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A Message from the Nominating Committee

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Traveler Special Edition

Service on the WSO Board & Nominating Committee

Note the change in date: Board application due date is extended to 15 January.

"Gift of Service"

by Erin D Trustee

"The Loving Parent Guidebook describes the Wounded/Reactive State and the Healthy/Healed States of the critical parent, inner teenager and inner child. It was heartwarming to find the Inner Teenager's Healthy/Healed characteristics of authentic, direct, and brave, had been gifts born from my work on the Board of Trustees. A Board that encourages and values knowledge, opinions, feedback, and truly honors minority opinions as necessary elements to decision making has been life altering to practicing spiritual principles in all my affairs. My personal recovery grew with the willingness and encouragement to hold the commitment of service coming from love, no matter how challenging the

consuming, though it has provided me with new skills learned with patience and wisdom of fellow travelers and fellow board members. Could I have received so many gifts elsewhere? Maybe, though working alongside others with the sincere commitment to the fellowship of ACA and those yet to find us is only found here.”

“Why did I serve on the Nominating Committee?”

Laura L., emeritus member of the Nominating Committee

1. “I realized that if I had a passion for independently vetted and approved Trustees on the ACA WSO Board of Trustees, then I needed to participate in that process.
2. “Being a part of the Committee, I got to use the Traditions and Concepts and I had to assess applicants’ familiarity with service, Traditions and their use of the Concepts.
3. “Serving on the Nominating Committee helped me stretch my comfort zone.”

We ask that EVERYONE in ACA accept the challenge to identify those in the fellowship who would make good Trustees – encourage them and challenge them to apply for Board membership. Similarly, encourage fellow travelers to apply to be a part of the Nominating Committee. Our fellowship needs your service.

Opportunities for Service

1. Board of Trustees-

The Nominating Committee is committed to nominate new Board members prior to the 2022 ABC. This is to increase the number of Trustees, the diversity of the Board, and to replace outgoing Trustees due to term limits and attrition.

-Currently, there are only 10 of a possible 20 Trustees to do the work of our ever-growing fellowship. All 10 are white, 3 identify as male, two from North America and one from Europe. Seven members identify as female from North America.

2. Nominating Committee (max. 5 members) - Vets and forwards qualified nominees to the Board.

- Seeking 3 new committee members including one from outside North America. 1 current member’s term limit will expire at the 2022 ABC.

- Currently, there are only 3 of a possible 5. All 3 are white, 1 identifies as

Consider taking your service and your recovery to the next level and apply. If you know members who have grown in recovery and have demonstrated the ability to participate in a healthy group conscience, please encourage them to apply now or to consider applying in the future. If you're considering applying but have questions, please contact us and we can discuss it with you.

An application packet is available at <https://acawso.org/category/nominating-committee/> for the Board and for the Nominating Committee. The application forms provide the qualifications for each of the service opportunities. Please submit an application to Denise R. at chairnomcom@acawso.org as soon as possible.

Completed Board applications must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by **15 January 2022** for the 2022 nominations. Additionally, we accept applications for both the Board and the Nominating Committee throughout the year.

Thank you for considering this wonderful opportunity!

Meetings - ACA WSO maintains a World Meeting List of registered ACA meetings that take place in person, over the phone or online, which is updated monthly. Visit the [Find a Meeting](#) page on adultchildren.org to search for a meeting, or for more detail on specific meeting types, visit the [Meeting](#), [Phone](#), and [Online](#) meeting information pages.

WSO Board of Trustees Teleconference

The ACA WSO Board holds its monthly teleconference meeting on the second Saturday, of each month, using Zoom, at 2pm Eastern Time.

Zoom Meeting ID: 228 809 511 **Passcode:** 90755

For more information, including agendas, previous minutes, the Zoom meeting ID, and telephone access numbers, please visit the [ACAWSO.ORG website](http://ACAWSO.ORG).

The flyer titled "[Where the Money Goes](#)" shows how we utilize your contributions to carry the ACA message around the world. Please consider making a monetary contribution to help the next ACA receive the gift of recovery. Contributions can be made using any of the following options:

- [Online by using this link](#)
- By Venmo using @acawso
- By calling 562-595-7831
- By mail, payable to ACA WSO, PO Box 811 Lakewood, CA 90714

WSO appreciates all contributions no matter the size.

Daily Meditation Emails

ACA WSO also publishes a daily email with the Meditation of the Day from the book "Strengthening My Recovery". You can sign up to receive the [meditation email here](#). You will need to sign up for this separately from The Traveler Newsletter email.

About Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

ACA is a worldwide 12 Step / 12 Tradition program of recovery dedicated to people who were raised in dysfunctional families. ACA does not seek to assign blame to parents or caretakers, but we seek to understand the reality of how family dysfunctions affected us as children and still affects our adult behavior today.

Family dysfunction can include alcoholism, abandonment, neglect, or any type of addiction or abuse. ACA is synonymous



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