

Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization



2026 Book of Motions

January - May 2026

Dove H. - Secretary (April 2, 2026 - 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- (2) remove the outdated subsection on Professional Advisory Committees; and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.

Motion Passed at Conference Business Meeting (Jan. 31. 2026)

CBM_2026_01 Appeal Ruling of the Chair or Parliamentarian

Motion: On behalf of the ABC Committee, it is proposed that the OPPM's current language on appeals of Parliamentarian or Chair rulings of any kind, as well as any past precedent on handling such appeals, and any otherwise applicable language in Robert's Rules, be revised, changed and simplified to read as follows, and thereafter placed in one single location in the OPPM:

"A Delegate may appeal any ruling of the Chair or Parliamentarian. The appeal must be seconded by another Delegate. The Chair or Parliamentarian will then have up to 90 seconds to state their reasoning for the ruling made, and the Delegate who appeals will have up to another 90 seconds to state their reason for opposing that ruling.

The Chair will then ask for a raised-hands poll of the Delegates to determine whether the decision of the Chair or Parliamentarian shall be overruled.

If 60% or more of the Delegates present thus vote to overrule the decision, it is held overruled. " (William GB, ABC Committee)

Second: Josh, Region 5

Background: See  Chair Ruling Appeals-1.pdf

Vote: 47 in favor; 9 opposed; 5 abstentions - Motion passed.

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.) on February 5, 2026. 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.

Presented for the Record for March 2026

Motion 2026_03_01: General Manager Authorization for Pre-Travel Forms

Motion: To update the ACA WSO Pre-Travel Authorization Form in the OPPM to allow the General Manager to approve travel requests submitted by Special Workers when the total estimated cost is under \$5,000, aligning the form with the General Manager's existing expenditure approval authority in the OPPM. (Tamara P.)

Background: The OPPM currently authorizes the General Manager to approve unbudgeted expenditures under \$5,000. However, the Pre-Travel Authorization Form was not updated to reflect this authority and still indicates that all travel expense requests require Board approval. This motion updates the form to ensure consistency with the General Manager's established expenditure approval authority in the OPPM and streamlines the approval process for lower-cost travel requests.

Second: Al E.

Vote: 4 in favor; Alisa A. abstained. Motion passed on March 12, 2026. Kaz S., Jim R. and Sue V. were absent.

Motion 2026_03_02: Part-time Administrative Special Worker

Motion: That the WSO Board approve the creation of a part-time Special Administrative Worker position reporting to the General Manager. The position will provide administrative and coordination support to the General Manager and designated committees, including the ABC Committee, and will serve as cross-trained backup coverage for the Board Executive Assistant and front office operations, consistent with Concept XI.

The position will be limited to a maximum of 850 hours in 2026 and funded through the reallocation of existing discretionary budget allocations. The total annual cost shall not exceed \$25,000. (Dove H.)

Second: Tamara P.

Vote: Five in favor; none opposed. Motion passed on March 12, 2026. Kaz S. and Jim R. were absent.

Motion 2026_03_03: ACA Meeting Listing Criteria Update

Motion: To add the following to the existing eligibility criteria for ACA meeting listings: Meetings that are open-ended in duration, lack a defined meeting time and day, or do not have a designated meeting leader or trusted servant will be removed from ACA meeting listings. (Dove H.)

Background: This motion responds to fellowship feedback/complaints regarding unclear or unstructured meeting listings. The intent is to ensure that ACA directories provide reliable,

consistent, and accessible meeting information for members and newcomers.

Second: Tamara P.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on March 26, 2026. Kaz S. was absent.

Motion 2026_03_04: New Chair of Publishing Committee

Motion: To approve the Publishing Committee's recommendation to confirm Rivka E. as Publishing Chair, effective at the 2026 ABC. (Sue V.)

Background: Rivka has served as a Publishing Committee volunteer for the past year, working closely with Sue V., current chair, on publishing policies and procedures. She is a published author and is deeply committed to ACA recovery and service.

Second: Tamara P.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on March 26, 2026. Kaz S. was absent.

Motion 2026_03_05: Publishing Committee Trustee Liaison

Motion: To approve Sue V. as the WSO Board Trustee Liaison for the Publishing Committee. (Tamara P.)

Background: Sue V. has served as Publishing Committee Chair since its inception in May 2021. This role will provide continuity and additional support to the incoming Chair and committee.

Second: Jim R.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on March 26, 2026. Kaz S. was absent.

Motion 2026_03_06: Three Committees in Pause Status

Motion: To place the following committees in "pause" status:

- Member Services
- Global Members
- European Committee.

(Tamara P.)

Background: Recently, the chairs of these committees stepped down, and there are currently no volunteers to take on their duties. As a result, these committees will be placed on "pause" until sufficient volunteers, including chairs, are available to resume their activities.

Second: Jim R.


Vote: Motion passed unanimously on March 26, 2026. Kaz S. was absent.

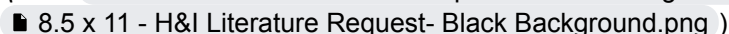
Motion 2026_03_07: Incarcerated Outreach Flier

Motion: To approve the Public Service and H&I Committee's incarcerated outreach flyer for use in PS/H&I efforts. (Rich R.)

Background: Upon Board approval, the flyer will be posted on the PS/H&I webpage for fellowship download and local distribution. Two versions are provided:

- White background (more cost-effective for printing)
- Black background (more visually impactful)

(See: )

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Second: Jim R.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on March 26, 2026. Kaz S. was absent.

Presented for the Record for April 2026

Motion 2026_04_01: Kaz S. Trustee Service Concluded

Motion: To approve that Kaz S.'s service as Trustee is concluded, effective April 1, 2026. (Dove H.)

Second: Jim R.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on April 2, 2026.

Motion 2026_04_02: Acceptance of Draft Audit Reports for 2025

Motion: To accept the draft audit report for the 2025 fiscal year, dated March 6, 2026, as presented by the Audit Committee and contingent upon the Finance Committee's endorsement. See:



(Dove H.)

Background: The draft 2025 audit report has been reviewed and endorsed by the Audit Committee.

Second: Tamara P.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on April 2, 2026.

Motion 2026_04_03: Election of Secretary, Dove H.

Motion: To elect Dove H. to the officer role of Interim Secretary of the WSO Board of Trustees, effective immediately, to serve until the next annual election, or until a successor is duly elected. (Tamara P.)

Background: The office of Secretary is an officer position held by a Trustee and serves as a member of the Executive Committee. With the conclusion of Kaz S.'s term as Trustee on April 1, 2026, the position of Secretary became vacant.

Second: Jim R.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on April 2, 2026; Al E. was absent and Dove H. was recused.

Motion 2026_04_04: POAs for Printing in Egypt

Motion: To approve for the General Manager to proceed with executing two limited Power of Attorney (POA) documents:

- Adult Children Middle East Company POA - [Adult Children Middle East's PoA.docx](#)
- ACA WSO POA - [Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization's PoA.docx](#)

for the purpose of facilitating the printing of ACA literature in Egypt. (Jim R.)

Background: These Power of Attorney documents, prepared by legal counsel, authorize designated local representatives to:

- Interface with Dar Al Kutub
- Complete required registration, deposit, and printing processes
- Represent the organization before relevant governmental authorities

The authority granted is strictly limited to publishing and administrative functions for.

- Notarization and legalization of documents outside Egypt
- Final submission in Egypt by a designated local representative

This approach eliminates the need for WSO personnel to travel to Egypt while enabling timely progress on printing and distribution efforts in Egypt.

Second: Dove H.

Vote: All in favor - motion passed unanimously. Al E. was absent

Motion 2026_04_05: Record of Acceptance of Resignation of Ken R. as Trustee

Motion: That the Board acknowledges and ratifies the resignation of Ken R., originally submitted on November 20, 2025, effective December 1, 2025, which was not formally recorded at the time. (Tamara P.)

Background: Ken R. submitted his resignation letter on November 20, 2025. The resignation letter was distributed to and discussed by the Board on the same day; however, no formal motion to accept the resignation was recorded at that time.

Second: Al E.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on April 30, 2026. Alisa A. was absent.

Motion 2026_04_06: Acceptance of Resignation of Jim R. as Trustee

Motion: That the Board accepts the resignation of Jim R., Trustee, effective May 17, 2026. (Tamara P.)

Background: Jim R. submitted a written resignation indicating his intent to conclude his service as Trustee effective May 17, 2026, at the end of his two-year term. He will also conclude serving as the Vice Chair at this time.

Second: Rich R.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on April 30, 2026. Alisa A. was absent.

Presented for the Record for May 2026

Motion 2026_05_01: New ABC Committee Chair - Charlie H.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Charlie H. as ABC Committee Chair, effective following the conclusion of the 2026 ABC on May 18, as recommended by the ABC Committee. (Tamara P.)

Second: Jim R.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on May 7, 2026. Alisa A. was absent.

Motion 2026_05_02: General Manager Salary Adjustment

Motion: To approve a 1.5% cost-of-living adjustment to the General Manager's annual base salary, increasing it to \$175,587, effective retroactively to January 1, 2026; and

Further, to approve a performance-based bonus in the amount of \$1,000 for the General Manager, for calendar year 2025, in recognition of performance, to be paid in 2026. (Tamara P.)

Background: As part of its fiduciary and oversight responsibilities, the Board conducts an annual review of the General Manager's compensation to ensure alignment with WSO's compensation policy, including benchmarking for comparable positions and cost-of-living considerations. Following review and discussion, the Board determined that a modest 1.5% cost-of-living adjustment to the General Manager's annual base salary was appropriate, effective retroactively to January 1, 2026.

In addition, the Board recognized the General Manager's performance and contributions during calendar year 2025 by approving a one-time performance-based bonus of \$1,000, payable in 2026.

Second: Rich R.

Vote: Six in favor; Alisa A. abstained. Motion passed on May 7, 2026.

Motion 2026_05_03: Clarification of Expenditure Approval for Inventory Purchases

Motion: To approve the proposed clarification to the *Fiscal Policies/Expenditure Approvals/Budgeted Expenditures* section of the OPPM regarding literature inventory purchases - see: [Proposed Clarification to Expenditure Approval Section of OPPM](#). (Tamara P.)

Second: Sue V.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously on May 22, 2026.

Motions Passed at the 2026 Annual Business Conference (May 16-17)

ABC_2026_01: Approval of Business Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the 2026 ABC Minutes -see [Link](#)
Decision: Motion passed with 52 delegates in favor; one opposed; 16 abstained.
- **Motion:** To approve the September 27, 2025, Conference Business Meeting (CBM) Minutes [Link](#)
Decision: Motion passed with 50 delegates in favor, none opposed; 12 abstained.
- **Motion:** To approve the December 7, 2024, Quarterly Delegate Meeting Minutes - see [Link](#)
Decision: Motion passed with 56 delegates in favor; none opposed.
- **Motion:** To Approve the January 31, 2026, CBM Minutes [Link](#)
Decision: Motion passed with 53 delegates in favor; none opposed; 15 abstained.

ABC_2026_02: Adjustment to Ballot Proposal Timeline (pending minority opinion)

Motion: We move to adjust the timeline for the ballot process: beginning with the 2027-2028 ballot season, the Call for Proposals will be issued at the Annual Business Conference (ABC); publication of voting results shall occur no later than the end of the year. The Ballot Prep Committee (BPC) shall be authorized to adjust the timeline between start and finish of the ballot process to meet the needs of the fellowship. (Karin O., BPC Chair)

Background (from proposal): The current timeline as outlined in the Operating Policies & Procedures Motion (OPPM) stipulates that the ballot process begins on August 1 with the Call for Proposals and ends on April 3 of the following year with publication of ballot voting results (OPPM, Section XV). It was developed when delegates met only once a year, at the ABC. This motion adapts the existing process to make use of and consider additional Delegate Meetings now being held.

Vote: 66 in favor; 5 opposed; 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

ABC_2026_03: Trustee Ratifications

The following Trustees were ratified at the 2026 ABC:

- Al E. - Motion passed with 61 in favor; 6 opposed; 6 abstentions
- Alisa A. - Motion passed with 62 in favor; 4 opposed; 7 abstentions
- Dove H. - Motion passed with 58 in favor; 12 opposed; 3 abstentions
- Rich R. - Motion passed with 63 in favor; 6 opposed; 4 abstentions
- Sue V. - Motion passed with 55 in favor; 13 opposed; 5 abstentions
- Tamara P. - Motion passed with 58 in favor; 10 opposed; 5 abstentions

ABC_2026_04: Limit Ballot Proposals from Registered Entities (pend. min. opn.)

Motion: We move that, beginning with the next ballot proposal cycle, the online ballot submission process limits the submissions to no more than two ballot proposals from any registered ACA entity (meeting, intergroup, or region) and no more than two ballot proposals

submitted by any ACA member, regardless of how many groups they attend. These limits will be applied before the Ballot is sent to groups for voting. (Brad L., PA105 - floor motion)

Vote: 65 in favor; 10 opposed; 1 abstention. Motion passed.

ABC_2026_05: Accept Fellowship Group Results re Name Change (pend. min. opn.)

Motion: To immediately accept the Fellowship Group Vote (FGV) results regarding the proposed change to the functional name of the Fellowship to Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACAD), and; To approve the associated phased implementation plan over a 5–10 year period, taking into account financial and other resource considerations. (Mardi M., WEB0334 - floor motion)

Vote: 71 in favor; 3 opposed; 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

ABC_2026_06: Fellowship Group Votes Based on Votes Cast & Process (pend. min. opn.)

Motion: That the Fellowship Group Vote be recognized as reflecting the voice of participating meeting groups, intergroups, and regions across the global fellowship; That results be calculated based solely on votes cast by responding registered groups with $66\frac{2}{3}$ % needed for a vote to pass; and That the Annual Business Conference (ABC) receive these results and determine appropriate next steps for implementation. (Mardi M., WEB0334 - floor motion)

Vote: 64 in favor; 10 opposed; 2 abstentions. Motion passed.