

Happy, Joyous & Free ACA Phone Meeting CA1312

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Request for Support

Dear ACA Group,

Last year, our group sponsored a Ballot Proposal¹ to revise ACA’s “official” literature policy so anonymous ACA authors who, *instead of becoming paid professional therapists, contribute their innovative 12-Step program materials to ACA as a whole*, can be paid a small royalty—as AA Co-Founder, Bill W. (Wilson) was, during his and his wife’s lifetime. The proposal received 50 “yes” votes from groups that responded to the ballot—well short of the 2/3 necessary to qualify it for discussion at the 2019 ABC in Malmo, Sweden, but nonetheless a significant step in support.

We’re pursuing this, now asking for support to be considered by the Board². This history that impacts “ACA as a whole” that prompts us to consider, briefly, in ACA’s “official” history (1980-1991) by ACA, Co-Founder, Bill W. (Wilson) was, during his and his wife’s lifetime. The proposal received 50 “yes” votes from groups that responded to the ballot—well short of the 2/3 necessary to qualify it for discussion at the 2019 ABC in Malmo, Sweden, but nonetheless a significant step in support.

This proposal was passed and then resolved at the 2020 ACA/DF ABC by “friendly amendment” proposed by Charlie H., ACA WSO Board Chair. The Copyright Form for submitting materials to WSO was altered so that the author(s) retain the rights to make use of their authored submissions in their own work.

The new Committee for Representation, Equity & Accessibility (CREA) has, as a goal (7), “Exploration of an oversight-inventory component within the ACA/DF responsive and easily accessible within the ACA/DF fellowship as a whole.” Thank you for your service! If you are interested in furthering this work, please join CREA, via the Service Website for AdultChildren.org which meets via Zoom twice monthly and is a forum to welcome fellowship input.

We have worked with former ACA WSO Chairpers, and asked for advice and she has, in turn, referred the matter to Charlie H., ACA WSO Board Chair. If, after reviewing the materials your group decides you want to support this petition, please email us or contact me at 1-530-347-6452, PST, with your feedback or questions. You are also welcome to attend the Happy, Joyous & Free ACA Phone Meeting on Saturdays at 11 AM PST or to request our handouts by email!

Yours in Service, **Luke H., Group Secretary**

¹ **“Proposal 2019 – 14** Submitted on November 30, 2018 by CA1312 Cottonwood, California:
Issue: We propose that . . . Should ACA reconsider its 1989*(?) decision, under Tradition Eight, to not pay royalties to ACA-member authors of anonymous books that are contributed to ACA WSO, so that such royalties may be paid, upon approval of conference of both the book(s) and payment terms and duration?”

² To mandate the Board’s reconsideration of old decisions, the Operating Policies & Procedures Manual requires that a **minimum of five meetings or three intergroups** support the petition, ACA WSO OPPM, Appendix I, pg. 41.

³ ACA Archive materials, including the original incorporation document (which was amended to “WSO” in 1991), IG correspondence and IG Newsletters from this period (1987-1991) of ACA can be downloaded, along with a “read only” version of ACA’s first anonymous 12-Step/Inner Child workbook, *Healing A Broken Heart*, available free at www.12StepsMadeClear.com These materials, “lumps under the rug” in ACA’s history, are parts of our healing.