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*** Majbrit filling in for Larry A. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the reading of Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the adult child who still suffers.**

Attendees: Majbrit, Mary Jo, Ines Z., Bill D., Jeffrey F. – Quorum was established.

Guest Introductions: Maryanne (N. Palm Beach, FL) x1; Mo (S. C.) x1; Anna (Memphis, TN) x1; Melanie (TN) x1; Jillian, (Calgary) x6 or7; Marietta, Telephone Meeting Intergroup 616 (CT) x25; Tom (Boston) x3; Dom, NE WI Intergroup Rep (Oshkosh, WI) x10; Bonnie (TX) x22; Pam (Center Coast Intergroup); Mikkel (Denmark) x5; Jesse, (Ft. Worth, TX) x A lot; Matt (Fitchburg, WI rep W. Great Lakes Intergroup) x13; Mona (Chicago) since 2011; Judith (So. Fl.) x1; Robin (Austin, TX) x 22; Tom (PA) x1

MINUTES: Motion brought forward by Secretary, Ines Z. to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2016 ACA WSO Teleconference Meeting. Second – Bill / Motion Passed Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (Chair: Mary Jo): Mary Jo reported that the 7th Tradition contributions for April totaled \$4,822. The individual contributions that make up that amount, as well as contributions for previous months, can be located on the Donations sub-tab under Treasurer's Report. Mary Jo advised that, should anyone find an error please notify treasurer@adultchildren.org to make corrections. Mary Jo further reported that the format of the [Profit and Loss Statement](#) (P&L) reflects the new format that was mentioned last month where the Distribution Center Cost Center is separated out so that it shows Gross Sales at a glance which is then followed by the direct expenses of Cost of Goods Sold. The Gross Sales for April were \$45,269 which is the total sales of regular books and the discounted intergroup program books. She noted that not all numbers had been reconciled for the ABC/AWC (ACA World Convention held last month) for April. The final figures would be ready by the June meeting. Mary Jo took a moment to thank the Host Committee and specifically Bill, Lucille and Gloria for working hard to reconcile all the numbers. The overall net income for April was \$78,000 (\$13,000 from DC for book sales and net loss of \$5,235 from Admin Section). The links to the Balance Sheet and Pie Charts are in the full Financial Report.



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For the **Finance Committee**, Mary Jo reported that Bill spent a lot of his time doing the reconciliation of the ABC/AWC finances. Jeffery was able to attain a shipping partner for the international orders, which will be substantially less expensive. Additionally, he has provided some clarifying language on the website for 7th Tradition Contributions. The committee has been working on the 2015 budget, although a little behind as the committee is still new. Once the 2015 budget is completed they will create the 2016 budget. Mary Jo also reported that the committee will be working on gaining more accurate information about the out-the-door-cost per order.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE – Robin (for Larry): Robin gave the report for the Literature Committee. She explained the 30% discount price offered for ACA Literature to registered intergroups (there are minimum purchase requirement). All information regarding the intergroup discount can be found in the repository. An invitation was sent out to all ACA members/committees to attend a literature committee meeting so insight can be gained from around the world. At the meeting, a literature development policy statement has been developed; a literature queue and production queue have also been developed. Robin advised that the next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 10th at 1530 CEST. Robin also noted that the H & I Guidelines were published for free download and are also included as part of the “New Meeting” packet. As a result of the quarterly Literature Committee meeting, a literature evaluation subcommittee was formed that will look over the 17 (approx.) new projects that have been submitted for possible publication. Please contact litstaff@adultchildren.org for questions or concerns.

Robin – Special Worker: Robin announced that the ComLine had celebrated it’s one-year anniversary of renewal. It is offered quarterly. Phyllis had been serving as editor and the offer is there for her to continue should she wish, but the ComLine is looking for an editor or editor-in-chief. Significant energy is being focused on literature fulfilment solutions for areas outside of the United States. The Russians Translation Group has completed the Big Red Book in Russian. It is now in the verification stage prior to production. The Greek Translation Group completed translation of the Meditation book and are working on the Big Red Book. The Finnish Workbook verification is complete and is in the print queue. The upcoming projects are the 12 Steps Workbook update. The review period for updating this workbook is closed and the committee will be working on the 10th Anniversary of the Big Red Book. It is a special commemorative issue. Sales of the Audio book for April were 88 bringing the total to 1,255. E-book sales for April are 254 bring the total to 9,964. Robin thanked everyone for their contributions to the success of the Literature Committee. litstaff@adultchildren.org.



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Spanish Translations – Ines: Ines reported that there were no updates at this time, work still in progress.

ComLine – Phyllis– (No Report as Phyllis was not on the call) The ComLine Committee is always looking for contributors, so if you have a story, a share, a poem, or art, please send it in to litstaff@adultchildren.org so it can be published on the ComLine.

ACA WSO DC Oversight Committee & Distribution Office–Ines/Mary Jo: Mary Jo reported that the meeting and intergroup update shows that there are 1,599 active ACA meetings worldwide (25 net increase from April). There are currently 59 active intergroups. These reports are created by Gloria and posted on the repository: Yearly Product Sales Comparisons, Product Sales Comparisons and the Board Book Initiative. The DC Oversight Committee had two staff meetings and discussed internal inventory reconciliation issues. There have been 5 intergroup orders since the discount went into effect. Additionally, a temp has been hired to help prepare for a staff member that is going out on short term medical leave and the internet service is being upgraded.

ACA DISTRIBUTION OFFICE –Mary Jo: Mary Jo reported that there were some reports of damages to the boxes for intergroup orders but the internal content was intact. The staff is working on steps to reinforce packaging. Ship-by-air is being used as a less expensive alternative to sending packages outside of the US.

MEMBER AND PUBLIC SERVICE (Chair Bill): Bill reported that the MPS Report for May was posted in the repository under the Member and Public Service menu tab. The report is lengthy so just the highlights: As a result of the ABC, several subcommittees have been created under MPS (welcome to all chairs currently on the call). There is also a new H & I subcommittee chair, Josie E. Bill reported there has been a creation of a collaborative platform site called SLACK.com. Committees, subcommittees and members have been encouraged to join and in two weeks the sight has 46 members, over 1,700 messages delivered to participants (direct or on message boards). There are 10 committees currently set up and a few that are already working. Additionally, there are public channels that don't require any special access that allow you to network and find out about service opportunities. If you are interested in joining SLACK, check your inbox to see if you have received an invite already if you were at the ABC. If you haven't received one, email MPSChair@adultchildren.org and an invite will be sent promptly. Bill then mentioned the MPS Public Service Committee area on the website had been revamped. Some submenus and reordering has been done for a better flow. MPS monthly statistics given by Special Worker Denise now has its own



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subtab, H & I intergroup subcommittee and the new delegate training committee also has its own tab. Bill went on to introduce Laura from the Delegate Training Subcommittee but she was not on the line, Mo filled in for her.

DELEGATE WORLD SERVICE TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE: Mo read the report for the Delegate Training subcommittee as follows: The Delegate Training Subcommittee was created at the 2016 ABC in Delray FL in April. Its purpose is to serve as a resource to help educate delegate and alternate delegates of groups and intergroups on the Annual Business Conference. The committee will be meeting by teleconference and on a collaborative platform to help organize working groups on topics such as participating in a delegate educational workshop prior to ABC; concepts education; traditions education; and outreach to groups/intergroups to encourage more annual participation at future ABC's. Lastly she announced that if anyone was interested in learning more about being a delegate; helping to educate delegates; or participating in the workshop, to please contact the committee. Bill reminded everyone that the full report was posted on the repository under the Delegate Training tab.

Special Worker, Denise (Reported by Bill): As Denise was not on the call; Bill gave a brief description of the work handled by Denise. He noted that she reviews emails for the Member & Public Service Committee related to problems with meetings, inquiries about various issues, and request for information about ACA. A full report is posted on the repository. Bill then submitted the report for May as follows: 802 emails received; 744 sent email responses; 106 voicemails. International connections with: Denmark and South Africa. He reiterated her comment; "Thank you to the WSO and all the staff involved each day that provide helpful information and feedback in assisting all the adult children who reach out for help." From the fellowship, the most common emails are about finding meetings, meeting issues, meeting changes, how to start new meetings and literature order information. Most voice mails are about: finding meetings, meeting changes, literature and order information. There were many newcomers seeking ACA information this month. Bill then thanked Denise for her time and willingness to do this job for ACA as a Special Worker.

Hospitals & Institutions - Josie: Josie reported that she is an old timer (1989 member, Board Member for many years) recently came back. She has extended invitations for anyone interested in joining the H & I committee to please reach out. The committee is on SLACK and is working on how to post reports on the website. They are also looking into developing a brochure that strongly addresses how ACA can be used by hospitals, institutions and mental health providers to help administer their



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own programs. Additionally, she noted the committee would like to do a mailing to reach out to anyone that has made contact with ACA providing an introduction to what the ACA program is utilizing the “What is ACA” trifold along with a cover letter and literature order form. She mentioned that 4 pages can go in an envelope for the cost of 1 postage stamp. Josie reported that she has contacted 3 mental health professionals that currently run ACA meetings and they have agreed to write a short paragraph on how they have used ACA in their practices. Eventually the hope is that there will be a booklet with some recovery stories of people who have been to groups within a facility or within a prison or mental health treatment facility. Josie also suggested the possibility of a sticker that would go in the front of each book or piece of literature that is donated that says “compliments of ACA/WSO with the logo, phone number and website” so that whoever gets the books in the future can reach out to the organization. Josie also noted that she is in the process of moving to North Carolina and she is happy that there are people in North Carolina and South Carolina that would be interested in doing an ACA workshop in North Carolina. Questions can be emailed to hichair@adultchildren.org.

Intergroup Liaison–Bonnie: Bonnie reported that email traffic at intergroups@adultchildren.org had increased this month with approximately 89 incoming messages, generating about 39 responses and four were forwarded to Denise. Bonnie stated most of the increase was generated by communications with Bill (MPS Chair), as well as, preparations for and responses to the Annual Business Conference. Literature questions and database listings are still the most common concerns faced by the intergroups. This month a few intergroups dropped from the listing without an apparent cause but have been relisted. Channels have been set up on the ACA/WSO SLACK site; 1 private channel for handling intergroup subcommittee business and a public channel as an open forum for intergroups. An invitation to the forum has been drafted and will soon be sent to all intergroups. Bonnie thanked the Board for addressing this particular communication need. Gloria has provided an updated intergroup contact list and is in the process of creating an updated address book in the Go-daddy email account. Bonnie acknowledged excitement over the launch of the intergroup literature discount. The intergroup subcommittee and intergroups is now looking forward to working with the newly revised WSO Committee and subcommittees.

WEBSITE AND DATABASE COMMITTEE– Larry (Reported by Majbrit: Majbrit noted that Larry was not on the call but that the full report was in the repository and the attendees were asked to review it on their own. She did note that the website



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committee is responsible for maintaining all aspects of the website including the repository and shopping cart. **Majbrit then suggested continue to the next report in the interest of time. Motion was seconded by Bill and agreed to unanimously.**

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE - Majbrit: Majbrit noted that she had not yet been able to post the full report but advised that it would be posted in a few days. She reported that contact was made with the Faroes Island, Sweden, Norway, Demark, Switzerland, Greece, Spain and Germany. She informed the attendees that the EU committee Skype call service had been changed to “freeconferencing.com”. Countries would now be able to call in locally for the committee meeting call, which takes place every first Saturday of the month; the next one scheduled for June 4th @ 1400 hours Central European Time. She explained that members could dial into their local number and there would be a page with all the countries, as well as the US, listed to call in. Additionally, she noted that she and Jeffrey attended the International ACA Day in the Netherlands. She explained that she flew in the day before to help set up the venue. She noted that the program was a great combination of workshops and international meetings in Dutch, English and Polish. There were 50 to 65 attendees with representatives from Denmark, Greece, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Poland, Czech Republic and Hungry. She said it was nice to meet people that have participated by Skype or Email on the committee call and are doing public outreach. She commented that having a WSO European Committee representative at these events is important to give the European members validation that they are part of the global fellowship and that the European Committee is there to support their growth. She then added that the first budget for the European ACA Service Structure was approved at the ABC in Florida. The committee is also in the process of establishing an interactive webpage for the European fellowship. The committee is also still working on getting European literature printed locally in respective countries. Lastly she noted that the first committee newsletter was sent out a little over a week ago and will also be available on the repository.

Jeffrey added that the previous Friday he went to Budapest and met with some representatives from the Hungarian Fellowship as well as attended a meeting. It was the first time that the Hungarian Fellowship has had a visitor or representative from the WSO visit them. As with several European countries, Hungary is having problems with literature (a report will be submitted to the Board after meeting about how to bring some of their issues forward). Jeffrey stated he will soon be traveling to Warsaw and will also take an opportunity to meet up with someone in the Warsaw Fellowship in Poland to determine how we can help. Jeffrey also noted that he had been in contact with Greece about vetting the Greek meditation book translation and to discuss the



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next steps with regards to printing. He added that the need in Europe was enormous and the committee was doing what they could to fill in the gaps.

OPPM REVIEW COMMITTEE – MaryJo: MaryJo reported that the committee is reviewing the initial changes and are now preparing the sections of the documents for the Board to start reviewing.

2016 ABC LIASON: Larry (Reported by Majbrit). Majbrit suggested tabling the report for next month. Motion seconded by Bill.

2016 ABC/AWC Committee: (Bill) Bill reported that the Board established an ad hoc ABC Committee to oversee the selection process and the host committee application process for the annual ABC/AWC. An application is being developed that will be uploaded to the website for host committees to download and prepare and send back to be considered for the host of the 2017 ABC. Bill also mentioned that the surveys are being created by Jeffrey, with input from the Board, and they will be emailed out to the attendees of the 2016 ABC for feedback on the convention and business conference. Finally, Bill introduced Tom R. from PA as the subcommittee chair for the Ballot Preparation subcommittee. (TOM) Tom reported that the Ballot Prep Subcommittee was set up to examine the current ballot procedure for the ACA fellowship. Since being appointed to Chair of the BPC 2016 ABC conference, the committee has attracted 8 members and a few members have already submitted suggestions for the committee to consider for revising the balloting procedures. The BPC is looking to make current procedures and submission deadlines clearly worded, translated and available online and in the ComLine to the fellowship as soon as possible. The hope is to increase participation in the group conscious survey for next year. ACA is the only, or one of the few, to allow individual groups and intergroups to submit proposals directly to the WSO for the annual delegates to vote on without going through some level of area or regional balloting first. The committee found that there was no provision for certain proposals and wanted to look at some of the following situations: how to respond to proposals that are made for items that are already in committee or under WSO Board consideration; how to handle items that would seemingly fall under the 4th Tradition; proposals that are made for items that would appear to be possible regional and or cultural issues. After looking through the history of submitted proposals, the committee found that within several years, there were people that restated their proposal in 2 to 3 different ways and submitted them as a different proposal all in the same year. Currently there was no provision set up to handle things like that. In addition, the online submission process currently coupled with a low group response rate (14%–17% groups responded to the GCS this year) makes it easy for a proposal that appears to be from the registered group that



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seemingly represents the group's conscience but in fact the group's conscience was never consulted for the proposal to be submitted. The committee wants to develop guidelines for the proposal submission process as it will likely save limited resources of ACA fellowship and the WSO Board allowing those financial and time resources to be better used. ballotprep@adultchildren.org.

Per Majbrit's request, Bill provided the SLACK address: [acawso.SLACK.com](https://acawso.slack.com). To be invited to the team, an email must be sent so that an invitation can be sent.

Ines asked if there were any requirements for committee members. Bill replied that if people have worked the steps and are willing to help, please inquire. The committee chairs will determine the needs.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Majbrit: Majbrit reported the following executive actions:

- **Approval to purchase of 7,000 BRBs. This is not more than any previous order and should last us about 5 months.**
- **Agreement to accept discount on soft cover BRBs because the printer cut them slightly smaller.**

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS: Motions for the May 2016 TC

1. **Motion:** This motion was put forward at the 2016 Annual Business Conference. All individuals who attended the 2016 ABC should be added to the distribution list to receive the ABC Request for Proposals notification. (2016 ABC)

Background: The participants at the ABC noted that individuals listed as "Points of Contact" for individual meetings or intergroups may leave ACA or may not responsibly share information with their meeting members.



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Adding all individuals who attended the ABC would present more opportunities for information provided by the WSO to get to individual meetings or intergroups.

Second (Mary Jo) – Motion passes unanimously.

- 2. Motion:** This motion was brought forward at the 2016 ABC. Create a subcommittee called Delegate World Service Training subcommittee under the Member and Public Service Committee. (2016 ABC)

Background: The participants at the ABC noted that many delegates did not know or have sufficient information on their role as a delegate and that a committee could help in creating literature that would inform future delegates of their role at the ABC.

Second (Ines) – Motion passes unanimously.

- 3. Motion:** That the Board pay the Duncan Conference Center invoice of \$9,711.50 (Larry A.)

Background: The entire bill is for \$16,627.50. We had deposited \$2,500 and \$4,416 leaving a balance due of \$9,711.50

Second (Bill) – Motion passes unanimously.

- 4. Motion:** That the Board validate on the record their unanimous agreement, made at the Board meeting immediately following the ABC in Florida on 23 April 2016, to approve the plan and budget for the rest of 2016, that was submitted by the European Committee. (Jeffrey F.)



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Background: The WSO European Committee was formed in May 2013 with no authority or budget. This is its first plan which asks for some basic authority and budget of USD 3,000 to pursue its goals and program of activities until the end of 2016.

Second (Bill) – Motion passes unanimously

5. **Motion:** That the Board validate on the record their unanimous agreement, made at the Board meeting immediately following the ABC in Florida on 23 April 2016, to approve the purchase agreement made with the Sydney InterGroup for ACA literature. (Jeffrey F.)

Background: The Sydney InterGroup is growing quickly and placed to be the future distribution hub for ACA literature in Australia. This agreement supports their growth by allowing them to pay for six boxes of books (at the new InterGroup discount rate plus shipping which is \$996.80 + \$400 = \$1,396.80) in monthly installments within six months or less.

Second (Mary Jo) – Motion passes unanimously

6. **Motion:** That the Board validate on the record their Specific Concurrence to purchase 1,000 – 6 consecutive meetings chips at a cost of \$416 plus shipping. (Larry A.)



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Background: Our literature suggests that newcomers attend 6 consecutive meetings. This chip will incentivize newcomers to attend those 6 consecutive meetings.

Second (Bill) – Motion passes unanimously

7. **Motion:** Motion: To hire a temporary worker to alleviate staff shortages. (Mary Jo L.)

Background: One of our Special Workers is about to go on a one month medical leave. To ensure that we aren't left short-handed due to any absences of our remaining Special Workers, hiring a temporary worker is the appropriate solution.

Second (Bill) – Motion passes unanimously

8. **Motion:** That the WSO upgrade its Verizon (now Frontier) DSL internet service to Frontier's Fiber Solutions for Business. The cost will decrease from approximately \$168.00 per month to approximately \$145.00 per month for much higher internet speeds and will also give us unlimited long distance calling with in the U.S. (Bill D.)

Background: The installation of the video cameras revealed that our current DSL internet service with download speeds of 7mb and upload of



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1mb was insufficient for viewing the video cameras much less allowing the office to use the web based services they need to use in the DC operation. I noticed an email from Kim just today I believe with her log sheets and a comment on it that said something to the effect of “The internet was very slow!”

Second (Mary Jo) – Motion passes unanimously

9. **Motion:** The Board validate on the record their Specific Concurrence to hire Edipro in Finland to spot check proof read the Finnish translated edition of the Yellow Work Book. The agreed fee payable to Edipro will be EUR 140 (about USD \$160) and in return the WSO will receive 4 hours of their time to review the Finnish translation. (Jeffrey F.)

Background: Within these four hours Edipro expects to review about 16,000 words or about 20% of the book, which will be a good spot check. They have reserved this Wednesday 13 April to do this job for the WSO. The invoice for this fee will be sent after the work is completed and they have submitted their feedback.

Second (Majbrit) – Motion passes unanimously

10. **Motion:** That an Ad Hoc Committee subcommittee be created (under the MPS committee) to research the service structures of other global fellowships in order to recommend how ACA should best organize its service structure to serve its growing fellowship nationally and globally. (Jeffrey F.)



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Background: The WSO has identified gaps in its global service structure, in terms of voting and international organization, specifically local translations, printing and fulfillment. So having insights from this research will help the Board determine and decide the best course of action.

Second (Mary Jo)

Bill: Motion Amendment: should be “an ad hoc committee” and strike “under the MPS Committee.” It is not a subcommittee of the MPS Committee.

Second Amendment (Ines) – Motion passes unanimously

- 11.Motion:** That the Board validate on the record the Board's Specific Concurrence to rent a dance floor for the AWC and have it installed by a professional and insured vendor for \$662.26 or less. (Bill D.)

Background: A dance floor provides a safe and comfortable surface to dance on. In addition there are several potential problems with having a dance on a carpeted floor. People have concerns about getting shoes snagged and falling as well as twisting knees and ankles because shoes don't slide due to the carpet grabbing the soles. Some have said they would not dance rather than risk injury.

Second (Mary Jo) – Motion passes unanimously

- 12.Motion:** To validate on the record the Board's Specific Concurrence to upgrade the Literature Committee's Dropbox to a Dropbox Pro with 1 TB of storage at a cost of \$99/year. (Larry A.)



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Background: The use of Dropbox facilitates sending large files in emails and storing documents so that the Literature Committee can have easy access.

Second (Majbrit) – Motion passes unanimously

13. **Motion:** To register a WSO account for setting up and utilizing the team collaboration software known as Slack.com and allow committees and subcommittees to have access. (Bill D.)

Background: Slack is phenomenal software that allows organizations and teams to communicate with members via the internet around the world. It has the ability of video conferencing, searchable messaging with archive ability, and document/ file storage and exchange. It is completely departmental capable meaning users can be setup so they are only given access to certain “channels” or departments. Thus one account can hold several different user groups that cannot access what the other user groups are doing.

The standard version costs US \$6.67 per daily active user per month if billed annually. However I believe we will qualify for this version free because we are a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. If for some reason we do not qualify for the standard version for no charge, there is also a free version that would be useful.

Second (Majbrit) – Motion passes unanimously



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- 14.Motion:** That the DC Oversight Committee be given a budget of \$5,000 for the remainder of 2016 to cover at least one trip to the Distribution Center. (Mary Jo L.)

Background: This Committee is charged with managing all aspects of the DC and does so from a distance. As the Board has previously agreed that at least one trip be made per year, this motion now brings such a trip into the purview of the appropriate Committee.

Second (Majbrit) – Motion passes unanimously

- 15.Motion:** That the Board approve the printing of 10,000 Newcomers Booklets (\$4,090) and 5,000 Good Enough Booklets (\$697.) (Mary Jo L.)

Background: We are at a reorder point for both. This is the second printing of the Good Enough booklets.

Mary Jo noted that the motion was submitted with a typo; it should read 500 Good Enough Booklets, not 5,000 as noted on the agenda.

Amended Motion: That the Board approve the printing of 10,000 Newcomer Booklets (\$4,090) and 500 Good Enough Booklets (\$697). (Mary Jo L.)

Second (Bill) – Motion passes unanimously



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16.Motion: The Board authorizes the AWC taping vendor, Vision Audio CDs to prepare single and album sets of CDs of the AWC speakers and workshops and sell them at the same price and share percentage as was agreed upon by the Board prior, upon request by ACA members to alleviate an immediate backlog of requests. (Bill D.)

Background: The AWC speakers and workshops were recorded and 39 albums were sold at the convention. The vendor has not sold any further copies at the request of the board since the convention. He has directed callers to the WSO website and I have been contacted by people wanting to purchase bulk albums for their friends. WSO has not made any concrete plans to get them into circulation and the members should not be asked to wait until WSO does this.

Second (Mary Jo) – Motion passes unanimously

Discussion: Majbrit asked if they were available on the shopping cart. Bill responded that he was not aware of that as yet. They are capable of being added to the shopping cart but he didn't know if it was accomplished yet. He noted that it is a temporary arrangement. The vendor is aware to stop selling once they are listed on the ACA website.

17.Motion: That Bill D. become the Chair of the ABC/AWC Committee. (Larry A.)

Background: This position has been a "liaison". In order to facilitate better decision making, the position has been redefined as a Chair. Bill D. served as the Chair of the host committee of the 2016 ABC and



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inaugural AWC, and is intimately familiar with the details of organizing
both events.

Second (Mary Jo) – Motion passes unanimously

This concludes our Agenda. Thank you all very much.

Any guest comments or questions? (Q = Question / A = Answer / M = Mention)

Summary of guest comments: Guest comments focused primarily on: **Q.** Does the people attending the Business meeting represent the group conscious or is that something that should be taken to the entire group? **A.** Meetings are autonomous so the meeting has the option of how to do recognize the group conscience. Poll other groups and see how they do; read handbook on how to unify a meeting. **Q.** Is OPPM Committee taking suggestions from other committees and subs about things that directly affects their area of expertise; Are others afforded the access the list of people from the ABC were given to get information about the next ABC; Are any of the Australian Intergroups offered the opportunity that the Sidney intergroup got; If the conference was self-supporting, who pays for the dance floor? **A.** The AWC was self-supporting but the ABC was not, it was a business meeting and was not expected to be; OPPM Committee will take relevant input from other sub committees but it will be up to the Board to review what we have and then consider what to add or not; Motion is not that Sidney Intergroup be made a distribution center, they are placed to be a distribution hub. **Q.** Motion 14, way is money being asked for in advanced instead of receipts being submitted and one trip would be \$5,000? **A.** It has been a tradition to ask for permission in advance with an estimate of the cost; The assumption is it would be for 3 people and the length has not been determined, the cost was just set as like a cap one the trip occurs receipts would be submitted and reimbursements made. **Q.** Can notices be sent to group contacts alerting them there have been updated ComLines. **A.** Currently notices get sent to the intergroups but there is discussion on sending automatic subscriptions. **Q.** Is there a more updated version to the 2012 OPPM and are the balloting practices currently used from that last OPPM? **A.** The last official version and the revised version at the ABC but will check to make sure all has been given. **M.** Moscow is having a 3rd European ACA Meeting from 09/23 – 09/25, all



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ACA from the World and Europe and will be posted on the WSO Events page. **M.** Lots of thank you for service from the Boards and committees for their hard work.

Announcements: Majbrit – The next ACA WSO Board Teleconference is scheduled **June 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. EST.**

Is there a motion to adjourn the meeting? 2nd to the motion?

Majbrit – Motions to adjourn
Bill – Second the motion

Are there any questions or comments about the motion to adjourn the meeting?

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed the Meeting with the Serenity Prayer