

ACA World Service Organization Board Report

March 2026 – May 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) - Secretary
4. Rich R. (4th year)
5. Sue V. (5th year)
6. 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

- ❖ **Printing and Distribution Efforts in Egypt:** The Board approved granting limited Powers of Attorney to facilitate the printing of ACA literature in Egypt. This action allows local representatives to complete required publishing and governmental

processes without requiring WSO personnel to travel internationally, supporting continued growth of ACA literature access in the Middle East.

- ❖ **Public Service and H&I Outreach:** The Board approved a new incarcerated outreach flyer developed by the Public Service and Hospitals & Institutions Committee. The flyer is now available for fellowship use in carrying the ACA message into correctional settings and to support local outreach efforts.
- ❖ **Meeting Listing Standards:** To improve the quality and reliability of ACA meeting information worldwide, the Board approved updated meeting listing criteria. Meetings that do not have a defined meeting schedule, lack designated leadership, or operate without sufficient structure may be removed from ACA meeting listings to ensure newcomers and members can access accurate meeting information.
- ❖ **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](#).

- ❖ **Annual World Convention:** The recording of the highly successful Annual World Convention held in March will be posted by the end of June. For more information including the Convention program see: [AWC webpage](#)

2. Strengthening Unity and Collaboration of WSO and the Conference

- ❖ **Annual Business Conference (ABC):** WSO hosted the 2026 Annual Business Conference held on May 16 and 17 and the board presented annual updates.

- ❖ **Implementing Conference Decisions:** The Board continues its commitment to implementing delegate directions from the ABCs and CBMs, with most motions completed and 14 in progress. For details see: [Status List of Conference Direction from Business Mtg. 2014 - 2026](#)
- ❖ **ABC Administrative Support Position:** The Board approved creation of a part-time Administrative Special Worker position to support the ABC Committee.
- ❖ **Fellowship Group Vote: ACA Name Change**
At the 2026 ABC, through floor motions, the conference accepted the Fellowship Group Vote results regarding the proposed functional name change to Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACAD) and approved a phased implementation plan over 5–10 years (pending minority opinion). The results are this vote are posted here [Fellowship Group Vote webpage](#).

The conference also approved that the Fellowship Group Vote process results are based on votes cast by responding registered groups and are brought to the ABC for implementation decisions (pending minority opinion).

The next Fellowship Group Vote will be to consider acceptance of the revised version of Concept Two.

3. Ensuring Sustainable WSO Operations

- ❖ **Inflation-based Literature Pricing Adjustment:** The board is currently reviewing a proposal by the Finance Committee to adjust literature pricing based on increase in inflation.
- ❖ **2025 Audit Review:** The Board accepted the draft 2025 audit report following review by the Audit Committee and contingent upon endorsement by the Finance Committee. This reflects the Board's continued commitment to transparency and sound financial oversight.
- ❖ **General Manager Compensation Review:** As part of its annual governance responsibilities, the Board approved a 1.5% cost-of-living adjustment to the General Manager's salary, effective January 1, 2026, along with a one-time performance bonus recognizing contributions during 2025.
- ❖ **Expenditure Approval Clarification:** The Board approved clarification to the Operating Policies and Procedures Manual regarding approval authority for literature inventory purchases, helping ensure consistent application of

expenditure policies.

- ❖ **Travel Authorization Process:** The Board updated the ACA WSO Pre-Travel Authorization Form to align with the existing authority granted to the General Manager for expenditures under \$5,000. This change streamlines approval processes while maintaining accountability.

Building Board and Committee Capacity

- ❖ **Committee Leadership:** The Board approved Rivka E as the new Publishing Committee Chair and Charlie H. as the new ABC Committee Chair.
- ❖ **Committee Status Review:** Following the resignation of committee chairs and the absence of replacement volunteers, the Board placed the Member Services, Global Members, European Committees and Volunteer Resources into pause status. These committees may be reactivated as volunteers become available to resume their work.
- ❖ **Board Secretary Election:** Following the conclusion of Kaz S.'s Trustee service, Dove H. was elected Interim Secretary and joined the Executive Committee.
- ❖ **Trustee Service Transitions:** The Board formally acknowledged the conclusion of service for Kaz S. and accepted the resignation of Jim R. upon completion of his term.
- ❖ **Governance:** The Operating Policies and Procedures Manual are updated by the OPPM Project team, with the most current version posted in May. The OPPM is in process of being updated with the motions passed at the ABC. 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 April 18, offered at two different times to support global participation. Additional sessions will be scheduled later this year.
- ❖ **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 carrying the ACA message worldwide, strengthening governance and operational effectiveness, maintaining financial accountability, and building sustainable leadership for the future.

Actions during this reporting period focused on preparations for the Annual Business Conference, improving organizational efficiency, supporting international literature distribution, enhancing public service outreach, and ensuring responsible stewardship of ACA WSO resources.

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

For additional Reference Links, [ACA-World-Services-Resource-Links.](#)