

THE ACA WSO COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

Committee
Literature

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Chair / Vice Chair (<i>First name, Last Initial; State or Country</i>)		
Chair open		
Members (<i>First name, Last Initial; State or Country</i>)		
Literature Assessment Project Lead, Tamara P. & Sue V. Chair Literature Evaluation, Alaska Y. Chair Literature in Development, Chris H. ComLine Blog, Chair, Christine B.	Literature Assessment Project Team: Alisa A., Chris H., Alaska Y. Literature Evaluation Team: Patricia Y., Jessica O., Raymond S., Clayton, Violet ? Literature in Development Team: Sandy D., Marcin C. ComLine Blog: Mardi M., Marcin C., Catherine R., Thom L	

Statement of Purpose
The Literature Committee supports global ACA recovery through the written word. The Committee reviews and evaluates literature proposed to become ACA Conference-approved literature; recommends new literature to be written by working groups within WSO; reviews and revises current literature, as appropriate; and supports other WSO committees and working groups in developing written materials. Additionally, the Committee recommends policy changes for literature development, revision and evaluation, as well as guidance for language in literature.
Volunteer Interest Form

Bullet list of committee activities since the last ABC
See below.

Tasks Completed
Literature Project Inventory and Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 in Fellowship Review ● 5 in Development ● 32 Projects and policies, e.g., tri-folds, pamphlets, internal policies • Priorities:

- o Onboarding project teams into Literature in Development
- o Literature evaluation and support
- o ComLine
- o Representation and inclusion
- o Standardization of literature processes, language and style guides

Outreach to all Literature volunteers via these Communication Channels:

- QDM reports
- BMF reports
- Updates on the website
- An all literature volunteer call to connect and introduce Literature in Development
- Hosted a Literature Open House
- Developing unified standards for writing and evaluation, ensuring consistency across literature projects.

Loving Parent Guidebook (LPG)

Motion ABC-2017-2 – Propose that the WSO create a workbook on “Becoming Your Own Loving Parent.”

Status Update: In Post-Fellowship Review, being prepared to be submitted for Conference Approval at ABC 2028.

See: acawso.org/literature, <https://adultchildren.org/literature/loving-parent-guidebook/>

ACA Bill of Rights

Status Update: In Post-Fellowship Review, being prepared to be submitted for Conference Approval by ABC 2028.

Boundaries

Motion ABC-2020-4 – We move that we direct the literature committee to create educational resource(s) that assist adult children with establishing healthy safe boundaries.

Status Update: Going to Literature in Development for further development.

Ready, Set, Go (RSG)

Motion ABC-2018-3 – To make “Ready, Set, Go” Conference-approved literature.

Status Update: The Literature Assessment project team has finalized last revisions with the author team. Ready for Board approval and then will go to Publishing.

LITERATURE IN DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT TEAMS QUEUE

ACA Essentials

Motion ABC-2024-7 – Direct WSO to develop a guidebook that focuses on the essential needs of ACA recovery, including for new ACA members, with a proposed publication date of May 2027 or earlier. The project should follow the general outlines of Ballot Proposal 3. This includes a gentle framework for combining the Steps with re-parenting; practical tools and exercises; and perspectives that reflect ACA’s diverse global fellowship.

Status Update: In process of confirming alignment with the literature policy and development of a clear project plan for moving forward.

See: acawso.org/literature/

Big Red Book Revision

Motion ABC-2021-2 – We move that a new literature subcommittee begin planning a revised edition of the Big Red Book with new testimonials and updated content, to be more inclusive of all experience of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion/spirituality, and a broader range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.

Status Update: Working with the Data Analysis Committee on surveys, connecting with key groups, updating their process, and focusing on diverse, international, and marginalized voices as part of the planning process.

Loving Parent Guidebook - Daily Reader (LPG-DR)

Motion ABC-2020-3 – That WSO create a daily re-parenting reader similar in structure to the Strengthening My Recovery daily reader. The reader will provide daily inspiration and support for re-parenting with gentleness, humor, love, and respect.

Status Update: Currently working to set up technology and workflows. The team will be requesting submissions in the near future.

LITERATURE EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair: Alaska | **Vice Chair:** Patricia Y | **Secretary:** Open

Members: Courbet, Jessica O., Raymond S., Clayton F., Violet

Purpose: The Literature Evaluation Subcommittee reviews and provides feedback on literature proposed for ACA Conference approval. Our work ensures that new materials meet the fellowship’s standards and support ACA’s core principles.

- Completed evaluations and submitted Board recommendations for:
 - *Ready, Set, Go*
- Recommendations sent to the writer’s team:
 - *Freedom Through Boundaries*
- Developing Post-Fellowship Review processes for Conference Approval:
 - *Loving Parent Guidebook*

Achievements:

- Engaged global participation and representation by inviting members from Asia, Africa, Australia and Central America to be early readers for *Freedom Through Boundaries*.
- Developing new collaborative processes with the writers and Literature in Development for reviewing further developing new literature.
- Developing a project management framework for post fellowship review, changes, and preparation/presentation for conference approval.
- Contributing to the Literature Assessment Project, coordinating procedures, historical knowledge, and project activities.

LITERATURE IN DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair: Chris H. | **Vice Chair:** Open | **Secretary:** Open

Members: Alaska Y., Sandy D., |

Purpose: The Literature in Development Subcommittee supports the creation of ACA literature by implementing approved motions, facilitating the formation of project teams, and serving as an ongoing resource for guidance and development throughout the writing process.

- Restructured to support all book projects under development.
- Continued meeting with author teams and to align projects with ABC motions and assess support needs.
- Inventory of all existing standards in Literature process
- Ensuring compliance by confirming all volunteers had active NDAs and Copyright Agreements.
- Contributing to the Literature Assessment Project, coordinating procedures, historical knowledge, and project activities.

COMLINE BLOG

Chair: Christine B. | **Vice Chair:** Open | **Secretary:** Open

Members:

Purpose:

The chair of the ComLine Blog is working with the Communications Team to gather reflections and stories of recovery from the ACA Fellowship. Through collecting and publishing these writings, we help strengthen connection and service across our community.

- We are exploring new ways to organize and restructure the ComLine Blog subcommittee. Submissions are open on the ACA WSO website. – Insert link

Goals for the year ahead

As we move forward, the Literature Committee remains committed to strengthening our foundation while evolving our practices to better serve the global ACA fellowship. Our primary goals for the coming year include:

- The Literature Assessment Project Team and Publishing Committee has created a joint project team to develop unified standards and stylistic guides across WSO for literature, translations and publishing.
- The Literature Assessment Project Team and Publishing Committee has created a joint strategic project team to document and improve all workflows and technical platforms across WSO for literature, translations and publishing.
- The Editing Subcommittee supports the writing process by reviewing and refining language to ensure clarity, consistency, and inclusivity.

1. Refine Our End-to-End Literature Process

- Continue the comprehensive assessment of how literature moves from idea to publication.
- Clarify the division of responsibilities between Literature Evaluation and Literature Development to support smoother collaboration and accountability.
- Develop and share clear workflow documentation for all writing, evaluation, and review stages.

2. Write and Review with Care

- Finalize and publish unified standards and criteria for author teams and evaluation teams.
- Align all literature activities with these guidelines to ensure consistency and excellence across projects.
- Provide accessible tools and training for volunteers to understand and apply these criteria.

3. Support Current Projects and Volunteer Engagement

- Follow up on all open action items listed for current writing teams, ensuring clear communication and momentum.
- Recruit volunteers with diverse skills (not limited to writing), including project coordination, organization, and outreach.
- Continue expanding representation in our teams - inviting voices across regions, cultures, racial and spiritual identities, and the LGBTQ+ community.

4. Laying the Groundwork for Long-Term Vision

- Begin a full audit of literature content and internal processes to identify redundancies, gaps, and opportunities.
- Explore and initiate development of a content management system that integrates with Publishing and Translation workflows, improving access, transparency, and sustainability.

WSO Website - Repository URL of meeting minutes / reports

Reports available to membership at acawso.org/literature/

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