

2026 ABC

Treasurer & Audit Report

May 16, 2026

AGENDA

- **Finance Committee Report Highlights** – AL E., Treasurer (15 min.)
- **Audit Committee Report** – Phillip H., Audit Cmte. Chair (5 min.)
- **2025 Fellowship Financial Highlights** – AL E. (15 min.)
- **The \$5 ASK** – AL E. (5 min.)



AUDIT SUPPORT

- Fixed Asset Policy became reality in 2025, with Finance Committee approval, and on to Auditor review
- Auditor found the policy to be well structured, meeting requirements
- Finance Committee received regular updates on the Audit Progress, overall
- Time was also taken to respond to a letter of concern, regarding the Audit
- Special Workers, mainly the Controller, managed a dual workload of the 2025 financial close while simultaneously responding to Audit queries
- Looking to the future, a separation of the yearly financial close and audit process is likely, allowing more time for both 'financial close' and the audit

PURCHASING POWER PARITY (PPP) Pricing Policy

- Brings literature pricing adjustments to adult children, world-wide, through use of global economic data
- U.S. retail prices serve as the baseline for all of the Fellowship's literature
- From this baseline, pricing would be adjusted based on regional pricing in countries/regions outside the U.S,
- It would use global economic data from recognized sources like the World Bank and/or International Monetary Fund.
- Adjustments would be reviewed annually by the WSO Finance and Publishing Committees.
- Currently in review with the Publishing Committee.
- Seeks role clarity for Finance Committee within the Policy to ensure appropriate oversight and alignment with WSO financial objectives while balancing compliance with Tradition 5.

ACCOUNTING CONTRACT Renewal and Transition

- At the outset of 2025 our existing contract with BPM was renewed
- There was a price increase to about \$72K+/ year
- During the year, our primary contact with BPM informed us
- Starting his own firm/accounting practices as JBCAS
- We were able to transition to JBCAS and receive a 25% reduction on fees.
- As we entered 2026, accounting fees were reduced by approx. \$18K
- While we have maintained our same accountant, Jonathan Bryson
- And his institutional memory of the Fellowship's Finances

FINANCIAL STABILITY in Spite of Operational Deficit Cont.

- Many eyes WATCH THE MONEY, that is, watch our funding and budget
- Jonathan, our accountant, Financial Controller, General Manager, Members of the Finance Committee, and more.....
- Overall, the WSO remains committed to balancing responsible financial stewardship while continuing to support ACA's worldwide purpose of honoring 5th Tradition
- A little bit more on this from our 2024 financial history.....

GROWTH in 7th TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS

- 7th Tradition increased by almost \$11,000 over 2024
- Bringing the TOTAL contributions to a little over \$513,000
- This represents about 22% of the entire WSO budget
- These contributions funds help the WSO and the Fellowship....
- Transform 5th Tradition words into ACTION by
- Supporting literature development, translations, digital resources, scholarships, and international accessibility efforts...Carrying the ACA message to adult children, seeking recovery, around the world
- And a gentle reminder that as we bring literature pricing adjustments to adult children, world-wide, through the Parity Pricing Policy- use of global economic data
- We will need more 7th Tradition funds to off-set lower pricing and profit vs. our U.S. retail prices

INVESTMENTS FOR THE FELLOWSHIP

- Investments were made in new websites and up-to-date technology
- Necessary, but often create irregular patterns of cash flow, that is
- New purchases and new services usually demand prompt payments
- Best to look at the positives of these investments in
- Improved access and communication for the Fellowship
- Access to meeting information, literature, and recovery resources, WORLD-WIDE
- Successful investment encourages managing risk, NOT avoiding it
- The risk in our case shows up in 2025 as a deficit...

DEBT ELIMINATION & REDUCED LIABILITIES

- Just like Credit Companies who assess our individual ability to pay on personal, mortgage, and/or car loans...
- We can assess where WSO is in its ability to pay its bills
- The good news is:
- During 2025 an outstanding loan [assisting us in acquiring new technology] was completely paid off
- Also continued to pay down our building lease, decreasing overall liabilities
- Signs of WSO's strong financial position and
- Attentive staff focused on the details
- FREEDOM: regular and prompt payment of all obligations—according to HP
- And with prudent reserves as a backup
- Believe it is understood that debt is a serious matter

GROWING OUR GLOBAL PURPOSE

- Through Literature Development, Publication, and Distribution
- Translation Services and Management
- And other forms of FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT
- The hurting to healing transformation happens
- On a world-wide basis
- Compared to the 2014 ABC:
- Cash on hand \$179,000, versus over \$2.3 million in 2025
- Me and around 10 volunteers in 2014; now it's too numerous to count!
- CAUTION: BRB page 367, second to last sentence: "Most adult children tend to look at...what is wrong instead of seeing progress."

\$5 ASK

7th Tradition at ACA Meetings:

- Treasurer's info is included in the zoom email and can be added to the chat, upon request.
- 7th Tradition contributions support our community by covering church rent, literature purchases, the Zoom license through our Intergroup, and World Service Organization programs.
- A weekly contribution of \$2 to \$3 is suggested, with \$5 recommended for those who can.
- There will be brief pause, in the meeting, for this purpose, at this time.

\$5 ASK

- 7th Tradition contributions, in addition to CASH, can be accepted through the following:
 - *Zelle, Venmo, Cash App, PayPal, and Apple Cash [select one by group conscience]
- Funds will be deposited directly into the [Group's Name] checking account.
- *Checks can be made out and mailed to: [Treasurer's full name and address]
- As we pass the basket here, in person, to collect the CASH, this is a good time for those Fellow Travelers online to make their 7th tradition contributions online.

**Thank you for all your
7th Tradition Contributions!**

