

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – April 2026

During the month of April 2026, the members of the Finance Committee met three times and continued their focus on financial oversight, long-term financial stability, data protection, and improving contribution accessibility for ACA groups and members.

Monthly Financial Reports

Jonathan Bryson from JBCAS, ACA WSO's new accounting firm, joined the Finance Committee meeting to review the March 2026 financial reports. The Committee received and reviewed the reports and discussed current financial activity and reporting processes. The Treasurer has posted the March 2026 financial statements on acawso.org, along with a written Treasurer's Report.

ACA World Summary Revenue & Expense Analysis

The General Manager presented the ACA World Summary Jan–Mar 2026 Year-to-Date Revenue and Expense Analysis to the Committee for review and comments. The Committee reviewed and discussed financial trends, budget variances, and opportunities for improvement related to revenue, expenses, and overall financial performance for the first quarter of 2026. The Committee also discussed the impact of unexpected and unbudgeted expenses, including legal costs, on ACA WSO's overall financial position.

Recommended Action Items

The Committee agreed to move forward with a reforecast of the 2026 budgeted revenue and expenses based on current financial trends and year-to-date performance.

Audit Review

The Finance Committee reviewed the results of the annual audit and discussed the auditors' findings, recommendations, internal controls, and financial reporting processes. ACA WSO received a strong audit outcome, and the Committee was pleased with the overall results and financial management practices.

Contingency Fund Policy

The Committee reviewed the Contingency Fund Policy and discussed its purpose, current structure, and alignment with ACA WSO's financial planning and reserve practices. The Committee provided comments and recommendations for further updates and revisions. The policy was sent back for additional review and refinement, and the Committee plans to continue its review at a future meeting.

Data Backup, Archiving, and Financial Record Protection

The Finance Committee unanimously approved moving forward with the implementation of backup software to help protect ACA WSO's financial and operational data. The Committee discussed the importance of strengthening data protection, backup retention, and disaster recovery processes as part of ACA WSO's long-term financial record preservation strategy.

The Committee also began discussions regarding the archiving of financial records and the possible establishment of a formal policy to address record retention, storage, and preservation of historical

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financial documentation. Different methods to protect ACA WSO's financial data and ensure long-term preservation and accessibility of important records were also reviewed. The Committee plans to continue these discussions at future meetings.

Website Enhancements and QR Codes

The Committee discussed improvements to finance-related resources available on the ACA WSO website, including the use of QR codes to provide easier access to 7th Tradition contribution information and online donation resources. The Committee reviewed ways QR codes can help groups and members quickly connect to ACA WSO contribution pages and support virtual basket collections. The Committee also reviewed existing contribution materials and website resources to identify ways to make it easier for ACA groups and members to contribute through the website.

How to Get Involved

If you have a finance or business background—or simply an interest in learning—consider joining the Finance Committee. You do not need to be a CPA to participate. To learn more, email finance@acawso.org or treasurer@acawso.org, or message any Finance Committee member on Slack.

Due to the confidential nature of Committee proceedings, a signed Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) is required for full participation.

Finance Committee Members

- Al E., IL — Treasurer and Chair
- Sylvia M., CA — Vice Chair
- Bill D., CA — Member
- Brad L., MD — Member
- Channen S., CO — Member