

## Publishing Committee Monthly Report August 2023

### **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: Bill D. (General Manager), Marion M. (Publishing Support/Global/UK), Marcin C. (Chair IT Committee, UK/Poland), Markus S. (Staff/Sweden), Ralph B. (Literature/Vice Chair Lit Eval), Shangreila S. (Chair Global/India), Sharon C. (Chair Translations Subcommittee), Barb S. (Vol Publishing Admin)

Guests: Mardi M. (MT, former Editor Comline, delegate), Meghan B. (Colorado), Tanya I. (Russian Translations LPG)

**Publishing Committee Meets:** Fridays (every 2 weeks), 9:30 am ET, 6:30 am PT, 1:30 pm GMT, 2:30 pm BST, 3:30 pm CET, 3:30 pm SAST, 7:00 pm India

**Translation Subcommittee Meets:** 3rd Wed of the month, 1 pm EDT, 7 pm CET

*\*All are welcome to attend. [Committees Calendar | ACA WSO](#)*

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

### **Activities & Accomplishments:**

**1. Publications:** We are working on a total of twenty-one projects. This includes BRBs for Swedish and Lithuanian languages. As well as YWBs and LLWBs for the Danish language. Additional projects are SMR and LLWB International Spanish language for Latin American countries. We have finished many projects including our Swedish Teddy Bears.

**2. Accessibility with our Publications:** We continue to increase accessibility with ebooks by converting past translated books to ebooks as the funds allow. The Greek translation group is requesting their 3 publications to be converted to ebooks. As well, we continue to discuss and work on publications for Latin American Spanish groups.

**3. International Literature Scholarship Fund:** We are discussing creating a ballot proposal to expand and clarify the fund to include translation when there is no machine translation capability and using a professional translator.

**4. Intellectual Property- Copyright:** The General Manager discussed the ACA logo being rejected by Australia. More financial analysis is required due to costs. We worked with a couple of Intergroups with copyright notices for meeting handbooks being sold locally.

**5. Translations:** The Translation subcommittee is currently supporting 10-12 translation groups and there are many more groups in development. The Translations Subcommittee web page is under construction and is updated with the new translation guidelines and workflow. We have three translation teams working on all five of the ACAWSO books, translating to the International Spanish language for Latin American countries. We are in discussions with India about translating to Hindi, the official language of India. The office has provided additional support hours to update the translation policies and guidelines.

**6. Literature:** The board has asked our committee for a recommendation for Ready Set Go (RSG) publishing. We are discussing options of ebook and print. The RSG team is working to include the Lit

Eval recommendations of spiritual inclusion in the updated book for publishing. We will also be reviewing policies and procedures with literature and publishing and report back with suggestions.

**7. Audio recordings:** We continue to receive requests for audio books. We have had to pause this activity until there are sufficient funds in the budget and volunteers to support the project.

**8. Website:** We have started updating the Publishing Committee webpage. Our publishing admin volunteer and IT volunteer have been working on this project.

**9. Volunteers:** We welcome additional volunteers to join the Publishing Committee and Translations Subcommittee. We need support for communication coordinator, audio recordings, writing projects, volunteer coordinator, and other admin duties.

**Join our open slack channel,** # publishing\_open\_forum if interested to learn more and keep informed on publishing projects and # literature\_translations on volunteering to support our translation groups around the world.

Please use our intake link for requests for approved English and Translated ACA literature: Intake for Publishing Requests: [https://acawso.org/publishing\\_intake](https://acawso.org/publishing_intake)

Questions for the publishing staff can be emailed to [pubstaff@acawso.org](mailto:pubstaff@acawso.org).

To volunteer in providing translation support to our international translation groups, contact: [translations@acawso.org](mailto:translations@acawso.org)

For International Intergroup Print requests: <https://adultchildren.org/international-literature-order-request-form/>

Questions for the Committee & Offers to Provide Service:

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