

Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization



2026 Book of Motions

Jan. - Feb. 2026

Kaz S. - Secretary (July 1, 2025 - present)

Patricia Irelan - Assistant to Secretary (Feb. 2022 - present)

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Motion 2026_01_01: OPPM Updates to Board Section A & B

Motion: For the Board to approve these proposed revisions to the OPPM for Section II. Board of Trustees/Subsections A&B: [Proposed Revisions to OPPM-Section II-Subsections A&B](#). (Dove H.)

Seconded by: Al E.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously on January 7, 2026.

Motion 2026_01_02: OPPM -Add Advisory Groups, Teams, and Professional Services

Motion: That the ACA WSO Board of Trustees approve the proposed updates to the Operating Policies and Procedures Manual (OPPM) to:

- (1) add a new subsection establishing Advisory Groups, Project Teams, and Implementation Teams;
- (2) remove the outdated subsection on Professional Advisory Committees; and
- (3) add a new subsection addressing the use of Professional Services;

as presented by the OPPM Updating Team. For specifics, see: [Updating OPPM re Adv. Groups, Teams and Professional Services](#) (Dove H.)

Seconded by: Alisa A.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously on January 14, 2026.

Motion 2026_01_03: Copyright Reprint Approval

Motion: To approve the copyright reprint request for author and licensed therapist, Michelle Leshner for the book, "From Temptation to Tranquility, Becoming a Woman of Honor and Dignity" for the second paragraph, starting with, "Our inner family members..." on page 11, from the *Loving Parent Guidebook*. (Sue V.)

Background: On December 19, 2025, the Publishing Committee unanimously approved a copyright reprint request from licensed therapist Michelle Leshner to reprint a single paragraph from page 11 of *The Loving Parent Guidebook* for inclusion in her forthcoming book, *From Temptation to Tranquility, Becoming a Woman of Honor and Dignity*. The request was reviewed and vetted in accordance with established Publishing Committee procedures and is consistent with similar reprint approvals previously granted by the Board. The reprint will include the standard ACA WSO copyright attribution to protect ACA's intellectual property while increasing ACA visibility.

Seconded by: Kaz S.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously on January 15, 2026.

Motion 2026_01_04: Proceed with Legal Steps re: Copyright Infringement Matter

Motion: That the General Manager move forward with appropriate legal next steps, on behalf of the Fellowship, to protect WSO intellectual property in response to a copyright infringement matter involving Region 2, with action to commence by February 2, 2026. (Sue V.)

Seconded by: Dove H.

Decision: Motion passed with six in favor, none opposed on January 29, 2026. Kaz S. was recused. Rich R. was absent.

Presented for the Record for February 2026

Motion 2026_02_01: Funds for Legal Counsel Analysis

Motion: The Board authorizes the General Manager to retain outside legal counsel to conduct a limited legal analysis regarding trademark, copyright, and governance issues. This analysis is intended to protect the ACA World Service Fellowship and support resolution of the matter related to Region 2's publication activities. Legal fees shall not exceed \$40,000, and shall be funded from the Prudent Reserve.

The results of this analysis shall be reported back to the Board, the Fellowship, and Conference Business Meetings for further direction prior to any litigation or enforcement action. (Sue V.)

Second: Dove H.

Decision: Motion passed with four trustees in favor and one opposed (Alisa A.). Rich R., Al E. and Kaz S. were absent.

Motion 2026_02_02: Kaz S. Reclassified as At-Large Trustee

Motion: To accept the resignation of Kaz S. from the classification of Regional Representative Trustee and approve the transfer of his trustee classification to At-Large Trustee, effective February 5, 2026. (Tamara P.)

Background: The ACA WSO Operating Policies and Procedures Manual (OPPM) establishes two trustee classifications: Regional Trustees and At-Large Trustees. Regional Trustees serve both the ACA Fellowship as a whole and their geographic region, with specific responsibilities related to representing regional concerns to the Board.

In this instance, Kaz S. has requested to resign from the Regional Representative Trustee classification and therefore, will no longer hold the responsibilities associated with representing Region 2. Kaz has expressed a desire to continue serving on the Board in service to the ACA Fellowship.

Kaz has already been fully vetted by the Nominating Committee and was ratified by the Delegates as an ACA WSO Trustee at the 2025 Annual Business Conference (ABC). The ratification was as a Trustee, not as a Region-specific or At-Large Trustee.

The Nominating Committee has confirmed that trustee qualifications are the same regardless of classification and that no additional vetting or NomCom action is required for a change in trustee classification. As such, this matter constitutes a Board procedural decision as it does not represent

the appointment of a new trustee.

This change in trustee category does not affect his trustee term limit which will continue to be based on his trustee start date in April 2025.

Second: Jim R.

Vote: Motion passed on February 5, 2026, with three in favor and two abstentions (Alisa A., Dove H.). Al E. and Rich R. were absent. Kaz S. was recused.

Motion 2026_02_03: Expenditure for Reprinting of LPG

Motion: To approve the expenditure of \$33,330.00 in budgeted funds for the printing of 15,000 copies of the *Loving Parent Guidebook* by Thomson Press, to replenish and maintain inventory levels at the warehouse. (Jim R.)

Background: Although this expenditure is included in the approved 2026 budget, it is subject to the Operating Policies and Procedures Manual (OPPM) approval requirements for inventory purchases for resale. Under the OPPM, inventory expenditures between \$25,000 and \$100,000 require Executive Committee approval.

Second: Tamara P.

Decision: Motion passed unanimously by the Executive Committee on February 10, 2026. Al E. was absent.