

The ACA World Service Organization

Rep Report for November, 2020

from the WSO Representative, WEB0120, Jim R.

This report highlights some of the recent initiatives at the ACA World Service Organization, in particular, developments that relate directly to our meeting. The report also features various online resources available to members and meetings and may announce opportunities to be of service to the WSO.

Submitted for Comment

Annually, the World Service Organization (WSO) invites the fellowship to offer proposals to be considered for Inclusion in the agenda of the Annual Business Conference (ABC). The process is rather simple -

- a group submits a proposal;
- the submissions are entered into a ballot;
- the ballots are made available to groups (with Town Hall discussions in Jan/Feb);
- in March, the groups vote on whether each proposal merits discussion at the ABC;
- with a 60% affirmative vote, it is placed on the agenda;
- the discussion at the Conference may lead to a motion.

Our group, Strengthening My Recovery, WEB0120, submitted a proposal and it will appear on the 2021 Ballot. Our issue, paraphrased, asks groups to consider requesting that WSO support exploration of the world of online recovery - the well-being of online groups, the effects on the service structure and the impact on personal recovery.

The Proposal may be found on our website, ACAmorning.wordpress.com

The Monthly Board Meeting, Nov. 14, 2020

The Board of the World Service Organization holds a business meeting, online, on the 2nd Saturday of each month, open to all ACA members. Audio recordings of each meeting may be found at acawso.org

There were 37 participants, including 9 Board members at the Zoom meeting. Here are some highlights that stood out this month:

- Finances. The 7th Tradition donations for October were in line with recent amounts, roughly \$13,000, with one exception - an additional \$7500 was bequeathed to ACA by a deceased member.
- Special Worker Marcia J. recently compiled a Book of Minutes which records the minutes of the Board business meetings. This comes after an update of the Book of Motions, which records the motions of Board meetings and ABCs. An archivist has recently joined the Committee and will be able to offer advice to Intergroups for gathering their various materials and memorabilia.

- The Comline is looking for pre-2010 editions and articles. (See below)
- A Committee is in the process of creating a service manual. Part of the manual, and created as a stand-alone document, is a section that explores how to start an Intergroup.
- The work of World Service is largely achieved by the work of Committees. The Board is continually looking for member participation, with a goal of increasing Committee Chairmanship by non-Board members. All committees are being asked to distill their annual objectives to 3 primary goals.

The World Service Websites

This section highlights either something from one of the websites, adultchildren.org or acawso.org, or the work of the Board or one of their Committees.

The Comline

This is the quarterly newsletter of the WSO membership. Current and back issues may be downloaded at adultchildren.org/literature/comline/pop While the schedule of publication has been disrupted by the global pandemic, there is a rich trove of earlier articles and artworks to look through. These earlier editions are clearly indexed online.

It appears the Comline began as a monthly publication in 2010. The format focused on the Tradition that correlated to the number of the month. By 2012 the efforts waned, but the newsletter resumed publication in 2015, as a quarterly. The Editor solicits members' material relating to the steps, traditions, promises and concepts of the months of the quarter - 1,2,3 / 4,5,6 / etc. Special editions of the Comline have been produced, typically reporting on the proceedings of the Annual Business Conference. Note the special publication titled *Addressing Predatory Behavior* which was published in 2019.

The Editor encourages our members to submit articles, stories, drawings, poems and photos, online at adultchildren.org/comline-submission/

Special encouragement goes out to speakers of other languages, asking for material written in their first language, capturing the words and experiences of their inner child. These will not be translated into english.

For More Information

Write to Jim R. at 12steps4jimr@gmail.com for more information about the WSO, the various committees and the opportunities to meet fellow ACAs and provide service to the organization.