

The ACA World Service Organization

Rep Report for the February 11 Monthly Teleconference and the February 18, 2023 Quarterly Business Meetings from the WSO Representative, WEB0120, Vivienne C

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

Monthly Teleconference February 11, 2023

We heard the final numbers for WSO 2022: there was a net loss of 81K.

Seventh Tradition News: Thanks to the efforts of many ACA groups, seventh tradition donations rose significantly this last month.

We now have a new page on the Red Website that explains the seventh tradition, and how online groups are beginning to use “virtual baskets” during their meetings. [ACA Seventh Tradition Page](#)

There are now many more ways to donate online. It is also now possible to ask a member of the finance committee to come to our group and give a short presentation on the importance of seventh tradition donation. They will also give support to groups who want to implement a virtual basket at their meeting. [Seventh Tradition Finance Committee Visit](#)

It is recommended that each online meeting set aside a 1 to 3 minute time for seventh tradition donations. Our Communications team is working on a draft of a short statement that we might use at the top of the hour in the breakout rooms. We already have a pause at this moment, and we still have full attendance.

Also new, is the ability to [download ebooks directly](#) from the WSO website. This bypasses retailers (such as Amazon) and increases profits to WSO.

Audio books are frequently requested by members who would like our materials to be more accessible. Copyright Law does not permit the use of volunteers in the making of audio books. We do not currently have the budget for Audio Books (estimated to cost 10K each), but if Seventh Tradition donations continue to rise, we may be able to produce them sooner than later.

Announcement: The ACA Annual Business Conference will take place on May 6 and 7, 2023. SMR will have an opportunity to hear and discuss the proposals in advance of the ABC.

The Annual Business Conference represents the culmination of the year's work for the WSO. This is the opportunity for all members of the fellowship to weigh in on the business of, and changes to, the running of the fellowship,

Quarterly Business Conference February 18, 2023

The QBC is new this year. It was thought that meeting more often might reduce the time needed to complete the work of the ABC.

It is interesting to note, as we formulate our own structure for business at SMR, that at WSO meetings agenda and ballot proposals are pre-vetted and require a substantial majority of votes (66.7%), as critical to talk about now, in order to be included on the agenda or ballot. It has been decided that at the ABC we will limit ourselves to 2 or 3 proposals, maximum, at each 4 hour meeting.

We heard from a committee connected to literature development that is very concerned with the use of inclusive language in all of our literature. There was lengthy discussion on why this is important.

There was a fabulous presentation by our own Jim R on the development of volunteer resources. I hope we will hear about this directly from Jim in the coming days.