

*The ACA World Service Organization*

## **Rep Report** for January, 2021

from the WSO Representative, WEB0120, Jim R.

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*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.*

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### **The Monthly Board Meeting, Jan. 9, 2021 – 43 participants, including 8 Board members**

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*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](http://acawso.org)*

Here are some highlights that stood out this month:

- The Board has made some motions outlining Committee rules and procedures, in particular, looking at Chair eligibility and term limits, as well as reporting requirements.
- The H&I (Hospitals and Institutions) Committee has developed new literature aimed at healthcare professionals, outlining the ACA program.
- Ballots listing the Proposals being considered for inclusion on the Annual Business Conference agenda are now being sent to the meeting contacts for all groups to cast their opinions. There will be 3 opportunities to get more information about the Proposals at townhall-styled Q & A sessions through February before the voting commences. Our group has submitted a proposal. We will want to decide, as a group, how to address voting on the Ballot of Proposals.
- The website, [adultchildren.org](http://adultchildren.org) is in the midst of a makeover, an update.
- Reference was made of the Virtual Meetings Subcommittee of the Member Services Committee. A participant mentioned involvement on the Subcommittee, which was initiated after the 2017 ABC, to address issues particular to the world of phone and virtual meetings. [Note: Subsequent investigation showed that the original Subcommittee disbanded in 2019, due to lack of interest. A recommendation was made that, in the future, an online/telephone Intergroup could form to address all the pertinent issues.]

### **The World Service Websites**

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*This section highlights either something from one of the websites, [adultchildren.org](http://adultchildren.org) or [acawso.org](http://acawso.org), or the work of the Board or one of their Committees.*

#### **Best Practices**

At the bottom of the homepage of [adultchildren.org](http://adultchildren.org) is a link to the Best Practices/ Member Toolbox. This brings you to: <https://acawso.org/category/best-practices/>.

The sole mission of this page, “is to allow registered groups, Intergroups and regions to share what works.” There is a lot of information that has been submitted. We are encouraged to take the best and leave the rest. Topics include:

- Reaching consensus in a group conscience; making business meetings more successful
- Sample scripts for various types of meetings

- A group inventory forms
- Using “I” statements; and a workshop on boundaries
- Predatory behavior and meeting safety

Take the opportunity to explore the best practices that are listed.

These experiences and practices are offered by groups, NOT individual members. If a member has a suggestion of a best practice, they could bring it forward to their meeting group, to find consensus and support for drafting the details of the practice. A submission can then be presented to WSO through the website.

## **Service with the WSO**

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*Find here some opportunities to become involved in service with the World Service Organization.*

- The Comline has been a quarterly online publication that creates a space in which members may describe or express aspects of their personal recovery. Writings and artwork are welcome at <https://adultchildren.org/comline-submission/> And there are opportunities available to assist in producing the publication, volunteering through the Literature Committee.
- The Information Technology (IT) Committee announced a paid position available for an IT professional to assist with the WSO websites. For more information, please go to: <https://acawso.org/2020/12/22/information-technology-special-worker/>

## **For More Information**

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In regards to the business of the Board and their committees, go to [acawso.org](http://acawso.org)

Or... write to Jim R. at [12steps4jimr@gmail.com](mailto: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.