

LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT JANUARY 2021 (SUBMITTED FOR FEBRUARY 2021 TELECONFERENCE)

Call for Literature Committee Volunteers

Literature needs for adult children are on the rise. We also have several exciting projects in the works to help meet those needs. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, go to the Literature Committee volunteer interest page (<https://acawso.org/literature-committee-volunteer-interest/>).

Two particularly pressing volunteer needs exist at present:

- Volunteers with publication design skills
- Volunteers with basic web design skills

We also are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- TRANSLATING
- WRITING
- EDITING
- PROOFREADING
- ILLUSTRATING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VIDEOGRAPHY
- GRAPHIC DESIGN AND LAYOUT

January Highlights

The Loving Parent Guidebook is going through final text edits and publication design. This important new ACA publication is on track for release this spring.

Ready Set Go!! is undergoing final script review before submission to the evaluation and publish process.

A new cover and spine design has been approved for the Big Red Book. This carries out the first portion of a board directive approved in April 2020 to combine our publication name, Adult Children of Alcoholics/Dysfunctional Families, and the ACA logo in a consistent manner.

ComLine is undergoing a reboot process, with an eye to developing interactive online delivery. Planning meetings are on the third Saturday each month. Further information on participating in

this effort can be obtained by contacting Christine on Slack, or by emailing her at literature@acawso.org.

An agreement has been reached to reprint 1,000 Big Red Books for the Danish fellowship. A similar agreement is near completion with the Finnish fellowship.

With guidance from the Strategic Planning subcommittee, the Literature Committee is exploring new organizational models for 2021. These will be further discussed, and officer elections are planned for late February through mid-March.

Current Literature Projects

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. *Ready, Set, GO!!* is in final editorial and design review, for a book that will accommodate one-day workshops as well as multi-meeting presentations.

We anticipate having *RSG* ready for distribution in early 2021.

Closed Registered Online/Phone Meetings are still available for field testing. These sessions are offered as two 6-week sessions with screensharing. The workshop introduces the ACA program, the ACA 12 Steps, and a special *Ready Set GO!!* Inner Child Workshop, "Awakening My Little One."

Please direct any questions for this workshop to: acatoni5617@comcast.net

The "Ready, Set, GO!!" workshops are sponsored by the West Great Lakes ACA Intergroup IL#70. Field testing has been ongoing as ACA WSO Conference-Approved Literature. All content is ©ACA WSO INC. and is authorized for internal ACA Use only.



ACA Bill of Rights. A draft of the ACA Bill of Rights has been completed and is undergoing a final review by the Literature Evaluation subcommittee. It then will enter an extended period of soliciting fellowship comments.



The Loving Parent Guidebook is an expanded, experiential book to support BRB Chapter 8. The manuscript was completed in July and has now entered pre-publication editing.



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. Two new members have been added to the author team, and final drafting is in progress.

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

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Working an ACA Program with Others (Sponsorship Task Force). This group is developing language to support the unique ACA sponsorship models of fellow travelers. The current draft contains a complete table of contents, as well as a note on terminology. explains the range and types of working with others.

For more information, contact Justine F. on Slack.

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Spirituality in Literature. This Literature subcommittee 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, as well as those who are agnostic or atheists.

For information, contact the meeting facilitator, Lou B., via Slack.

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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.

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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. Resources for translation committees is available at <https://acawso.org/literature-translations/>. The Literature Committee is currently seeking a new Translation Subcommittee chair. Expressions of interest may be sent to litchair@acawso.org, or by using the literature volunteer form, at <https://acawso.org/literature-committee-volunteer-interest/>.

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.

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/>.

ComLine publication was interrupted in 2020 because of staff availability issues. A special volunteers team is planning a new vision for sharing fellowship experience, strength and hope. Details and updates will be announced on Slack, in the Literature open forum.

Sincerely yours in service,

Charlie H., Chair, Literature Committee

David McB., Vice Chair, and chair of the Business Operations Subcommittee

Mardi M., Editor, *ComLine*

Senior Volunteers

Greg R., Literature Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Bonnie M., Loving Parent Guidebook

Christine B. (Connecticut), Volunteer Coordinator

Dalia B., Translation Subcommittee chair

Ralph B., Getting Started development team

Toni P., Matt K., Kathleen S., and Adelina F., Ready Set Go editing team

Justine F., Sponsorship Study Group (other members include Christine B (Connecticut, not Toronto),

Martin C, Sue V, Barb N, Carole C, Toni P.)

Louis B., Spiritual Inclusion Study Group

Brad L., technology support/IT Committee liaison