*The ACA World Service Organization*

**Rep Report** for the WSO Monthly Teleconference June 11, 2022

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*This report highlights some of the recent developments at the ACA World Service Organization, the Annual Business Conference and any 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: The third day of the ABC has been announced for July 23, 2022. It is hoped that the unfinished business from the Annual Business Conference can be completed. This third day of business is scheduled from 9am until 5pm this coming Saturday. Updates** **will be posted in the Delegates channel in Slack, and on the ABC page at**:

[**www.acaworldconvention.org**](http://www.acaworldconvention.org)

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Much of the meeting was devoted to honoring the contributions of outgoing board chairperson Charlie H.

A development of immediate interest to our SMR group is that the Bill Of Rights has progressed through the new literature approval process to a point where a revised version has been approved by the literature committee and is now available for the fellowship to review and provide comment. The document with before and after, highlighting the changes:

The ACA Bill of Rights

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| **THE PREAMBLE** |
| Many of us come into ACA not knowing that we could give ourselves permission to attend to our most basic needs. The journey of recovery in ACA can include learning to identify our needs, feelings, and rights, and to take responsibility for getting them met in a healthy fashion. At the same time, the rights we discover and determine for ourselves do not imply that others have the responsibility to fulfill those rights. With the help of these rights, we are able to develop healthier relationships, and with a power greater than ourselves of our own understanding, we can begin to live life as our True Selves.  |

The following table displays both the former and suggested revised versions of the Bill of Rights.

Those that have remained the same

Those that have been removed

Those which now appear in a different order

Those that have different wording

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| **REVISED VERSION** | **FORMER VERSION** |
| 1) I have the right to say no. | 1. I have the right to say no. |
| 2) I have the right to say, “I don’t know”. | 2. I have the right to say, “I don’t know.” |
|  | 4. I have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. |
| 3) I have the right to be wrong. | 6. I have the right to be wrong. |
| 4) I have the right to make mistakes and learn from them. | 5. I have the right to make mistakes and learn from them. |
| 5) I have the right to detach from anyone in whose company I feel humiliated or manipulated.  | 3. I have the right to detach from anyone in whose company I feel humiliated or manipulated. |
| 6) I have the right to make my own choices and decisions in my life. | 7. I have the right to make my own choices and decisions in my life; I do not have to feel guilty because someone does not like what I do, say, think, or feel. |
| 7) I have the right to grieve any actual or perceived loss. | 8. I have the right to grieve any actual or perceived losses. |
| 8) I have the right to all of my feelings. | 9. I have the right to all of my feelings. |
| 9) I have the right to feel angry, including towards someone I love. | 10. I have the right to feel angry, including towards someone I love. |
| 10) I have the right to change my mind at any time. | 11. I have the right to change my mind at any time. |
| 11) I have the right to a spiritually, physically, and emotionally healthier existence, though it may differ entirely or in part from my parents' way of life. | 12. I have the right to a spiritually, physically, and emotionally healthier existence, though it may deviate entirely or in part from my parents’ way of life. |
| 12) I have the right to forgive myself and to choose how and when I forgive others. | 13. I have the right to forgive myself and to choose how and when I forgive others. |
| 13) I have the right to take healthy risks and to experiment with new possibilities. | 14. I have the right to take healthy risks and to experiment with new possibilities. |
| 14) I have the right to be honest in my relationships and to seek the same from others. | 15. I have the right to be honest in my relationships and to seek the same from others. |
| 15) I have the right to ask for what I want. | 16. I have the right to ask for what I want. |
| 16) I have the right to determine and honor my own priorities and goals, and to allow others to do the same. | 17. I have the right to determine and honor my own priorities and goals, and to leave others to their Higher Powers. |
| 17) I have the right to dream and to have hope. | 18. I have the right to dream and to have hope. |
| 18) I have the right to be my True Self. | 19. I have the right to be my True Self. |
| 19) I have the right to know and nurture my Inner Child. | 20. I have the right to know and nurture my Inner Child. |
| 20) I have the right to laugh, to play, to have fun, and the freedom to celebrate this life, right here, right now. | 21. I have the right to laugh, to play, to have fun, and the freedom to celebrate this life, right here, right now. |
|  | 22. I have the right to live life happy, joyous, and free. |

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The review period is approximately one year and all members that contribute feedback will be welcomed to participate in the group conscience that considers the final changes to the document.

**For More Information**

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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.