

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Board Meeting Report

Date: 11 September 2024	Report By: Alison
Chair: Alison	Committee Members: Alison, Amy, Jessa, Alice, Charlotte, Val.
	Date of Next Committee Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 29 th at 12pm ET

Questions for the Board:

1. If there are unused retreat scholarship funds, could some of them be used to purchase and send ABA textbooks to Val in the US for more economical distribution?
2. May we submit the ABA textbook to the Internet Archive, where it will be posted online for followers to read at will?

BOOK DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

→ What has been achieved:

- So far, we have delivered 16 of our allotted second-edition ABA books to treatment facilities and community centres across North America and the UK. We have also sent 10 to Alice for distribution in the UK (4 of which she has already given to locations on our list, and 1 of which she gave to Charlotte for the Woking Priory).
- Joan left messages for locations in Seattle and Toronto, but hasn't heard back. She will be in the UK in October, at which time she'll reach out to treatment centres there.
- One suggestion was to see if the Board would be willing to put some of the unused retreat scholarship funds (if there are any) towards the purchase of more books to send to Val so she can act as a distribution hub in the US.
- Another member suggested submitting the ABA textbook to the Internet Archives, which copies books and posts them online for followers to read. We thought this would be another great way to make the textbook more widely accessible to those suffering from eating disorders or caring for folks who do. We agreed to ask the Board for permission to submit the ABA textbook for consideration.

→ What remains to be done:

- Our committee will prepare a list of places in the UK for Joan to contact next month.

→ Questions for the board:

- See questions 1 and 2.

LIBBY PROJECT

→ What has been achieved:

- Our committee members researched how best to get a book like our ABA textbook added to Libby, the international library of digital books and other literature. We were advised to

make requests at local libraries, which would then be recognized as a book in demand and travel up to the Libby system.

- We published a step-by-step guide for our fellows in the newsletter on how to make such requests at local libraries.
- Our committee agreed it would be good to print this in the newsletter again as a fresh invitation to our fellows to help us get the ABA textbook in an international library.

→ What remains to be done:

- Jessa to include the guide to requesting the ABA textbook at local libraries in an upcoming newsletter.

→ Questions for the board:

- None.