

Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization

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Greetings, fellow ACA members,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are continuing your journey of recovery with ACA.

As we reflect on the recent 42nd Annual Business Conference held virtually in May, we are reminded of the vital role that each of us plays in supporting the ACA fellowship. Whether you attended the conference or have since accessed the recordings, your engagement is crucial to our shared mission. The conference highlighted the dedication of our volunteers, including our trustees, who tirelessly support the ACA World Service Organization by ensuring our resources and message reach those in need worldwide. Their efforts are fundamental to our collective recovery.

As members, we are called to ask ourselves, "In what ways am I giving back to the ACA program?" One way is through the 7th Tradition, making financial contributions to the ACA World Service Organization so we are self-supporting and financially stable, as described in Promise 6. Currently, our 7th Tradition contributions provide for 18% of our annual revenue, which is considerably lower than other 12-step programs. Let's work together to bring this up to at least 25% in 2024 to support our great mission!

Your contributions directly support initiatives like the ACA World Convention and the development of new literature, such as the recently released *A New Hope: ACA Beginner's Handbook*, audiobooks, and translation publications for our global fellowship. Please see the list below for more ways that "ACA WSO Serves Your Group and You."

Here are several ways you can make a meaningful contribution:

- Read this letter at two successive meetings to ensure all members know about our funding needs.
- Mail an individual check or money order made out to ACA WSO, Inc., noting "Appeal," to this address: ACA WSO, P.O. Box 811, Lakewood, CA 90714
- Visit our website at 7th-tradition/online-contribution to make a one-time online donation via credit card, PayPal, Venmo, or Google Pay, or set up a recurring monthly contribution.
- **Use Venmo** to send your 7th Tradition contribution to @acawso. (Please remember to include the "@" symbol and skip if prompted for a phone number.)

I thank you for your generosity that ensures that ACA remains accessible to all who seek our fellowship.

In gratitude,

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How ACA WSO Serves Your Group and You

Members Recovery & Service Tools Awareness

- Provides meeting information support
- Maintains group and meeting listings
- Distributes the SMR
 Daily Meditation free
 via email to all who sign
 up for it
- Responds to member inquiries
- Supports Hospitals and Institutions' requests
- Supports ACA Teen groups and encourages ACA members to serve
- Maintains historical archives
- Supports the ACA World Convention
- Supports the Annual Business Conference and Quarterly Delegate Meetings

- Collects member shares and publishes them in the ComLine blog
- Prepares, edits, designs, and distributes The Traveler Newsletter
- Translates, designs, and distributes ACA literature globally
- Makes free and for purchase service and recovery recordings available from conventions on the ACA website
- Develops service tools to educate the membership on the structure
- Consolidates and maintains public outreach tools and service materials
- Facilitates, coordinates, and publishes revisions to the OPPM Manual
- Operates a collaboration platform that enables about1,500 ACAs to work together and obtain information about everything from events to service committees to the inner working of ACA's service structure.

- Prepares, designs, translates, and distributes ACA material to the public
- Manages public outreach and service campaigns
- Shares the ACA message with professionals, including providing complimentary materials
- Supports and encourages members, ACA service arms, and service entities in public outreach efforts
- Creates content for and manages the social media presence
- Builds and actively maintains three websites, including international and service websites
- Conducts internal research and collaborates with researchers

 Manages ACA WSO financial and operational matters

Financial Sustainability

- Supports the annual financial audit by conforming to accounting standards and procedures
- Receives, processes and reports contributions
- Manages inventory and stocks global hubs.
- Processes literature orders for members/groups
- Processes reprint permissions for both the public and ACA membership
- Maintains copyrights and trademarks
- Recruits and retains WSO Staff to support our primary purpose
- Maintains e-commerce sites in over 16 global marketplaces
- Evaluates emerging technologies to determine benefits for ACA WSO and the fellowship
- Prepares an Annual Report of ACA WSO activities and projects

Global Engagement

- Provides leadership and support to trusted servants including Delegates, Intergroups and Translation Teams
- Coordinates the Annual Business Conference (ABC) and produces the ABC Minutes and Recordings
- Provides leadership and support for trusted servants globally across national and evolving international structures
- Recruits and vets Board of Trustees candidates
- Supports local members with World Service Office (WSO) participation in events
- Facilitates the WSO Volunteer application process to ensure consistency in candidate selection
- Supports WSO Volunteers on committees and in executing oversight responsibilities