

Publishing Committee Monthly Report

February 2022

Purpose:

To create a WSO Publishing Committee that will centralize and direct all publishing activities, and ensure efficient, affordable delivery of literature to the entire world fellowship, with consistent business practices and oversight.

Committee Members:

Chair: Sue V. Members: Charlie H, Justine F, Fredrik H, Sharon F, Bill D, Lucia, Markus, Christine, Karen, Marion,, Brad L

Publishing Committee Meets: Fridays (every 2 weeks), 10:00 am EST, 7:00 am PST, 4:00 pm CET , 5:00 pm SAST, 8:30 pm India, 3 pm GMT)

<https://acawso.org/category/publishing-committee/>

Activities & Accomplishments:

1. Publications being worked on:

- a) Print Format: Japanese BRB and YWB, Italian BRB and YWB, Lithuanian BRB, French BRB
- b) Implementing 2021 ABC motions for publications: We are continuing to implement the 2021 ABC motion for the new and reprints for translated publication. ABC Motion: “We propose that in future printings of Chapter 19 in the BRB, the second personal share under TRADITION THREE (p. 503) be deleted entirely”.
- c) Online Epub Conversion: English YWB and the Japanese BRB and YWB.

2. Amazon: We continue to experience significant difficulties with opening the Amazon Asia marketplace. We are also experiencing difficulties with Amazon UK. We have escalated within Amazon and are exploring hiring a new consultant to resolve these issues.

3. Legal requirements for publications: We are updating the copyright pages of all publications based on legal guidance. We are working on a proposal for the copyright attorney to trademark our logo internationally and copyright additional publications.

4. Translations: We are developing a system to better support our translation teams that also protects our copyright. This will ensure the translations team can check for the latest edition of the publication being translated and for the translations and publishing activities needed for future translated publications.

5. Quorum and Voting: We are developing the requirements for a quorum and for voting based on agreed upon principles.

6. Project Management: Smartsheet has been approved and training is being organized. This new system will increase our publishing business operations efficiency and service for our fellowship.

7. India Regional Print Hub: We are working to develop a plan for the Japanese, India and East

Intergroups to purchase and ship books from the current print run as the shipping costs will be significantly decreased.

Please use our intake link for requests for approved English and Translated ACA literature: Intake for Publishing Requests: https://acawso.org/publishing_intake

Questions for the publishing staff can be emailed to pubstaff@acawso.org.

Call for Service: We are in need of volunteers for admin support, policy writing and members with experience in publishing and Adobe Indesign for both English and Translated languages . We would love to hear from our members!

Questions for the Committee & Offers to Provide Service: Please Contact Sue V at:

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