

# ACA World Service Organization Board Report

September - December, 2025 Highlights

January 2, 2026

**Purpose:** Our sole purpose is to serve the fellowship of Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) by maintaining service for those who might be seeking, through ACA, the means for recovering from being raised in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional home.

To Achieve its Purpose: (from [ACA WSO Bylaws](#))

- 3.1 Provide public information, meeting locations, educational material and such other services as may be deemed necessary.
- 3.2 To organize and provide support service to those Meetings, Intergroups, and Regions that are registered with ACA WSO and are guided by the Twelve Steps and follow the Twelve Traditions.
- 3.3 Convene an annual conference where consideration regarding the business of ACA WSO occurs and priorities for the coming year are discussed and implemented when/where feasible.

## Current Board Members (Year of Trustee Service)

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| 1. Al E. (2 <sup>nd</sup> year) - Treasurer  | 5. Jim R. (2 <sup>nd</sup> year) - Vice Chair |
| 2. Alisa A. (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)           | 6. Rich R. (4 <sup>th</sup> year)             |
| 3. Dove H. (4 <sup>th</sup> year)            | 7. Sue V. (5 <sup>th</sup> year)              |
| 4. Kaz S. (1 <sup>st</sup> year) - Secretary | 8. Tamara P. (5 <sup>th</sup> year) - Chair   |

## Board Meetings

- Regular working sessions: Twice monthly
- Executive Committee of Officers: Twice monthly
- Quarterly meetings with the Fellowship.

## Board Priorities and Updates

### 1. Strengthening our Global Fellowship and Public Service Engagement

- ❖ **Literature Assessment Project:** The Literature Assessment Project (LAP) team is currently serving as the interim Literature Chair, supported by two Trustees and two Literature Subcommittee Chairs. The assessment identified key needs, including a clearer organizational structure, improved support for author teams, and the development of a standards manual and style guide. In response, the Literature-in-Development process has been reorganized, and updates to the OPPI are underway. Recruitment efforts through Open Houses and The Traveler

have successfully increased participation.

For more information, see: [Literature webpage](#).

- ❖ **New Booklet - ACA Meeting in a Pocket:** A new pocket-sized booklet of foundational ACA literature is now available for sale, designed for easy access by both newcomers and members. See: [aca-meeting-in-a-pocket](#)
- ❖ **Strengthened ACA Traditions Resources:**
  - Approved development of a free, easily translatable Twelve Traditions trifold for worldwide distribution, combining the Traditions, brief meditations, and Suggested Commitments to Service.
  - Authorized production of a low-cost Twelve Traditions booklet with meditations, Suggested Commitments to Service, and an expanded introduction to enhance clarity, inclusivity, and global accessibility.
- ❖ **Support for Those Incarcerated in US:** WSO has funded the use of EDOVO, which provides digital recovery content to incarcerated people at 1,200 institutions in 46 states. This provides nearly a million people with access to ACA literature. Most of our ACA literature, in both Spanish and English, will be available on the Edovo tablets. The Public Services and Hospitals & Institutions Committee is currently developing an ACA course for upload to the Edovo tablets as an introduction to ACA.
- ❖ **Increasing ACA Visibility Online:** The board approved the Public Services Committee's recommendation to participate in the Google Ad Grants program, which provides eligible nonprofit organizations with up to \$10,000/month in in-kind advertising credits on the Google Search platform. This initiative, used by other 12 step programs, will be designed and managed in accordance with ACA's Twelve Traditions, emphasizing attraction rather than promotion.
- ❖ **Expanded Global Literature Access:** Approved \$5,640 from the International Literature Funding (ILF) to support the growing Arabic-speaking fellowship by providing newly published Arabic editions of ACA books to the Intergroup in Egypt to serve over 350 members across multiple countries.
- ❖ **Communication Initiatives:** The board approved the Communications Team's plan to revamp *The Traveler newsletter* and relaunch the *ComLine Blog* with updated design, improved accessibility, and coordinated editorial workflows. The initiative will modernize and create a unified, sustainable communications framework that strengthens ACA's message and enhances global member engagement.
- ❖ **Member Services Committee Support:** As the number of Intergroups declines, the Board remains committed to prioritizing support for them, recognizing their

essential role in sustaining and strengthening ACA's growing fellowship.

- ❖ **Upcoming Anniversary Celebrations:** At the 2025 ABC, a motion was passed to explore all upcoming anniversary celebration events; see [Motion: Anniversary Planning](#). Focus was placed on planning two special Anniversaries - the BRB 20th (2026) and the ACA Founding 50th (2028). Our initial discussions are summarized here: [Celebration Team Meeting 1 Summary](#). If you are interested in being part of these plans, please contact Jim R. at [JimR.trustee@acawso.org](mailto:JimR.trustee@acawso.org)

## 2. Strengthening Unity and Collaboration of WSO and the Conference

- ❖ **Conference Business Meeting:** WSO successfully supported a Conference Business Meeting in September.
- ❖ **Implementing Conference Decisions:** At the 2025 ABC in May, the Board reaffirmed its commitment to implementing delegate directions from the ABCs and QDMs, with most motions completed and 21 in progress. For details see: [Status-of-Conference-Direction-from-Business-Mtgs.-2025-2014](#)
- ❖ **Fellowship Group Vote:** At the 2025 ABC, the Conference approved a four-month Fellowship Group Vote process for the proposed ACA name change. Voting began on October 1 and will continue until January 31, 2026. As previously announced, votes and comments can be changed at any time until voting closes.

We held Town Halls in October, November, and December, and there will be one more in January. Participation has been strong and inspiring across 28 countries, and halfway through the process, we have already exceeded all past ballot and ABC/CBM voting levels.

For more information, see: [Fellowship Group Vote webpage](#)

- ❖ **Ballot Proposals for 2026:** Due to the unprecedented number of ballot proposals received, the board approved the Ballot Prep Committee's recommendation to adjust timelines for processing.

## 3. Ensuring Sustainable WSO Operations

- ❖ **WSO Budgets:**
  - The Board accepted the revised mid-year budget and posted on website - see: [2025-mid-year-revised-budget-adopted-oct-2nd-2025](#)
  - The Board adopted the 2026 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee, supporting sustainable operations and strategic priorities. See: [2026 ACA WSO adopted budget](#)
- ❖ **2025 Audit:** The 2025 audit process has begun under a new Audit Chair and team. They have met with the General Manager, Controller, and Auditor to clarify roles

and responsibilities.

- ❖ **Improved Accounting Services and Cost Efficiency:** Approved transition of accounting services from BPM to Jonathan Bryson Consulting Accounting Services (JBCAS), resulting in improved responsiveness, continuity, and significant annual cost savings reflected in the 2026 budget.
- ❖ **Protected ACA Intellectual Property:** Engaged legal counsel to address a copyright matter, safeguarding ACA literature, intellectual property rights, and fellowship unity following unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material.

## Building Board and Committee Capacity

- ❖ **Thank you, Ken R.!** As of November 30, Ken concluded his service as a trustee. We are deeply grateful for his dedication and the thoughtful, insightful contributions he made to the Board.
- ❖ **Strategic Meetings:** The board held a series of strategic meetings in October including a review of priorities.
- ❖ **Committee Leadership:** The Board approved Phillip H. as the Chair of the Audit Committee. Thank you for your service, Phillip!
- ❖ **Expanded Board Capacity and Engagement:** Formally adopted Advisory Groups, Project Teams, and Implementation Teams to broaden participation, leverage specialized expertise, and support informed Board decision-making while retaining full Board authority.
- ❖ **Governance Projects:**
  - The Operating Policies and Procedures Manual updating project is still underway, with the most current version posted in November. For more information, including a project update report, see: [OPPM Webpage](#).
  - The Board formally approved the formation of an Advisory Group, led by Kaz S., to review and recommend updates to the ACA WSO Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and related governing documents to ensure legal compliance and organizational effectiveness.
- ❖ **Board Orientation and Mentoring:** The Board continues to provide orientation and training resources for new trustees and officers to create team-building and improve support and effectiveness.
- ❖ **Trustee Outreach Letter:** In early December, the board sent out a letter to the fellowship for outreach and to seek support for the rotation of service within the Board of Trustees - see: [PDF Outreach Letter for Trustees- Dec. 2025.pdf](#)
- ❖ **Additional Outreach:** We will continue to encourage our ACA members to

consider Board service with similar sessions and with other opportunities - stay tuned. If you're interested, take the first step... contact the Nominating Committee at the [Nominating Committee webpage](#).

## **Final Notes**

The Board remains dedicated to supporting ACA WSO's purpose by continuing to carry the message globally, strengthening the WSO-Conference relationship, maintaining financial health and operational stability, and fostering sustainable leadership. The actions this quarter reflect strategic investments in access to literature, technology, financial stewardship, and leadership capacity.

♥ Thank you to all who contribute their service to ACA WSO. ♥

For additional information see: [ACA World Services Resource Links](#)