 10,000 copies of the ACA Meditation Book, and that they be sold for \$10 with a 10% bulk discount for orders of 20 or more meditation books. The Meditation Book is

to be added to the Meeting Starter Kit to include new Meeting Packet, The Fellowship Text, 12 Step Workbook, and Meditation Book, and increase the price from \$41 to \$50. [\$56 if bought separately] (Larry)
Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion #2 made by Larry, 2nd by Leanne: That the Board validate for the record, concurrence to reimburse the WSO Staff Member for her trip to Prescott, and pay for her actual time in being trained for management of the ACA website. (Larry)
Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion #3 made by Mary Jo, 2nd by Leanne : That the Board validate for the record, concurrence to give pay increases to three of the staff members of our WSO Distribution Office Staff, based on recommendations from the Treasury Committee.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion #4 made by Mary Jo, 2nd by Vonnie: To give a copy of the Meditation Book to the 60 people who contributed to and supported the completion of this book project.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion #5 made by Leanne, 2nd by Allen: That the Board validate for the record, concurrence in approval for the standardization of all our ACA WSO Conference Approved tri-folds.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion #6 made by Leanne, 2nd by Vonnie: That the Board adopt the "Graphics and Style Guide" as proposed to serve as a guideline and standardization of all print, web and electronic communications and publications from the ACA WSO.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion #7 made by Karen, read by Joan in Karen's absence, 2nd by Leanne As per the OPPM pg 7, I move to open the floor for nominations for the positions as trustees to the ACA WSO Board.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

November 9, 2013

Motion #1 Made by Larry, 2nd by Karen: To validate on the record the Board's specific concurrence that authorized the Chair to sign an agreement between ACA WSO, Inc, NAWS, Inc and Centauria that will allow Centauria to use NAWS (Narcotics Anonymous World Service) custom programming to create the new ACA website.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion #2 Made by Vonnie, 2nd by Karen: To install a conference line that will be made available to telephone meetings to use that will provide the same vital opportunity for anonymity for a phone caller as for someone who attends a meeting in person.
Motion Tabled.

Motion #3 made by Larry, 2nd by Leanne: That the Board authorize the purchase of additional metal shelving at a cost of about \$520 for the warehouse in Signal Hill, CA.
Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion #4 made by Leanne, 2nd by Mary Jo: To approve the expenditure of approximately \$8,500 for travel and expenses for all ACA WSO Board members to attend a face-to-face meeting in January 2014 to conduct a strategic planning session.

December 14, 2013

1. A motion was made by Mary Jo and 2nd to approve the submitted budget for 2014.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

2. The floor was opened for nomination for the position of ACA WSO Trustee. There were no further nominations brought forward. Nominees Majbrit M., from Denmark and Ines Z., from New York were both elected unanimously to the ACA WSO Board of Trustees.

D. New Business

Motion #1 made by Larry and 2nd, that the Board pay expenses estimated to be \$1,890 of the trip by the WSO Chair and Treasurer to go to the ACA WSO Distribution Center.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

Motion #2 made by Larry and 2nd that the WSO authorize the expenditure of \$260 for legal fees and costs to copyright the Meditation Book, Strengthening My Recovery.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

2013 ABC Motions

Note from editor: there is no date on the document with the motions from the ABC (see Appendix) so the date is not confirmed.

ABC-2013-2: Reduce the cost of postage/shipping of red books and workbooks internationally.

Motion_02: Yes = 78%: **Passed** Yes: 108, No: 31, No Opinion: 14

ABC 2013-3: Develop and publish a daily reader for ACA.

Motion_03: Yes = 70%: **Passed** Yes: 102, No: 44, No Opinion: 6

ABC-2013-7: Develop a pamphlet of the Twelve Traditions of ACA from our Big Red Book

Motion_07: Yes = 84%: **Passed** Yes: 122, No: 23, No Opinion: 8

ABC- 2013-8: A pamphlet be created that offers multiple options/ways of using the Workbook, to include it's use in structured Workbook meeting

Motion_08: Yes = 80%: **Passed** Yes: 111, No: 27, No Opinion: 15

ABC-2013-10: WSO grant the rights to the groups in the Netherlands to print WSO pamphlets.

Motion_10: Yes = 72%: **Passed** Yes: 99, No: 39, No Opinion: 15

ABC-2013-11: WSO grant the rights to the groups in the Netherlands to print the ACA Big Book and the ACA Step Working guide.

Motion_11: Yes = 68%: **Passed** Yes: 91, No: 42, No Opinion: 16

ABC-2013-13: The WSO have available for sale, 12 Step and 12 Tradition banners.

Motion_13: Yes = 69%: **Passed** Yes: 95, No: 43, No Opinion: 14

ABC- 2013-14: The ABC improve page-number-based navigation in all eBook formats of the Big Book

Motion_14: Yes = 72%: **Passed** Yes: 98, No: 38, No Opinion: 16

ABC-2013-15: Need a guide on how to help the development and growth of ACA groups.

Motion_15: Yes = 74%: **Passed** Yes: 104, No: 37, No Opinion: 12

ABC-2013-16: Would like some guidelines on how ACA can be on Facebook. How can we be on Facebook without violating our traditions?

Motion_16: Yes = 77%: **Passed** Yes: 110, No: 33, No Opinion: 7

APPENDIX: Notes from 2013 Annual Business Conference

World Service Organization Ballot results for 2013 Annual Business Conference (ABC)

Ballots receiving a 2/3 positive vote are included for discussion at the ABC.

Proposal 2013-1: The sentence "Your will, not mine, be done" be removed from the BRB Meditation.

Motion_01: 34%: **Failed** Yes: 48, No: 94, No Opinion: 11

Proposal 2013-2: Reduce the cost of postage/shipping of red books and workbooks internationally.

Motion_02: Yes = 78%: **Passed** Yes: 108, No: 31, No Opinion: 14

Comments for:

Our group would definitely benefit from that.

Literature is very reasonable but the cost of international postage is exorbitant and sometimes beyond the ability of new members to purchase; makes ordering literature very difficult in countries outside of USA

We are a European group, so reducing the cost will be good for us too.

We have recently experienced a drop in shipping costs due to the work done at WSO already...thank you

The costs are still high for the groups from poorer countries.

We believe this is worth discussing but feel that allowing regional publishers to do so and to charge a royalty seems reasonable as long as we can be assured that other than language localization, no other content will be changed.

Of Course.

Comments against:

We assume the WSO is already handling this

WSO working on it, but oversea shipping is expensive

Seems like a problem that discussion won't solve.

Response by WSO seemed adequate.

Do not see why this needs to be discussed since WSO office and Literature committee are already taking actions. Do not stop actions being taken.

Feel this has been taken care of by WSO

0 yes, 6 no

Proposal 2013-3: Develop and publish a daily reader for ACA.

Motion_03: Yes = 70%: **Passed** Yes: 102, No: 44, No Opinion: 6

Comments for:

It would be a helpful tool.

WSO is working on it

daily reader is important for us.

We look forward to the meditation book.

Yes

We all have been waiting so very long for this. We're excited that it is finally happening!

Do not stop actions already in place.

The AI-anon Hope for Today daily reader was developed specifically for Adult Children.

We will ask members to contribute to the initiative

Please!

In progress so probably will need to discuss

9 yes, 3 no

Comments against:

Already being done.

A Meditation Book is already being written.

Response by WSO seemed adequate.

Agree with WSO analysis

Already in progress. No need to discuss. Look forward to publication.

In development stage already

Use Hope for Today

No need to discuss since there is already a daily reader being produced.

Other Comments:

If this daily reader is like the one at hazelden.org, we think there's no need to discuss this proposal at the meeting. If not, we would like to say "no opinion".

Proposal 2013-4: Want a collective opinion / group consciousness regarding how the meeting is ended; with the serenity prayer or freely chosen by the groups?

Motion_04: 32%: **Failed** Yes: 45, No: 96, No Opinion: 11

Proposal 2013-5: Want a collective opinion/group consciousness about touching in the meetings, i.e. allow hugs or holding hands
Motion_05: 31%: **Failed** Yes: 43, No: 94, No Opinion: 14

Proposal 2013-6: The Steps of the ACA program be reviewed/rewritten to ensure they more accurately reflect ACA principles in the Big Red Book and Yellow Work Book.

Motion_06: 54%: **Failed** Yes: 76, No: 65, No Opinion: 10

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Comments for:

many of us believe that questions and activities for Steps 5-12 will be useful.

Suggestion: Look to a workbook revision over the next 5-10 years.

We use the workbook in our meeting and love it. We do however wonder why only questions in steps 1-4 with a fall off after that.

Is it necessary to create a separate pamphlet? It can be included in the workbooks in the future, can't it?

I have facilitated groups with the new yellow book, and it drops flat after Step Five, after having a great momentum with questions at the end. I then used the questions from Twelve Steps a Way Out. Other groups using the yellow workbook had members drop like flies after Step Five, and I feel it had a lot to do with no questions. I feel very strongly about this. I have facilitated many groups and acted as a sponsor through Twelve Steps A Way Out...and it had many strengths...how to use it, contracts for the beginning, questions, behaviors when working the steps, behaviors when not working the steps. I LOVE THE CHARTS IN THE YELLOW BOOK! SO POWERFUL!!

Our group uses the workbook in the second half of our Sunday meetings. We also use it for Step work with the sponsor.

We agree with the argument in favour as stated in the submissions

Do not do a pamphlet, instead, update the workbook. This wouldn't require setting up a pamphlet.

Very necessary. Workbook includes extra info not found in BRB. Any knowledge/wisdom is sorely needed!

Would be good to hear what others are doing...

14 yes, 3 no

It's important to add the Workbook with questions for 5-12 Steps and instructions for use in structured Workbook meeting.

Comments against:

We've worked out our way to use the Workbook. Each meeting can decide.

It's irrelevant because the workbook is detailed with guidance and structure already.

Other Comments:

We have never used a workbook in our meetings.

We want to say "no opinion".

Not clear.

We feel this information could be included in the workbook.

Proposal 2013-9: WSO grant the rights to the groups in the Netherlands to print certain sections of WSO literature.

Motion_09: 60%: **Failed** Yes: 80, No: 54, No Opinion: 18

Proposal 2013-10: WSO grant the rights to the groups in the Netherlands to print WSO pamphlets.

Motion_10: Yes = 72%: **Passed** Yes: 99, No: 39, No Opinion: 15

Comments for:

There can certainly be a dialog about this.

It would be good to have at least one printing office in Europe to reduce the shipping costs.

Have a WSO office somewhere in Europe to coordinate a publisher in Europe. It would have the same function as the WSO office in the USA.

no need to print pamphlets if the cost of postage decreases.

They can download.

Discuss and document policy based on stated WSO analysis (revenue and copyright)

WSO should continue to look at ways to print in other countries to reduce costs.

Need to include the rest of the world and their languages, expand for future requests from non-English speaking countries

Greater independence of the national ACA is a good for growth of community.

We feel strongly that the content should be preserved but we voted yes because we think this is worth discussing.

WSO should continue to research ways to print literature in different countries.

12 yes, 0 no

We feel program literature should be made easily and inexpensively available worldwide.

Very important proposal for ACA Community in Russia. We agree with this proposal. From financial point of view it's not efficient. Royalty fee would be much better and convenient for all.

Comments against:

Groups can already download and copy for their meeting's use.

Suggestion: Look to developing more literature on e-readers. Also, work on reducing shipping charges.

We support the current availability of ACA materials available online and consider it healthy to support WSO through literature sales

Buy them

Covered in OPPM

Other Comments:

Not sure what this means.

We have no opinion about this proposal.

Proposal 2013-11: WSO grant the rights to the groups in the Netherlands to print the ACA Big Book and the ACA Step Working guide.

Motion_11: Yes = 68%: **Passed** Yes: 91, No: 42, No Opinion: 16

Comments for:

There can certainly be a dialog about this.

It would be good to have at least one printing office in Europe to reduce the shipping costs.

It is possible for WSO to print internationally using createspace. The service is free, just need to upload a PDF or word version ready for print. People can buy via createspace or amazon. No need to outsource to Netherlands.

Have a WSO office somewhere in Europe to coordinate a publisher in Europe. It would have the same function as the WSO office in the USA.

Same as Proposal 2013-2...if the cost of shipments decrease there is no need to print. Isn't there a possibility to ship the heavier books in large quantities, store it and then distribute throughout the continents.

We don't want to lose the publishing rights nor the control of printing.

Discuss and document policy based on stated WSO analysis (revenue and copyright)

Need to include the rest of the world and their languages, expand for future requests from non-English speaking countries

Greater independence of the national ACA is a good for growth of community.

WSO needs to maintain the copyright to ACA Big Book and ACA Yellow book

12 yes, 1 no

We feel program literature should be made easily and inexpensively available worldwide.

Comments against:

Suggest using the e-book instead

Suggestion: Work instead on reducing shipping charges.

Why is this necessary? The door may be opened to changes that impact the message. Keep the printing central in the WSO.

WSO should continue to look at ways to print in other countries to reduce costs.

We support the current availability of ACA materials available online and consider it healthy to support WSO through literature sales. The postage costs have recently been reduced

Buy them

WSO should continue to research ways to print literature in different countries.

Other Comments:

Not sure what this means.

We have no opinion about this proposal.

Proposal 2013-12: The word "God" be replaced in the literature everywhere with the words "Higher Power" and ensure "Higher Power" is never referred to using the pronouns "he" or "she."

Motion_12: 44%: **Failed** Yes: 64, No: 82, No Opinion: 6

Proposal 2013-13: The WSO have available for sale, 12 Step and 12 Tradition banners.

Motion_13: Yes = 69%: **Passed** Yes: 95, No: 43, No Opinion: 14

Comments for:

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Buy them

WSO should continue to research ways to print literature in different countries.

Other Comments:

Not sure what this means.

We have no opinion about this proposal.

Proposal 2013-14: The ABC improve page-number-based navigation in all eBook formats of the Big Book

Motion_14: Yes = 72%: **Passed** Yes: 98, No: 38, No Opinion: 16

Comments for:

The technology is there and may be cheaper very soon.

Very important and very simple to do. I just published and ebook and it took less than a day to do - I'm not sure where the estimated costs came from.

Just put more bookmarks in the ebooks. You can't do page numbers because ebook readers can change the font and size to suit the person reading.

We feel that electronic books will become more popular as time moves forward. It may even help to solve the postage dilemma, however easy of use and currency of information is key.

Yes

User friendly eBooks are much needed. EBooks presently are difficult to use in group settings.

This would be convenient; it's a sign of the times. It would also encourage additional sales of eBooks. Most people would have a hard copy AND an eBook. Searching function is invaluable.

EBooks presently are difficult to use in group setting

It will be useful, so "yes".

Pages need to be same number for eBook as BRB.

We need page numbers really badly to be able to use the ebook in meetings! Otherwise it is too difficult to use there!
We really need these and I have search strings set up for about 300 pages of BRB. I'll help to get this done!

Comments against:

Built-in search function in e-book works well

WCO Analysis shows a simpler and cheaper way.

Neither of the formats used is well suited for this. It is a waste of effort and funds.

Agree in principle but do not think it is a priority due to the costs

Is this asking too much of our volunteer WSO?

We believe that it is prudent to wait until technological advancements render this exercise less expensive (perhaps another year).

0 yes, 11 no

Other Comments:

Never had a trouble like that.

There was a tie here Yes = 3 No = 0 No opinion = 3 I hit "No opinion" button, I can't find a way to delete/unselect; please revise so that no button is selected

Lack of information.

Proposal 2013-15: Need a guide on how to help the development and growth of ACA groups.

Motion_15: Yes = 74%: **Passed** Yes: 104, No: 37, No Opinion: 12

Comments for:

Our group suffer from that as well.

I can work on this

we think that it is very important for all post-Soviet countries.

We have made our own pamphlets, but would appreciate an official copy.

Yes to translate ACA Is

Yes

This would definitely provides options to consider--many are not knowledgeable in marketing and outreach.

It should contain instructions on how to retain members and build a healthy group. It is an extremely tough program as is and few ACAs can handle it.

We feel like we're small and unknown too, so it will be really great for us if ABC discuss this proposal at the meeting.

My group has a high number of homeless, severe mental illness- some untreated and we would like help growing our meeting
Belarusians need our help!

11 yes, 4 no

It's very important proposal for Russia. We have many problems with sponsorship and service on group and upper level of Service. We still don't have Regional Service Committee in Russia. We have only one Intergroup in Moscow and that's all for whole biggest country in the world with 140 million of people. We need support from World ACA Community, especially from Europe and neighbor countries as Poland, Finland, etc. to develop our ACA Community and sharing experience. It would be great to organize European ABC or Convention for this issues.

Comments against:

Material in BRB and guidelines on the web site.

Build it, they'll come. Starter Kit is great.

BRB covers this. Also, the meat of this information is on the web site at the ACA Literature Page. While the site is well organized, perhaps a different solution to the issue would be to change the name of the ACA Literature page (which is very misleading since the path to literature for sale is via the shopping cart) and and menu item to something like Fundamentals for Newcomers

We agree with the WSO analysis and suggest that the groups use the AA PI guidelines as a valuable source for PI

This guide is the traditions of the fellowship

Proposal 2013-16: Would like some guidelines on how ACA can be on Facebook. How can we be on Facebook without violating our traditions?

Motion_16: Yes = 77%: **Passed** Yes: 110, No: 33, No Opinion: 7

Comments for:

It should be brought up only as to clarify how this violates traditions.

We need some guidelines - this is only going to become more of an issue.

We find it threatening as well.

Facebook is unreliable, banned from many workplaces and not secure. Since many come to meetings direct from work, Facebook should primarily refer to a traditional website as a means of updated info.

A guideline is important. We also need to follow up with people that violate the guideline to ensure the ACA program in not confused with these Facebook groups.

We are NOT in favor of ACA being on Facebook as it violates Tradition 11 of public promotion.

we need a guidance.

This one is a controversial topic given social media is so popular.

All discussion should be aimed at protecting our 11th Tradition.

Definitely. Anonymity is critical.

We are particularly concerned about how Facebook pages (including ACA UK's page) can preserve anonymity.

Protect 11th Tradition always.

Essential information to protect anonymity.

Developing guidelines for electronic media is a must considering the growing number of personal sites. AA have excellent guidelines which could be used as a foundation to simplify the process

PRivacy and confidentiality are greatly important. Some members are needing to protect their identity from predators on Facebook

Since social media (any online presence) is problematic, because many of us have had our anonymity compromised this way, we would like for the board to discuss. We also feel that we need to publish some clear guidance since many people aren't making the connection between our traditions and their online presence.

"Hell Yeah!" A set of guidelines for the use of social media is absolutely necessary. We should commit the resources to take care of this.

We feel that ACA could use a more extensive online presence, and particularly that there should be a safe, anonymous community for discussion and support that is available 24 hours per day. However, we do not feel that Facebook is an appropriate place for this, since it is inherently not anonymous, and it is becoming more and more easy to identify people online.

This is a very good question!

14 yes, 0 no

It's very actual. It's very strong way to carry the message. But very hard to observe Traditions. We know that AA and NA developed pamphlets about social networks. Maybe their experience would be useful for ACA too.

Comments against:

There is no way of being anonymous in Facebook. In Skype it is possible, us it.

ACA should not be on Facebook (Tradition 11)

We strongly oppose ACA on Facebook.

It's our opinion that Facebook is subject to too frequent privacy violations and would be at constant risk of posters losing anonymity.

Here in our country, being on Facebook means being NO anonymous anymore. So unless there is an ACA Forum or a social networking site just for the groups like ours, we would like to say "don't discuss" to this proposal.

Facebook is promotion. Our 11 Tradition is: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion" ACA on Facebook for us is incompatible with the principle of anonymous (when you making LIKE, your are not anonymous). NO

Not at all an option. We are not affiliated with any outside organizations!!

Other Comments:

There was a tie for this proposal. 2 votes yes, 2 votes no and 2 votes no opinion.