

THE ACA WSO COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

Committee
Literature

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Chair / Vice Chair (<i>First name, Last Initial; State or Country</i>)		
Chair open		
Members (<i>First name, Last Initial; State or Country</i>)		
Literature Assessment Project Lead, Tamara P. Chair Literature Evaluation, Alaska Y. Chair Literature in Development, Erin D. Chair Language, Alexandra E. ComLine Blog, Chair, Bradford H.	Literature Assessment Project Team: Sue V., Ken R., Jim R., Chris H., Alaska Y. Literature Evaluation Team: Patricia Y., Courbet, Jessica O., Lorna E., Rick Z., Thom L. Literature in Development Team: Alaska Y., Denise W., Sandy D., Marcin C. ComLine Blog: Mardi M., Marcin C., Catherine R., Thom L	

Statement of Purpose
The Literature Committee supports global ACA recovery through the written word. The Committee reviews and evaluates literature proposed to become ACA Conference-approved literature; recommends new literature to be written by working groups within WSO; reviews and revises current literature, as appropriate; and supports other WSO committees and working groups in developing written materials. Additionally, the Committee recommends policy changes for literature development, revision and evaluation, as well as guidance for language in literature.
Volunteer Interest Form

Bullet list of committee activities since the last ABC
See below.

Tasks Completed
Literature Project Inventory and Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 in Fellowship Review ● 5 in Development ● 32 Projects and policies, e.g., tri-folds, pamphlets, internal policies • Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Onboarding project teams into Literature in Development

- o Literature evaluation and support
- o ComLine
- o Representation and inclusion
- o Standardization of literature processes, language and style guides

Outreach to all Literature volunteers via these Communication Channels:

- QDM reports
- BMF reports
- Updates on the website
- An all literature volunteer call to connect and introduce Literature in Development

LITERATURE EVALUATION BOOK QUEUE

Books in Queue for Conference Approval - Fellowship Review and Post-fellowship review

Loving Parent Guidebook (LPG) (Post-fellowship review)

Motion ABC-2017-2 – Propose that the WSO create a workbook on “Becoming Your Own Loving Parent.”

Status Update: Fellowship Review completed Sept. 30, 2024. The post-fellowship review/conference approval process is currently under review by the Literature Evaluation subcommittee and the Literature Committee Assessment Project Team.

See: acawso.org/literature, <https://adultchildren.org/literature/loving-parent-guidebook/>

A New Hope (Fellowship Review)

Contributed by a meeting group – The WSO Committee and Board approved a meeting group’s initiative to develop this handbook, designed to support ACA beginner meetings and newcomers. In 2024, it was released for a three-year Fellowship review period.

<https://adultchildren.org/literature/a-new-hope/>

Connections (Fellowship Review)

Motion ABC-2017-3 – Propose that the WSO revise BRB Chapter 11 and the sponsorship pamphlet for clarity and consistency. Recommend use of the term “Fellow Traveler.”

Status Update: The “Connections” book was published in March of 2025 for fellowship review up to three years.

<https://adultchildren.org/literature/connections/>

LITERATURE IN DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT TEAMS QUEUE

Books in Development

Boundaries

Motion ABC-2020-4 – We move that we direct the literature committee to create educational resource(s) that assist adult children with establishing healthy safe boundaries.

Status Update: The writing is complete and re-submitted to Lit Eval. A reader/evaluation team leader is in place and the Reader team is being finalized now. Estimated time for publication for Fellowship Review in 2027.

Ready, Set, Go (RSG)

Motion ABC-2018-3 – To make “Ready, Set, Go” Conference-approved literature.

Status Update: The Literature Assessment project team will finalize last revisions with the author team, then will go to the board. Once board approval, then will go to Publishing. Estimated time for publication for Fellowship Review in 2026.

See: acawso.org/literature

ACA Essentials

Motion ABC-2024-7 – Direct WSO to develop a guidebook that focuses on the essential needs of ACA recovery, including for new ACA members, with a proposed publication date of May 2027 or earlier. The project should follow the general outlines of Ballot Proposal 3. This includes a gentle framework for combining the Steps with reparenting; practical tools and exercises; and perspectives that reflect ACA’s diverse global fellowship.

Status Update: The project team has met with the author team on verifying scope of the motion and next steps. Estimated time for publication for Fellowship Review in 2027.

See: acawso.org/literature/

Big Red Book Revision

Motion ABC-2021-2 – We move that a new literature subcommittee begin planning a revised edition of the Big Red Book with new testimonials and updated content, to be more inclusive of all experience of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion/spirituality, and a broader range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.

Status Update:

- Created by 2021 Annual Business Conference motion.
- Currently a planning group, not writing yet.
- Working with the Data Analysis Committee on a quantitative survey (short-term) and a qualitative survey (long-term).
- Attended Diversity Town Halls, Literature Assessment Meeting, DAC meetings, and met with Literature in Development Chair.
- Welcomed new members and updated guidelines; added short check-ins and personal shares to

- meetings.
- Focused on increasing diversity and inclusion, especially marginalized and international representation.
- Mandated to plan a revised, more inclusive edition of the Big Red Book.

Loving Parent Guidebook - Daily Reader (LPG-DR)

Motion ABC-2020-3 – That WSO create a daily re-parenting reader similar in structure to the Strengthening My Recovery daily reader. The reader will provide daily inspiration and support for re-parenting with gentleness, humor, love, and respect.

Status Update: The original LPG-DR writing team has disbanded and Literature in Development is seeking a writing team for this project.

[Volunteer Interest Form](#)

LITERATURE EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair: Alaska | **Vice Chair:** Patricia Y | **Secretary:** Open

Members: Courbet, Jessica O., Lorna E., Rick Z., Thom L.

Purpose: The Literature Evaluation Subcommittee reviews and provides feedback on literature proposed for ACA Conference approval. Our work ensures that new materials meet the fellowship’s standards and support ACA’s core principles.

- Elected new Chair and Vice Chair
- Completed evaluations and submitted Board recommendations for:
 - *A New Hope, Connections, Ready, Set, Go*
- Recommendations sent to the writer’s team:
 - *Considerations for Greater Spiritual Inclusion*
- Reader Evaluation Team convened for *Freedom Through Boundaries*
- *Loving Parent Guidebook* Fellowship Review period closed and post-Fellowship Review process started with review of all received feedback

Achievements:

- Promoted diverse participation and representation
- Conducted direct outreach to Global Committees, “Only” groups, and individual members

LITERATURE IN DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair: Erin D. | **Vice Chair:** Open | **Secretary:** Open

Members: Alaska Y., Denise W., Sandy D., Marcin C. |

Purpose: The Literature in Development Subcommittee supports the creation of ACA literature by implementing approved motions, facilitating the formation of project teams, and serving as an ongoing resource for guidance and development throughout the writing process.

- Restructured to support all projects under development.

- Met with author teams and hosted an All Volunteer and Writing Team Call to align projects with ABC motions and assess support needs.
- Developing unified standards for writing and evaluation, ensuring consistency across literature projects.
- Ensuring compliance by confirming all volunteers had active NDAs and Copyright Agreements.
- Contributing to the Literature Assessment Project, coordinating procedures, historical knowledge, and project activities.

COMLINE BLOG

Chair: Bradford H. | **Vice Chair:** Open | **Secretary:** Open

Members: Thom L., Mardi M., Catherine R., Marcin C., Charlie H.

Purpose:

The ComLine Blog invites members of the ACA fellowship to share reflections and stories of recovery. Through collecting and publishing these writings, we help strengthen connection and service across our community.

- The ComLine Blog subcommittee is currently paused while we review and consider updates to its structure. We are exploring new ways to organize and relaunch the blog. Submissions are expected to reopen once the new ACA WSO website is launched.

Goals for the year ahead

As we move forward, the Literature Committee remains committed to strengthening our foundation while evolving our practices to better serve the global ACA fellowship. Our primary goals for the coming year include:

1. Refine Our End-to-End Literature Process

- Continue the comprehensive assessment of how literature moves from idea to publication.
- Clarify the division of responsibilities between Literature Evaluation and Literature Development to support smoother collaboration and accountability.
- Develop and share clear workflow documentation for all writing, evaluation, and review stages.

2. Write and Review with Care

- Finalize and publish unified standards and criteria for author teams and evaluation teams.
- Align all literature activities with these guidelines to ensure consistency and excellence across projects.
- Provide accessible tools and training for volunteers to understand and apply these criteria.

3. Support Current Projects and Volunteer Engagement

- Follow up on all open action items listed for current writing teams, ensuring clear communication and momentum.
- Recruit volunteers with diverse skills (not limited to writing), including project coordination, organization, and outreach.
- Continue expanding representation in our teams — inviting voices across regions, cultures, racial and spiritual identities, and the LGBTQ+ community.

4. Laying the Groundwork for Long-Term Vision

- Begin a full audit of literature content and internal processes to identify redundancies, gaps, and opportunities.
- Explore and initiate development of a content management system that integrates with Publishing and Translation workflows, improving access, transparency, and sustainability.

WSO Website - Repository URL of meeting minutes / reports

Reports available to membership at acawso.org/literature/

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