

Jim R. – Trustee (Requesting Ratification for Term 1 / Year 2)

ACA Service Biography

Years of ACA & Service

YEAR	<u>MEETING AND INTERGROUP</u>	<u>WSO</u>
2013	Began ACA in February. Self-Parenting with Love, NY109, Brooklyn, NY Service – Literature/ Mtg chair	
2014	Meeting service and fellowship	
2015	Greater New York ACA Intergroup (GNYAI) – Secretary/Treasurer – Developed a website	
2016	GNYAI - Helped produce Share-a-Day event in Brooklyn, NY; Treasurer	ABC Delray, FL – Intergroup Delegate WSO Committees: ABC ; Began planning San Diego & Toronto ABCs; Began working on Slack
2017	Cofounded, Men of Brooklyn ACA meeting, November GNYAI - Emcee at Share-a-Day event, Montclair, NJ;	ABC San Diego – GNYAI Delegate WSO Committees: ABC : assembled the Delegate Binder, planning ABCs: Toronto; and Malmo, Sweden OPPM, Ballot Prep , Service Network Committee
2018	GNYAI - Chair; Assisted with Share-a-Day event, Baldwin, NY	ABC Toronto – Assistant WSO Committees: ABC : assembled the Delegate Binder; planning for Malmo, Sweden, and Boca Raton OPPM Ballot Prep
2019	Moved from Brooklyn. Attended ACA in Huntington, NY. GNYAI - Reduced role. Produced Fellowship ‘Play Date’ – a picnic on Governor’s Island, NY	ABC Malmo – Assistant WSO Committees: ABC , assembled the Delegate Binder; planning for ABC Boca Raton OPPM Ballot Prep
2020	Joined a new meeting, Strengthening My Recovery (SMR) WEB0120 – Zoom, daily; Room Host and Meeting Chair and Newcomer Greeter; WSO Representative and ABC Delegate for the Group	ABC 2020, Virtual – Delegate WSO Committees – ABC - Assembled the Delegate Binder; Ballot Prep

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	Established the treasury; Helped develop a WordPress website, acamorning.org	
2021	SMR regular meeting services; WSO Representative and ABC Delegate for the Group Chaired a detailed meeting script review and edit;	ABC 2021 , Virtual – Delegate assembled the Delegate Binder WSO Committee work: Ballot Prep
2022	SMR regular meeting services; Also – Service Co-Secretary : organized online service schedule for 50+ weekly service roles	ABC 2022, Virtual – Attendee WSO Committees: Ballot Prep VRC (Volunteer Resource Committee), Cochair with Laura L: Volunteer Day production; WSO Field Trip ABC Study Group Cochair with John R CCP&S (Collaboration Committee, for Policy and Structure)
2023	SMR regular meeting services; Also – Organized a week-long Anniversary Celebration with online fellowship dance parties and activities; Chair, Business Meeting Study Group , reviewing process and script; maintained a webpage of minutes and resources	ABC 2023, Virtual – Assist WSO Committees – - Ballot Prep , - CCP&S - VRC : initiated Service Wellness 24/7 program; started Meet&Greet., - Health and Safety Advisory Group - ABC Study Group , Charter focus; left in October Attended the Committee Chair Summit in Boca Raton; introduction to the WSO Service Academy
2024	SMR regular meeting services; Also – Organize fellowship activities; Chair, Business Meeting Study Group Developed online polling process for reaching group conscience. Participated in the Summer Camp programming as well as the Harvest Festival	ABC 2024, Virtual – Assist WSO Committees: - Ballot Prep , leaving - VRC : suspending Service Wellness program; refine Meet & Greet; lead more WSO Field Trips; introducing ‘Consider Service’, a Volunteering program; direct outreach on Slack; work with the Service Academy - ABC Delegate Engagement - assist Application for Nomination to ACA WSO Board -Began Board service 4/18/24 Chairs/Board Forum – began outreach to the various WSO committees in an attempt to create community and consistency.

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		<p>Participated in the Trustee Orientation programming</p> <p>Elected to the interim Vice Chair of the Trustees, a member of the Executive Committee</p>
2025	<p>SMR regular meeting services;</p> <p>Also – Organized fellowship activities, such as the 5th Anniversary Celebration; Assist with the maintenance of the group website, acamorning.org; review and update the meeting script; oversee the group proposal process; brought the SMR meeting to the AWC; Also offered an ACA Scavenger Hunt at the AWC</p>	<p>Helped with the planning and promotion of the Board ‘Meet and Greet’ opportunities. Organized ‘Field Trips’ with the Volunteer Resource Committee, visiting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Finance Committee • The European Committee • Member Services Committee <p>Began organizing the ACA 50th Anniversary celebrations of 2028</p>

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND	<p>- Earned a Certificate in Horticulture in 1998 upon completion of the program.</p> <p>- Volunteered at a non-profit botanical institution. Primarily worked in the library services assisting the public in finding plant and garden information. Also enjoyed being part of an annual plant sale, helping people find appropriate plants for their homes.</p>
	<p>- Created and facilitated ‘Your Garden Tutorial’, a garden design workshop for homeowners, taking them through the process of documenting, evaluating, and planning their garden spaces. Conducted ‘Living Lessons in Gardening’, a garden tour/critique opportunity to study design and its possible application for the homeowner. I offered these classes over an 8-year period.</p>
	<p>- Worked as Assistant Director of Horticulture at a cultural institution. Maintained a diverse 12-acre landscape as well as indoor plantings; for 7 years. I was a member of an associated professional organization, for which I both attended annual national conferences and assisted in their planning and hosting.</p>
	<p>- Developed and taught a landscape design program, for employees of the municipal parks department, focused on parkland history and the development of a landscape design. I have been teaching this course for about 12 years, taking students through the inspiration, research and drafting of their park space. I have also developed and led a course all about the identification and treatment of weeds.</p>
	<p>- Worked in other public parks, as well as for private design and maintenance companies. Eventually began gardening for my own private clients. This work continued for about a year after the pandemic lockdown, after which my work changed.</p>

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In reviewing my service, in both my professional and recovery life, a common thread weaves together both the welcome and the support I offer others, those whose journeys align with my own, however brief, or long.

I feel uniquely qualified to provide the outreach and guidance to welcome new ACA members to the WSO workspace of Slack, whether as an ABC Delegate or as a volunteer to a committee. I hope to answer questions and offer my experience, as members of the fellowship arrive at WSO.