

**LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR APRIL 2020
(APRIL 2020 ACTIVITY)**

MAY 16 OPEN HOUSE FOR LITERATURE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

**PLEASE JOIN US AT 1:30 PM EASTERN US TO LEARN ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP SHAPE NEW
ACA LITERATURE.**

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WE NEED:

- READERS TO EVALUATE NEW MANUSCRIPTS
- 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 to shape the future of ACA literature. For additional information, or if you can't join the May 16 volunteer open house, email litstaff@adultchildren.org.

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ABC LITERATURE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

At the Annual Business Conference, delegates heard an audio version of a recently completed draft ACA Bill of Rights (see below). Delegates approved development of two new literature efforts—development of new literature resources regarding setting healthy boundaries (Ballot Measure 8); and creation of a daily reader based on the Loving Parent Guidebook, once it is published (Ballot Measure 10).

Also, delegates declined to act on Ballot Measure 13, because the board on April 16 passed a motion submitted by the Literature Committee that accomplished the measure's goals in a more comprehensive manner.

April 16 Board Motion

Motion: (Charlie, seconded by David) Direct the Literature Committee to propose design changes so that all current and future books prominently and consistently connect the ACA

logo and “Adult Children of Alcoholics/Dysfunctional Families” on the front and rear covers, and the title page.

Background: This carries out the intent of the 2020 ABC Ballot Measure 13, only more comprehensively, by incorporating all ACA literature, not just the BRB. As noted in WSO’s analysis of Ballot Measure 13, the proposed changes require only “modest redesign” and “would eliminate … inconsistency about our organization’s identity.” With the passage of this motion, WSO can inform delegates that the issue may already be resolved, mooted the need for ABC debate. Jim will share this motion on the screen at the ABC.

AWC LITERATURE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

At the first ever virtual Annual World Convention, two members of the Literature Committee co-presented excerpts from books in development, to a worldwide audience of more than 1,100 people. Bonnie M. discussed ways of communicating with the Critical Inner Parent, using material from the Loving Parent Guidebook. Charlie H. discussed a new way of using the Steps to support Inner Child work and early childhood grieving. His material was based on ideas under development in the Getting Started book project.

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/>

During the April 4 quarterly call, the main topics of discussion concerned the coronavirus, and whether the Literature Committee should develop online literature-based workshops based, to facilitate education to the fellowship during the pandemic. Bonnie M. conducted five online presentations in April and early May on a Loving Parent Check-In technique. There also was discussion of plans to increase development of e-publishing material.

The next Literature Committee Quarterly Meeting is likely to be rescheduled from its normal date, Saturday, July 4, to avoid conflicting with the U.S. federal holiday. Information will be posted in the Traveler and on the Literature Committee web pages.

The Literature quarterly call can be accessed via internet or by telephone.

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ACA Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights working group has submitted its draft Bill of Rights, which will be published online in May. An audio of the draft Bill of Rights, which also will be posted, was played during the 2020 ABC to great enthusiasm. One posted, the Bill of Rights will enter an extended period of fellowship evaluation.

For more information, contact Rich R. on Slack.

The Loving Parent Guidebook is an expanded, experiential book to support BRB Chapter 8. The group is reviewing and compiling shares on the subject. This book will help newcomers and seasoned members alike.

The group leader for this project is Bonnie M.

Spirituality in Literature. This new Literature Committee study group focuses on how ACA discusses God and spirituality in its fellowship texts. The group is reviewing existing ACA literature and considering alternative ways to discuss ACA's spiritual dimension that are inclusive of all religious traditions, including those who are agnostic or atheists.

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

Working My ACA Program with Others (Sponsorship Task Force). This group is developing language to support the unique ACA sponsorship models of fellow travelers. The first draft explains the range and types of working with others.

The group meets on the first Saturday every month, at 3 pm eastern US.

For more information, contact Justine F. on Slack.

Ready Set GO!! (RSG). Ready Set Go!! is a workshop guide authorized by the 2018 ABC. The book was originally created by members of the West Great Lakes ACA Intergroup, as a four-part

introductory meeting to ACA's 12 Steps. The guide is being adapted so that it can be used for one-day workshops as well as in multi-part in-person and telephone meetings.

Final one-day module testing is complete. Final editorial review is in progress, followed by final layout and submission to the printer. Print production is scheduled to begin in 2020.

Getting Started (LBRB). The *Getting Started (LBRB)* The revision team for this project comprises original authors. The revision team meet 3-4 times a month to engage in an active process of editing and revision.

For information on this project, please contact Ralph B. via slack.

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. The European Committee has conducts a call that focuses on translators' needs. The call is held on the first Saturday of odd-numbered months. Remaining calls for 2019 are planned for August 5, October 5, and December 7.

Free trifolds 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.

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 accepting shares for the July issue. Shares for this issue typically cover Steps 7, 8, 9 and Promises 7, 8, 9. However, we welcome all recovery-related shares.

Deadlines for submissions is May 31, 2019. Shares should be between 250-500 words.

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 existing literature. Development, review, design, and publication of new literature are time-consuming, and major projects can take years to complete.

Literature 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/>.

Sincerely yours in service,

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Lou B., Spiritual Inclusion Study Group
Rich R., Bill of Rights