ACA World Service Organization Board Report

December 2025 – February 2026 Highlights

Purpose: The sole purpose is to serve the fellowship of Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) by maintaining service for those who might be seeking, through ACA, the means for recovering from being raised in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional home.

To Achieve its Purpose: (from ACA WSO Bylaws)

3.1 Provide public information, meeting locations, educational material and such other services as may be deemed necessary.

3.2 To organize and provide support service to those Meetings, Intergroups, and Regions that are registered with ACA WSO and are guided by the Twelve Steps and follow the Twelve Traditions.

3.3 Convene an annual conference where consideration regarding the business of ACA WSO occurs and priorities for the coming year are discussed and implemented when/where feasible.

Current Board Members (Year of Trustee Service)

1. Al E. (2nd year) - Treasurer
2. Alisa A. (2nd year)
3. Dove H. (4th year)
4. Kaz S. (1st year) - Secretary
5. Jim R. (2nd year) - Vice Chair
6. Rich R. (5th year)
7. Sue V. (5th year)
8. Tamara P. (5th year) - Chair

Board Meetings

- Regular working sessions: Twice monthly
- Executive Committee of Officers: Twice monthly
- Quarterly meetings with the Fellowship.

Board Priorities and Updates

1. Strengthening our Global Fellowship and Public Service Engagement

- **Literature Assessment Project:** The Literature Assessment Project (LAP) team is currently serving as the interim Literature Chair, supported by two Trustees and two Literature Subcommittee Chairs.

An Editorial Subcommittee is being developed by confirming participation of recruited volunteers with copy editing and project management skills to support author teams. Outreach was sent to 280 previous volunteers to determine interest, with 28 responding positively. A meeting is scheduled with those interested in copy editing as a first step in building the first Editorial Subcommittee.

The team is also working on strategic priorities with Publishing, Translations, and Literature, including the development of standards and stylistic guides and identifying technical systems needed to support books currently in development. In addition, work is underway to publish a list of ACA literature titles alongside their corresponding approved ABC motions.

For more information, see: Literature webpage.

- **International Literature Funding:** The Board approved International Literature Funding for IG 791 in Egypt to purchase 300 copies each of the newly published Arabic editions of Strengthening My Recovery, Laundry Lists Workbook, and A New Hope to support the growing Arabic fellowship across multiple countries.
- **Strengthened ACA Traditions Resources:**
  - Approved development of a free, easily translatable Twelve Traditions trifold for worldwide distribution, combining the Traditions, brief meditations, and Suggested Commitments to Service.
  - Authorized production of a low-cost Twelve Traditions booklet with meditations, Suggested Commitments to Service, and an expanded introduction to enhance clarity, inclusivity, and global accessibility.
- **Member Services Committee Support:** As the number of Intergroups declines, the Board remains committed to prioritizing support for them, recognizing their essential role in sustaining and strengthening ACA's growing fellowship. The committee is currently seeking a Member Services Chair, with elections planned for the end of March, and is in need of additional volunteers and support.
- **Upcoming Anniversary Celebrations**: At the 2025 ABC, a motion was passed to explore all upcoming celebration events - see: Motion: Anniversary Planning. Focus was placed on planning two special Anniversaries - the BRB 20th (2026) and the ACA Founding 50th (2028). Our initial discussions are summarized here:

Celebration Team Meeting 1 Summary. If you are interested in being part of these plans, please contact Jim R. at JimR.trustee@acawso.org

- **Annual World Convention:** Final preparations are underway for the AWC that will be held on Friday March 27 at 6:00 pm ET, until Saturday March 28 at 9:00 pm ET. For more information including the Convention program see: AWC webpage

2. Strengthening Unity and Collaboration of WSO and the Conference

- **Conference Business Meeting:** WSO successfully supported a Conference Business Meeting in January.

- **Implementing Conference Decisions**: At the 2025 ABC in May, the Board reaffirmed its commitment to implementing delegate directions from the ABCs and QDMs, with most motions completed and 18 in progress. For details see: Status-List-of-Conference-Direction-from-Business-Mtgs-2025-2014

- **Fellowship Group Vote: ACA Name Change**
  The Fellowship Group Vote concluded on January 31, 2026, with **1,068 groups participating and 1,056 votes counted: 915 Yes (86.65%) and 141 No (13.35%), with 12 abstentions**. Groups have been surveyed to gather feedback on the Fellowship Group Voting (FGV) process. The FGV team will continue to provide reports. The next report that will be published will be on the qualitative feedback on the reasons for voting by the end of March 2026. The results are posted here Fellowship Group Vote webpage.

- **Ballot Proposals for 2026:** The board completed the WSO analysis for each of the 29 ballot proposals that have been posted on Ballot Prep Committee website and sent out to groups to vote on in preparation for the 2026 ABC. For more information, see: Ballot Prep. Committee webpage

3. Ensuring Sustainable WSO Operations

- **WSO Budgets:** The Board approved the 2026 annual budget including a contingency fund as a buffer in the event of a shortfall - see: 2026-aca-wso-budget

- **2025 Audit**: The 2025 audit process is underway and progressing well and is expected to be completed this month.

- **Transition of Accounting Services:** Based on the Finance Committee's recommendation, the board approved transitioning from BPM to Jonathan Bryson Consulting Accounting Services.

Building Board and Committee Capacity

- **Strategic Meetings:** The board held a strategic meeting in January that included a review of priorities.
- **Committee Leadership:** The Board approved Phillip H. as the interim Chair of the Audit Committee.
- **Reclassification of Trustee:** The Board approved reclassifying Kaz S. from a Regional Trustee to an At-Large Trustee per his request.
- **Creation of Advisory Groups:** The Board approved the creation of Advisory Group and Project Teams to engage specialized expertise and broaden participation in the work of the Board.
    - The first advisory group created will review and recommend updates to the ACA WSO Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, including other governing documents as needed.
- **Governance:** The Operating Policies and Procedures Manual are updated by the OPPM Project team, with the most current version posted in November. The OPPM is in process of being updated with passed CBM motions. For more information, including a project update report, see: OPPM Webpage
- **Board Orientation and Mentoring**: The Board continues to provide orientation and training resources for new trustees and officers to create team-building, and improve support and effectiveness.
- **Trustee Outreach:** A Trustee Meet and Greet was held on January 10, offered at two different times to support global participation. Additional sessions will be scheduled in April and early November.
- **Additional Outreach:** If you're interested in joining the board or NomCom, now or in the future, take the first step... contact the Nominating Committee at the Nominating Committee webpage.

Final Notes

The Board remains dedicated to supporting ACA WSO's purpose by continuing to carry the message globally, strengthening the WSO-Conference relationship, maintaining financial health and operational stability, and fostering sustainable leadership. The

actions this quarter reflect strategic investments in literature access, technology, financial stewardship, and leadership capacity.

💙 Thank you to all who contribute their service to ACA WSO. 💙

For additional Reference Links, ACA-World-Services-Resource-Links.