

**LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2019
(JULY 2019 ACTIVITY)**

CALL FOR LITERATURE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED:

- TRANSLATORS
- WRITERS
- EDITORS
- PROOFREADERS
- ILLUSTRATORS
- GRAPHIC DESIGNERS
- LAYOUT SPECIALISTS
- PHOTOGRAPHERS and VIDEO SPECIALISTS
- AND OTHER TALENTS!

We have several exciting projects in the works and are grateful for the enthusiastic teams of volunteers who are helping shape the future of ACA. To volunteer, or to learn more, email litstaff@adultchildren.org.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly Literature Committee call is held the first Saturday of each quarter at 11:30 a.m. eastern US. Past Literature Committee meeting information is at <https://acawso.org/category/literature-committee/>

Focus of the July call was a discussion of issues raised during the ABC and AWC in Sweden:

- a) Mission Statement revision--Or should we consider a suggested meeting Preamble?
- b) Addressing Predatory Behavior Statement--additional work
- c) More literature about Traditions, Concepts and Service?
- d) God, Higher Power & Spirituality in our literature

The next Literature Committee Quarterly Meeting is Saturday, 6 October at 11:30 am Eastern US. Starting in July, the Literature quarterly call will be available by internet or telephone.

Call-in Information

Internet audio and video: <https://zoom.us/j/4906176719>

Meeting ID: 490 617 6719.

US/Canada telephone audio: +1 929 205 6099 or +1 669 900 6833

Recording and notes from recent meetings:

Saturday, 5 January: <https://acawso.org/2019/01/03/literature-committee-quarterly-meeting-january-5-2019/>

Saturday, 6 April: <https://fccdl.in/wO6EC4w6rp>

Saturday, 5 July:

LITERATURE DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Literature Evaluation Subcommittee is seeking volunteers to review manuscripts and project ideas submitted from the fellowship. A next call is being scheduled for late February.

The Sponsorship Working Group is meeting on the first Saturday of each month.

The goals of this group are:

- to explore issues related to the mentoring and sponsorship of recovering adult children,
- to deliver a report and action plan to WSO Board and ABC by March 15, 2019, and for posting on our website.
- to work with WSO Committees (Literature, MPS -Membership and Public Service) and anyone else to turn the report's findings into a reality.

The group is now being led by Justine F. To join this group, please send an email to litstaff@adultchildren.org.

The Getting Started introductory text is in progress. The development team meets monthly on the first Saturday at 1 pm eastern US. The outline has been completed, and drafting of chapters is progressing. This group is being led by Charlie H.

The Loving Parent Workbook (LPW) project is in progress. The project is currently not accepting volunteers. The group leader is Bonnie M.

The ACA Bill of Rights subcommittee is in reviewing material to develop an ACA Bill of Rights for consideration as fellowship-approved literature. This is an important document, as many adult children approach life from a “less than” position. This group meets on the third Saturday of each month, at 11:30 am eastern US. The group is led by Rich R.

Ready Set GO!! (RSG). This workshop project was approved at 2018 ABC. Preliminary sample design pages incorporating telephone and one-day sessions are complete.

A study team is nearing completion of a format that will accommodate one-day workshops as well as multiple-week presentations. Once that is completed, we will move forward with a publishing and distribution plan.

Please be aware that to participate in any Literature Development Subcommittee project, we must have received your completed, signed Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA) prior to the project launch. A nondisclosure agreement can be downloaded from http://www.repository.adultchildren.org/images/literature/ACAWSO_NonDisclosure.pdf.

TRANSLATIONS

International demand for literature is growing. Several groups are translating core literature into the languages of their childhood. New core literature that is offered for free download is uploaded when it becomes available.

With guidance from Majbrit M., translation volunteers are collaborating to develop best practices for translating WSO literature. For example, we find that it is best for

translators to work with the support of an intergroup. We also encourage translation groups to start with shorter pieces of literature and study the Traditions early in their work. Translation groups must have a signed agreement with WSO.

Free trifold in English and other languages can be downloaded from our site at <https://adultchildren.org/literature/free-literature-english-translated/>.

Any ACA member or group downloading free trifolds is asked to kindly make a one-time voluntary 7th Tradition contribution of USD10.00 or more as a token of appreciation for the downloadable trifold service.

If you choose to make a one-time voluntary contribution, please include a note letting us know that the contribution is made by a grateful member for this download trifold service. In either event, we graciously thank you for your support and help in carrying the ACA message.

Free downloadable literature can be copied for ACA meetings or personal use.

The Japanese BRB is ready for production. The literature committee is evaluating production and distribution costs for print and e-books.

COMLINE

The *ComLine* is our quarterly publication where members from around the world share their experience, strength, and hope on the 12 Steps, Traditions, and Promises of ACA. To view current and back issues, please visit the ACA *ComLine* web page at <https://adultchildren.org/literature/comline/>.

We are currently accepting submissions for the October issue. Shares for this quarter typically cover Steps 10, 11,12 and Promises 10, 11, 12. However, all recovery-related shares are welcome.

Deadlines for submissions is Aug. 31, 2019. Shares should be between 250-500 words. Submissions from non-English writers are especially welcome, and are published in the author's language, as well as in English.

Please email your story along with a scan of the completed, signed [ComLine Copyright Release Form](#) to litstaff@adultchildren.org.

For more information and to find out how to share your experience, strength, and hope, see <http://www.adultchildren.org/comline>.

WSO LITERATURE EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

We are currently reviewing suggestions for new literature and changes to literature. Development, review, design, and publication of new literature are time-consuming; major projects can take years to complete.

Evaluation involves a wide range of ACA members and viewpoints. In proposing new ACA literature, an author should be motivated by service, and surrender any notion of personal ownership.

The **WSO Literature Development Policy** outlines procedures for submitting a proposal for new literature or to change existing literature. The policy outlines the

evaluation, development, and production processes. It provides criteria guidelines for members considering a proposal, as well as a timetable estimate.

The literature development policy can be found at <https://acawso.org/2018/03/13/wso-literature-development-policy/>.

STRENGTHENING MY RECOVERY e-book

Sales for July were 64 books. Total sold is 2,299 e-books.

BRB e-book

Sales for July were 255 e-books. Total sold is 17,993 e-books.

BRB audio Book

Sales for July were 204 a-books sold. Total sold is 6,337 audio books.

Sincerely yours in service,

Charlie H., Chair, Literature Committee

Robin R., Literature Committee Staff

Majbrit M., Chair, Translation Subcommittee

David McB., Chair, Business Operations Subcommittee

Jeffrey F., Chair, International Literature Subcommittee

Mardi M., Editor, *ComLine*