

**LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2019
(SEPTEMBER 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/>

The focus of our July call was a discussion of issues raised during the ABC an 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, and Spirituality in our literature

The next Literature Committee Quarterly Meeting is Saturday, 4 October at 11:30 am Eastern US. Starting in July, the Literature quarterly call will be available by internet or telephone.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/487695031>

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/abCdNscMZK>

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Saturday, 4 January, 2020

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 Loving Parent Workbook (LPW) needs fellowship voices to make it more accessible and complete! The Loving Parent Guidebook Committee needs your help! This Guide, an expanded, experiential book to support BRB Chapter 8, is nearing its first draft and are seeking shares on the subject. We believe this book will help newcomers and seasoned members alike.

We are looking for help spreading the word, and are accepting anonymous shares on any reparenting experience that is meaningful to you. This can be how you made contact with your Inner Child, how you uncovered your inner Loving Parent, reparenting struggles you currently face or have overcome.

You can make a major impact on adult children learning to reparent themselves and practice self-love, no matter where you are in your reparenting journey.

Please visit <https://acawso.org/category/loving-parent-guidebook/> for more information and to submit an anonymous share. Do you have more than one experience? That's okay – you can submit more than once!

The LPG Committee thanks you for your support! The group leader for this project is Bonnie M.

The Spirituality in Literature subcommittee is focusing on how ACA discusses God and spirituality in its fellowship texts.

The purpose of the group is to review existing ACA literature and consider alternative ways to discuss ACA's spiritual dimension that are inclusive of all religious traditions,

including those who are agnostic or atheists. Based on the group's study, and findings, recommendations will be made to the Literature Committee for possible changes to ACA literature.

Its first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11 am to 12:30 pm eastern US time. If you would like to help shape how ACA discusses spirituality, please join us.

Online information for the first call:

<https://zoom.us/j/419900047>

You can also join the meeting via phone.

1 (929) 205-6099, or 1 (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID is 419 900 047

To find your local number, go to <https://zoom.us/j/419900047>.

For information, please send an email to litchair@acawso.org, or contact the meeting facilitator, Lou B., via Slack.

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 Sponsorship Working They are compiling ideas in the form of a publication outline – for review and comment. This will evolve from one individual's project outline into a much-changed group outline that reflects shared thinking. This outline is in development. They are also examining sponsorship / co-sponsor / fellow traveler terminology to identify inconsistencies or contradictions, and to pinpoint outside influences on the ACA model and how it corresponds to the traits.

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 (formerly LBRB) 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 Getting Started group met on September 7. Chapter status check reports were given on

- Trauma (Barb reporting for Robin)
- David McB on Steps
- Ralph on Friendships, Family, and Romantic Relationships
- Lou on Reparenting
- Charlie, Lou, Ralph on new chapter: Beginning Interactions With People
- Barb N on Solution

We are entering a new phase of this project. Writing (initial drafting) has been underway and will continue, but we are now entering what might be called the “review and edit” phase of book development.

Initial chapter drafts provide an important starting place, but to create a truly collaborative work, we need to provide lots of feedback to each other. So at this point, we are doing a “check-in” with everyone to gauge participation interest moving forward. Some may feel they have contributed what they have to give and it’s time to bring their involvement to a close. Others may feel like it’s time to re-invigorate and re-commit. And of course, there is a wide range of middle ground between those two ends of the “interest continuum.”

We are examining levels of interest in providing written review feedback on “Getting Started” chapter drafts, or more generally about continued project participation moving forward.

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.

The ACA Bill of Rights is currently at 19 statements. The group is determining the root meaning of “mistake” as a starting point for forgiveness.

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

RSG workshop material as a production piece is in field testing.

This book is nearly ready to go into pre-production and design. Approved design will be implemented in formatting the book.

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.

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 trifold 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.

The French-Canada BRB will be ready for prepress production in late 2019 or early 2020.

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 reviewing 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 was September 30, 2019. However, we will be accepting shares up through September 20. Shares should be between 250-500 words.

We would especially like to see non-dominant handwriting illustrations.

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 September were 62 books. Total sold is 2,427 e-books.

BRB e-book

Sales for September were 260 e-books. Total sold is 18,517 e-books.

BRB audio Book

Sales for September were 208 a-books sold. Total sold is 6,734 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*