

ABA Literature & Outreach Committee

Board meeting report

Date: 12 March 2022	Report by: Lou
Chair: Lou	Committee members: Lou, Kim W, Hayley, Judy B, Kheri

Overall, the main achievements of the Literature Committee in 2021-22 are:

- ABA Literature available via the Lulu website: eBook of first and second edition, hard copies of second edition (available in hard and soft cover).
- Meditation book project “re-started” with over 25 new submissions received, and workshops organised.
- ABA Concepts drafted and distributed to the board.
- Translations: Israel is now communicating directly with the board, and some work done towards Spanish, French and Russian translations.
- Saved all key files to the Google Drive for safety and to have access in the one place.

Lulu website

All our literature is now available in the one place and printed copies are now “on demand”, reducing initial costs of printing and administrative costs. This also allows people around the world to access our literature more easily.

Our eBook is now available for the first and second edition. The second edition of the eBook was formatted and added to the Lulu website in 2021.

After testing Lulu’s “on demand” printing with ABA members “across the globe”, the decision was made to print the book “on demand” and use Lulu to handle administration and shipping of the book. Started late 2021, so far this process is going well.

Meditation Book project

The Literature Committee “re-started” this project. Initialised over 14 years ago, the goal was to have a “daily meditation book” (365 entries). The project only had a few entries that we could find and was put on hold in 2017.

The Literature Committee organised the ABA website “meditation tab” to be updated so that its easier to “find”, added a few new meditation entries and organised a series of workshops to help people learn to write a simple entry for the book.

The decision was made to do a “weekly meditation” book (52 entries only). We have received over 25 “new entries” and are happy with the progress.

ABA Concepts

The Literature Committee “Concept team” (Judy and Kheri) have worked towards creating the first version of the “ABA Concepts” and a document was submitted dot the ABA board early 2022.

The team started from an old draft of the ABA concepts and studied various concepts form other 12 step programs to come up with our own ABA version.

ABA Book translations

Hebrew (Israel): assisted in getting a direct line of communication between Israel and the ABA board to simplify communication. Israel is working towards an “official” version of the ABA book using a professional translator. An “unofficial” version has been in distribution for a couple of years.

Spanish: a draft copy of the Spanish translation is available on the Google drive. Although some communication was made with people interested in doing an official translation, the project is on hold.

French: some communication but the work did not continue.

Russian: a draft copy of a Russian translation of the book was found and is on the Google Drive.

Google Drive

Now available in the one convenient and safe location: copies of first and second editions, translations, meditation book entries, meeting notes etc.

Goals for next year:

- Meditation book: complete gathering all 52 entries
- Clarify the process to approve literature being “approved and distributed”
- Look for a new chair of the Committee as Lou might not want to continue...
- Finalise Concepts and put on the ABA website