

Publishing Committee Monthly Report July 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, Fredrik H, Bill D, Lucia, Markus, Christine, Hasse, Marion, Brad L (IT), Marcin (UK/Poland/European Committee/IT), Sebastian (Sweden)

Guests: Shangreila (India), Asmita (India), Denis (Russia)

Publishing Committee Meets: Fridays (every 2 weeks), 9:30 am ET, 6:30 am PT, 3:30 pm CET , & SAST, 7:00 pm India, 2:30 pm BST & GMT

**All are welcome to attend.*

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

Activities & Accomplishments:

1. Publications being worked on:

- a) Ebooks: English BRB: We finally found an organization that could provide a solution to epub page alignment, this is more complex than originally known. The new organization started work in August. We will advise when complete. English LLWB conversion is in queue, vendor quotes being finalized.
- b) Pre-publishing: Italian BRB and YWB, French BRB, Lithuanian, BRB Polish YWB

I want to thank all the groups and individuals who have provided a 7th tradition to both general funding and the International Scholarship fund. Publishing books of ACA recovery costs money, we are estimating around \$10,000 per publication and this year we expect to publish 7 new translated publications and 3 English epubs. This is a significant increase in volume and cost from previous years. The Adult Children around the world need all our support to carry the ACA message as part of our Tradition 5. Thank you.

2. Copyright and Trademarks: We continue to work with business operations to ensure copyrights are registered and infringements are identified. Copyright infringements hurt WSO and our fellowships around the world. We know there was past frustration with accessibility of literature, today we have made great strides to increase access worldwide with both our printed and digital books. We had our BRB copyright challenged in Amazon Japan and working to reverse this; as a result we have been unable to sell our English BRB in Japan. That is how serious this is, losing our ability to ensure our books are available to Adult Children. I would ask us all to remember this and spread the message to protect our copyright.

3. Translations: The translations subcommittee is in the process of slowly rebuilding and strengthening .If you would like to support our international translators. The full committee meets the 3rd Wed at 1 pm ET, 7 pm CET, 6 pm GMT.

4. Accessibility of Booklets: We are exploring increasing access to our booklets around the world and for those with accessibility health challenges such as sight.

5. Publishing Audio Study: Our new study group has started meeting on Sundays to discuss and research modifying our current BRB audio books and future audio books for the LPG and other publications. They will be providing suggestions and support to the Publishing Committee when they are ready.

6. Chair / Vice Chair/ Secretary/Volunteer Coordinator Roles: We need support for vice chair, secretary, volunteer coordinator, publishing expertise and admin work such as policy writing, minutes etc. This is an exciting and fun committee. Please consider joining to support literature accessibility around the world.

Join our open slack channel, # publishing_open_forum if interested to learn more and keep informed on publishing projects.

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.

To volunteer in providing translation support to our international translation groups, contact: translations@acawso.org

To volunteer and learn more about producing audio ACA books, contact: pubaudiovol@acawso.org

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

publishingchair@acawso.org

Call for Service: We are in need of a volunteer coordinator, volunteers for admin support, proofreaders, 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!