

Literature Committee Report - World Service Conference - January 2026

The Conference adopted the Conference-Approved Literature Development/Approval Process (CAL-DAP) in November 2023, and finalized updates to the Traits, Talents and Tools in January 2024. The Literature Committee has been exploring possibilities of developing new Literature for A.R.T.S., and creating Editorial Policies for A.R.T.S. Literature.

The Literature Committee is currently operating with three Subcommittees, the Steps Subcommittee, the Members Stories Subcommittee, and the Editorial Policies Subcommittee.

Steps Subcommittee: A guide for working the Twelve Steps in A.R.T.S. is being explored. Initial drafts are drawn from the work done and feedback given from the A.R.T.S. Twelve Steps workshops held in 2024 and 2025. The full Literature Committee has been reviewing proposed drafts and giving feedback for further revisions. The Literature Committee is confident that this step guide could be ready in time to seek Conference approval sometime in 2026.

Members Stories Subcommittee: The subcommittee continues to collect stories of personal experience, strength and hope from A.R.T.S. Members. After fielding questions and concerns about an Author's Release Form, a set of answers to Frequently Asked Questions was developed and posted on the website. A Members Stories workshop was held in September. So far A.R.T.S. has permission to use 16 stories that have been collected from members.

Editorial Policies Subcommittee: This subcommittee was formed in April to develop Editorial Policies. The purpose is to give all who develop and review Literature, including writers and committees, some guidance in editorial considerations for Conference-approved Literature. It will also offer a statement as to the purpose of editing and possible qualifications for an editor.