

Publishing Committee Monthly Report February 2024

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/UK), Markus S. (Staff/Sweden), Ralph B. (Literature/Vice Chair Lit Eval), Shangreila S. (Chair Global/India), Barb S. (Vol Publishing Admin), Meghan B. (Colorado), Ulrich H. (Chair German Translations/US)

Guests (non voting members): Laura L. (CA/Co-Chair Volunteer Resources Committee), Edmundas V. (European Chair)

Publishing Committee Meets: Fridays (every 2 weeks), 9:30 am ET, 6:30 am PT, 2:30 pm GMT, 3:30 pm CET, 4:30 pm SAST, 8:00 pm India

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

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

<https://acawso.org/publishing/>

Activities & Accomplishments:

1. Publications: We are working on “A New Hope” and the Lithuanian YWB. Also, the Finnish Newcomer booklet reprint has been delivered to Finland. We have reprinted 15,000 more Loving Parent Guidebooks and they have been completed and delivered to the WSO warehouse.

We have completed ebooks for Swedish, Danish, Finnish, and Greek languages.

Upcoming publications include “Connections” and “Ready, Set, Go”.

2. Accessibility with our Publications: We continue to increase accessibility with ebooks by converting past translated books to ebooks as the funds allow. After 3 years of working on a backlog of past translated books into ebooks, depending on funds and resources, we caught up Dec 31, 2023. We have ebooks in 12 translated languages for a total of 21 translated ebooks.

3. International Literature Scholarship Fund: We discussed with the Global Members Chair a ballot proposal to expand and clarify the fund to include translation expenses when there is no machine translation capability and using a professional translator is needed. Supported the Board with WSO analysis needed for 2 proposals.

4. Intellectual Property- Copyright: We are working on registering our ACA logo trademark in Australia. We continue to work on copyright issues and queries with the General Manager.

5. Translations: We are currently supporting translators from 19 different languages: Arabic, French, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish, as well as Slovenian and Ukrainian.

There are many translations in various stages of development. We have 48 publication translations in process, which include the Arabic, Hindi, Hebrew, and Spanish translation of all 5 books, the Japanese LPG and Lithuanian YWB being finalized, and the Polish BRB due shortly.

The Loving Parent Guidebook is being translated into several languages, including Spanish, Italian, German, and Dutch.

We have completed a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document and it is added to the Translations Subcommittee webpage to support our translators.

We have created a new tri-fold to increase communication and education about the translation process. The Publishing Committee approved, reviewed with literature and forwarded the tri-fold to the Board for approval.

6. Literature: We are working with the Literature Committee publishing “A New Hope”. We are also working on the final requirements for publishing “Ready, Set, Go”. “Getting Started” is in development.

7. Audio recordings: The 2024 publishing budget was approved. We are developing audiobooks for “Strengthening My Recovery” and “The Loving Parent Guidebook”. We are also working on the DAISY version for those with blindness and vision impairment.

8. Website: We have updated the Publishing Committee webpage. We are looking at creating a section on the projects in development in 2024 once we have the resources.

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. Please come in and join as a guest and meet the volunteers and staff behind the scenes in this exciting work.

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

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

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

Questions for the Committee & Offers to Provide Service:

Please contact Sue V at: publishingchair@acawso.org or

Barb S, Admin volunteer: pubadminvol@acawso.org