

## **March 13th, 2023: Statement from the Board:**

The WSO Board of Trustees, in consultation with some of its staff and volunteers, made the difficult decision to remove a sizable number of meetings registered by a single person from the WSO list of registered ACA meetings after receiving many complaints and evidence that the ACA Traditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are not being adhered to. This affects ACA as a whole. In 2012, the WSO Board made the decision to delist 50 telephone meetings run by this same person for similar reasons. WSO provided guidance at that time about what needed to change. The board also provided them with information about the appeal process for this decision.

This decision does not stop these meetings or prevent anyone from attending them. It simply withdraws recognition as registered ACA meetings.

In the event that someone contacts you or joins a meeting of your committee and wants to discuss this matter, please know that you can state that this matter is an outside issue to the work of the committee and is being handled through the appeal process as stated in the OPPM.

We will not be taking any questions or comments about these meetings at any point during this teleconference. Please do not contact anyone in this chat to discuss this matter further and if this is done please alert our tech hosts and we will suspend the chat function for the remainder of this meeting. The TC meeting is for the board and committees to update each other and ask for support. Thank you for your support.