

The ACA World Service Organization

Rep Report for February, 2021

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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.

The Monthly Board Meeting, Feb. 13, 2021 – 45 participants, including 8 Board members.

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

Here are some highlights that stood out this month:

- A new 7th Tradition Donation page will soon be unveiled on the adultchildren.org website
- H&I (Hospitals and Institutions) has a new trifold that has been stalled in review in the Literature process. It should be available in a few weeks.
- Amazing things are happening in the Global Members Subcommittee. The reports may be found at: acawso.org/category/global-members/. It mentions the goals ahead for 2021 and the monthly highlights, by member countries.
- Public service announcements have been created and are available for broadcasting. Go to: <https://acawso.org/2018/03/02/aca-psas-available-for-download-in-mp3-format/>.

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 OPPM

The OPPM stands for the Operating Policy and Procedures Manual, which basically is the rulebook by which the WSO functions. It includes the Corporate Bylaws. The OPPM is a living document. It reflects the organization itself, responding to the needs and the growth of the organization.

The manual went through a major update beginning in 2017. Presently, and going forward, the document will be revised continually in response to institutional developments such as the incorporation of new committees, improved procedures, and accepted proposals from the ACA membership, among other changes.

The most recent version of the OPPM can be found under Quick Links at www.acawso.org.

The document itself is rather dry. It has a legalistic flavor. And yet, as you look through the various sections, there is great modeling that may be found – for an Intergroup, or even a meeting. For example, in Section X there is information pertaining to Committees – leadership, membership, reporting. A lot of the information could be the jumping off point in forming our own committees.

In the Appendices, there is a section titled “ABC Motion Procedure, Including Modified Robert’s Rules of Order”, as well as one titled “Board Norms of Conduct”. Here are carefully crafted practices and suggestions of how the World Service Organization functions. There may be some helpful ideas on how we might more successfully and equitably conduct our own member interactions. Take what we like and leave the rest, as opposed to reinventing the wheel. A bit of a ‘best practices.’

Service with the WSO

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 ABC AWC Committee is responsible for the planning and production of the Annual Business Conference and the ACA World Convention. This year, like last, both events will be held virtually, online. There are many opportunities to get involved and offer support. For more information, write to: ABC@adultchildren.org

For More Information

In regard to the business of the Board and their committees, go to acawso.org.

Or... 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.