

The ACA World Service Organization

Rep Report for December, 2022

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Challenges:

The holiday season, coupled with personal obligations, has limited the extent of this month's report.

The Monthly Board Meeting, December 10, 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

Again this month, all of the committees emphasized the need to increase the 7th Tradition contributions of ACA members, worldwide. The percentage of operating expenses of the ACA World Service Organization provided by the contributions of the membership (17%) is much less than the giving found in sister programs such as AA or NA (45-60%).

Online meetings have set in motion an exponential growth in membership around the world. While zoom meetings have modest financial requirements, WSO is stretched thin. Many of its necessary functions can not be staffed by volunteers alone. Some examples:

- Publishing requires sourcing materials and services often overseas
- Printed materials must be stored, managed and shipped from designated facilities
- Translation is necessary to ensure that speaking English is not a requirement for recovery. All ACAs deserve access to materials in the language of their inner children.
- Online searchable database for meeting search requires professional management
- Legal, copyright and tax issues require professional management

WSO has been operating without a prudent reserve. It is now recommending that all online meetings take 1-3 minutes at every meeting to talk about tradition 7 and pass a virtual hat offering links for donation.

The World Service Committee Work

Highlights of the Board or their Committees or the websites, adultchildren.org or acawso.org,

The Volunteer Resources Committee

This recently formed committee has as one of its main functions, "to provide guidance and support for the volunteers of WSO, such as developing welcoming and educational materials, and healthy communication and leadership workshops." If you were interested in learning more about service at WSO, visiting their web page could be a good place to start - <https://acawso.org/vrc/>

There you will find a recording of the recent Volunteer Day experience and you can find references to recent Comline articles... like these:

- For a glimpse into committee work...
<https://adultchildren.org/comline/fellowship-news/join-us-on-a-volunteer-day/>
- For another member's experience with doing service:
<https://adultchildren.org/comline/join-us-on-volunteer-day/>

The ABC/AWC Study Group

From the 2022 Annual Business Meeting, this group of member volunteers derived their mandate:

...to direct the ABC AWC Committee to coordinate an in-depth and inclusive study regarding possible changes to the ABC and AWC structures. The study will consider all fellowship viewpoints, and all delegates and members of the fellowship will be invited to participate. Findings will be presented to the 2023 ABC, and regular updates will be provided to 2022 ABC delegates and the fellowship.

So, fyi, ABC stands for the Annual Business Meeting, which is the gathering of Delegates and Observers, in the spring, for conducting the business of the World Service Organization. The AWC is the ACA World Convention which has lately been a 24 hour online recovery workshop that follows the ABC.

Work on the Study is just getting started. All are welcome to participate, as stated.

For more information on how you could join the Study, or to simply observe the proceedings, write to: abstudy@acawso.org

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.