

*The ACA World Service Organization*

## **Rep Report** for April 2022

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*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.*

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### **Announcement:**

ABC will be held virtually on May 6 & 7

AWC will be held virtually on May 21 & 22

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### **The Monthly Board Meeting, April 9, 2022.**

*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:

- This is a very busy time of year as everyone is preparing for the virtual ABC/AWC in May
- At the ABC this year, they will be eliminating Robert's Rules of Order to reflect our global membership and in recognition of delegates who may not be familiar with Robert's Rules.
- There has been unprecedented growth in global membership and the need for publications. There is also a significant shortfall in revenues creating an urgent need to increase the price of the BRB from \$15 to \$21

### **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.*

There is an ongoing discussion with the legal team about whether ACA is required to provide retirement plans for their employees in California.

IT committee reports that there is a new map of ACA meetings worldwide. For lack of a better idea, online groups appear in Greenland. Look for SMR in Greenland! It is unknown what will happen when ACA goes intergalactic. All committee members agree that we are not ready.

There are new logos for both the ABC and AWC and they are gorgeous!

## **Can of Worms Department**

The chairman talked at length about a draft for a *Complaint Evaluation Process* to be included in the Operating Policies and Procedures Manual. This specifically addresses complaints regarding volunteer behavior including harassment, and how to ensure a safe working environment for volunteers as well as paid employees while respecting the Traditions and Concepts. In a nutshell, how to balance compassion and accountability. There is a full 12 pages of the draft in the appendix of the [April 9, 2022 Teleconference Agenda](#)

## **Opportunities!**

*There are currently a few great opportunities for us to participate in WSO.*

- The ABC AWC committee is looking for volunteers to run 20 minute activities between workshops. These might include movement, meditation, storytelling or anything else that might constitute a fun gentleness break.
- The Global Membership Committee is looking for Farsi and Arabic speakers to help with establishing new meetings.
- The Literature Committee is looking for volunteers
- There are openings on both the Board and Nominating Committees

## **For More Information**

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

Or... write to [world.rep@acamorning.org](mailto: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.