

The ACA World Service Organization

Rep Report for June, 2021

from the WSO Representative, WEB0120, Jim R.

This report highlights some of the recent initiatives at the ACA World Service Organization, 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.

Announcement:

Rene A., a member of the Strengthening My Recovery family has stepped up to become the next conduit, to and from the World Service Organization. I shall transition into a mentoring.

MOTION: That Rene A. be accepted as the next WSO Representative.

The Monthly Board Meeting, June 12, 2021.

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:

The members at the meeting were surprised to learn that one of the Trustees was asked to step down from the Board. The removal was due to non-compliance to the ACA Traditions. No details were provided, thankfully, as our program encourages us to look beyond personalities to the underlying principles. While slightly destabilizing, it is comforting to know that policies and procedures are in place to address impropriety. I am certain that the issue was dealt with fairly.

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 Service Manual

I am repeating this message from last month, as I see a great opportunity for us to participate in WSO.

Briefly, with the expansion of the organization and with innovative new technologies, the descriptions of service in the Big Red Book were deemed insufficient and outdated. A fuller, adaptable stand-alone handbook describing the current service structure needed to be developed. The Service Network Committee is shepherding the efforts.

The first draft of the manual is available for review at acawso.org/category/service-network-committee. Just click on the colorful manual cover.

Having looked over the manuscript, I find a strong need for representation of the virtual online meeting. For example, the section titled How to Start an ACA Meeting, begins by advising that groups need to 'Locate a Facility'. Only actual places are suggested, generally consisting of 4 walls and a roof. No reference is made to the possibilities of meeting online.

The Committee is asking for feedback. We have an opportunity to explain and systematize the online recovery experience by helping to write-in what is missing from the manual.

The Service Network Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7PM ET. All are welcome to join, on Zoom at **Meeting ID:** 831 4682 1777 **Passcode:** 10049

For More Information

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

Or... write to world.rep@acamorning.org for more information about the WSO, the various committees and the opportunities to meet fellow ACAs and provide service to the organization.