

ACA WSO Board Presentation

September 2025
Conference Business Meeting



How WSO Serves the Fellowship Through the ABC?

The ACA World Service Organization serves the Fellowship by:

- **Organizing** Conference events
- **Supporting the group conscience** of the Annual Business Conference
- **Implementing** Conference decisions
- Fostering **unity, transparency, and continuity**—always guided by the Traditions and Concepts.

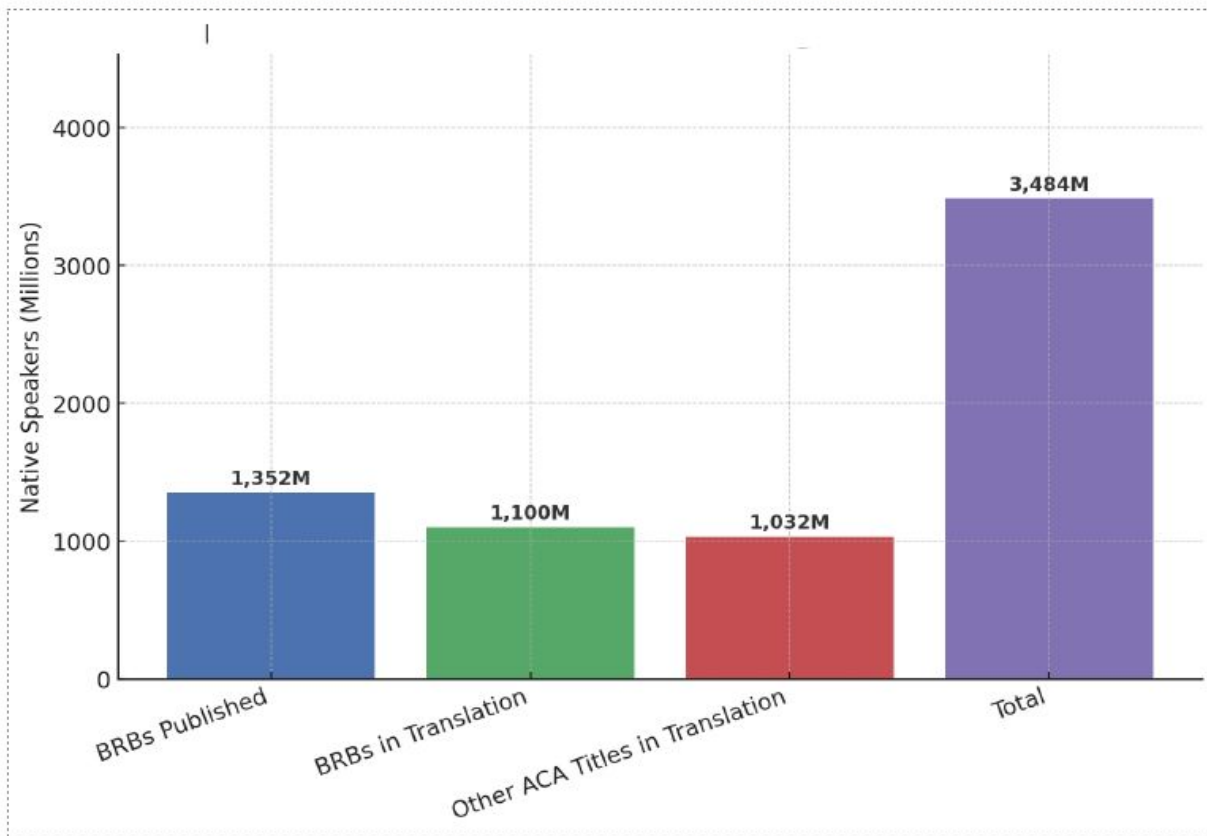
Mid 2025 Budget Review

- Midyear deficit: ~\$72K
- Inflation + delayed price increase + lower than expected publication sales
- Actions taken: price adjustments, reducing expenses
- Committed to ACA's mission

Mid 2025 Budget Review

- BRB Published: 12 languages → 1.35B people
- 10 BRB more in process → +1.1B
- Other ACA titles → +1.03B
- **Total = 3.48B people (43% of world)**

**43% of Earth's Population Will Have Access to
ACA Literature in Their Own Language Within 2 Years**



Mid 2025 Budget Review

- Small print runs = higher cost per book
- IG Discount 30%, Translation of first 300 additional 30% discount - 60% total
- Long-term return once discount expires
- Strategic investment in growth

Mid 2025 Budget Review

- WSO staff: ~12 + 2–3 contractors
- Specialized work needs expertise
- Staff Comparisons: AA (100), Al-Anon (70), NA (40), OA (~16*)
- Small staff, global results

*OA does not print or publish its own books

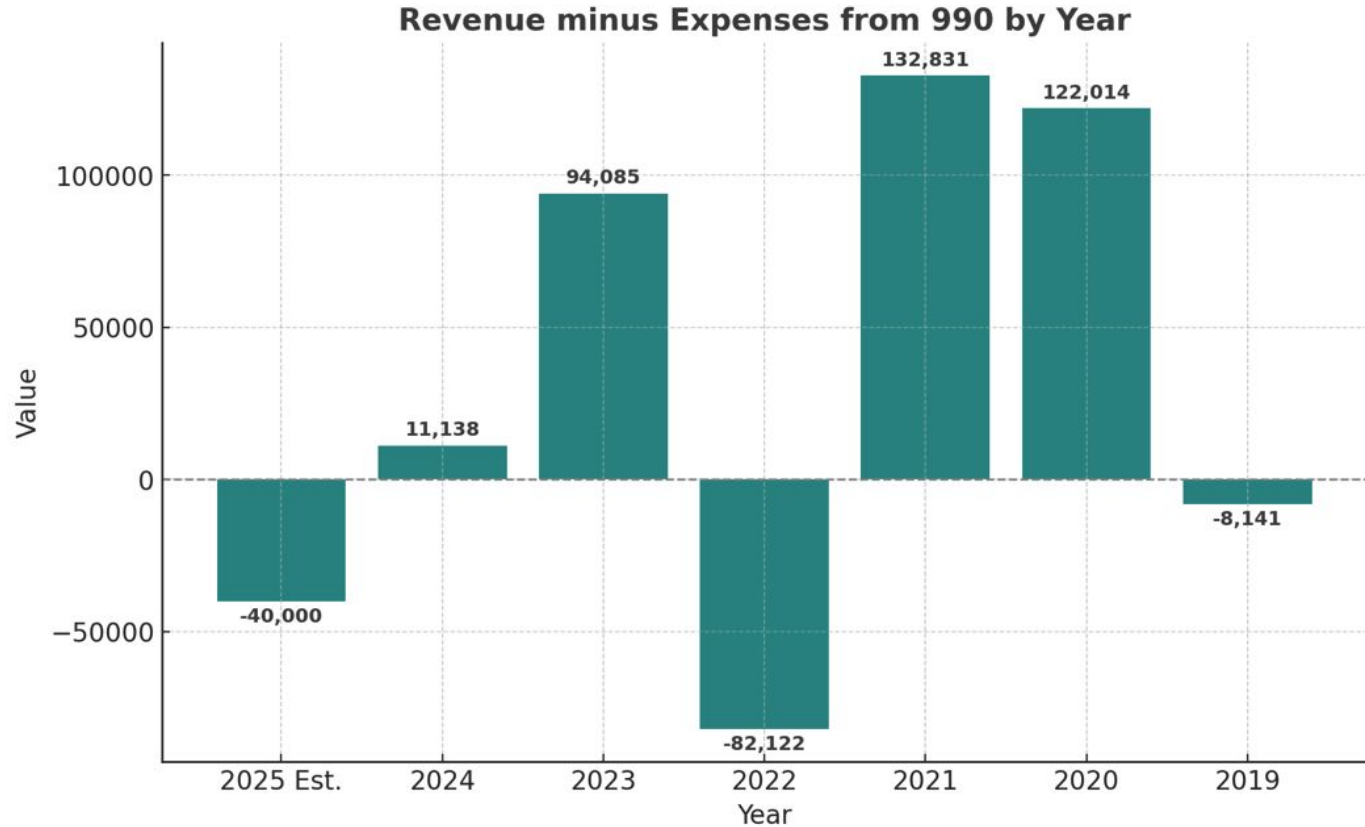
Mid 2025 Budget Review

- Tradition 5: Carry the message
- 501(c)3 purpose: serve Adult Children worldwide
- Staff needed to meet our purpose

Mid 2025 Budget Review

- Past deficits followed by growth
- Prudent reserve intact
- Savings for book orders available
- Investments pay off

- 3 deficit years in last 7
- 2025 projected deficit: -40K
- Overall trend: healthy +\$229K over 7 years



Mid 2025 Budget Review

- Reduced expenses early
- Price adjustment for inflation
- Improving communication to groups/regions
- Intergroups beginning to release reserves

Mid 2025 Budget Review

- AA: Giving is a spiritual privilege and duty
- ACA: Tentative 7th Tradition Giving
- Withholding funds limits our reach
- New commitments emerging

Mid 2025 Budget Review

- Promote new titles & products
- Careful expense review
- Expand 7th Tradition giving
- Shared commitment sustains growth

Literature, Translations and Publishing Tradition 5- Carrying the ACA Message

- **Published Books**

- English: 7 books, 4 booklets
- Translated: 30 books, 1 booklet in 16 Languages

- **Translations In Development**

- 72 Licensed Publications in 37 Languages
- 6 in Pre-Publishing stage in next 6 months

Important links: <https://acawso.org/publishing/> <https://acawso.org/translations/>

Literature Committee - Update

Literature Assessment Project Team (LAP)

- Board recognized need to review priorities, processes, and resources
- May 2024: LAP launched review of projects, policies, and workflows
- Board asked LAP to serve as interim Literature Chair, providing leadership and coordination

Important links: [literature-assessment-progress-report-september-2025/](#)

Literature Committee - Update

Two Active Subcommittees:

- **Literature Evaluation:** Evaluated literature projects, ensuring alignment with ACA criteria and promoted diverse participation and representation.
- **Literature in Development:** Onboarded project teams as they begin working with the newly evolved Literature in Development Subcommittee.

Literature Evaluation - Fellowship Review

Post-Fellowship Review (In Process)



Loving Parent Guidebook - Motion ABC-2017-2

Fellowship Review (Published)



Connections - Motion ABC-2017-3



A New Hope - Initiated by a Florida meeting group

Pre-Fellowship Review (Early Reader Review)



Ready, Set, Go (RSG) - Motion ABC-2018-3



Boundaries - Motion ABC-2020-4

Literature In Development



ACA Essentials - Motion ABC-2024-7



Big Red Book Revision - Motion ABC-2021-2



Loving Parent Guidebook Daily Reader - Motion ABC-2020-3

Overall - There are seven ABC Motions for ACA Recovery literature and one ABC Motion for Service literature in process.

Important links: [Conference Direction](#)

Literature Committee Volunteers

Literature Assessment Project Team – Identifying priorities, processes, and projects and coordinating resources to strengthen literature development for the fellowship, through collaborative leadership.

@ Literature in Development: Two coordinating members, 6 projects (20 volunteers in total), open meetings monthly

@ Literature in Evaluation: Three coordinating members, 3 projects (20 volunteers in total), open meetings monthly

@ Call for Volunteers - Traveler- - project management, copy editors [Volunteer Interest Form](#)

@ Comline is coming back soon.... [ComLine Blog Subcommittee | ACA WSO](#)

Important links: <https://acawso.org/literature/>, [Lit Development | ACA WSO](#), [Lit Evaluation | ACA WSO](#)

Investing in Our Global Fellowship

The BRB Brought New Life to Our Fellowship

- With the release of the BRB in 2006, our Recovery and Fellowship was revived and began to grow again. We followed with the YWB in 2007, the SMR in 2013.

My Inner Child Does Not Speak English

- With the release of the Finnish BRB, Danish BRB/YWB in 2012/2013, the international fellowships started to grow, we are now in over 68 countries.

***Together we are a 12 Step World Service serving our fellowship
with accessible ACA recovery resources***

Milestones Worth Celebrating



20 Years of the Big Red Book

2026 marks two decades of the BRB guiding ACA members with healing, wisdom, and shared experience.



50 Years of ACA Fellowship

2028 will celebrate half a century of recovery, connection, and service in ACA

Let's honor our journey and build the future—together.

ACA WSO

“Adult Child”



Our organization is on a journey of growth and healing, just like each of our members.

ACA UNITY & COLLABORATION



WALK OF TRUST

TODAY

ABC and QDM
Seeds of Stability
A pivotal time to grow
our circle of service

Patience
Gentleness
Listening to one another

Traditions
Concepts
The Suggested
Commitment to Service

TOMORROW

World Service Conference
Sustainable Growth
Strengthened Service
Structure of Volunteers

