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Accola Programs & Opportunities Committee
Monday, August 10, 2026; 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Attendees: Anita Duckor, CSJ-C; Karen Gervais; Colleen O'Malley, CSJ; Anne Weyandt; Sandy Vargas

Staff: Andrée Aronson; Matt Halley; Lacy Sietsema

Excused Absence: Comfort Dondo; Adele O'Sullivan, CSJ

The Accola Programs and Opportunities Committee convened online at 2:38 p.m.

DEI Statement: Andree read the DEI statement.

Spiritual Centering: Anne led the committee in spiritual centering.

Minutes: The June minutes were presented for approval. Hearing no changes or corrections, Anita moved and Colleen seconded to approve the minutes. All present members voted in favor.

Discussion: Wisdom Ways
The discussion focused on how the board and P&O Committee should engage with the future of Wisdom Ways (WW). Matt reviewed the current status of WW, the redesign work already completed, and the options previously presented at the Board Education session. Sandy emphasized that board members should watch the education session before the August meeting, with the goal of reaching a directional decision by October.

Several themes emerged: the need for a clear process, a running list of information the committee needs, and clarity about whether the committee will recommend one preferred path or present multiple options. Committee members discussed about program cost, its mission alignment, potential community backlash, and how any changes would affect people closely connected to the program. There was broad interest in defining WW's purpose, measurable outcomes, and whether it should generate revenue or serve primarily as a mission-centered offering.

Partnerships were discussed as a major area needing clarification. Andree noted that she has an updated partnerships work plan and offered to share it with the committee. Members also discussed whether WW should be integrated more fully with Accola's broader programming, DEI commitments, social justice work, and community engagement.

The group also raised questions about WW staffing, current programming, the role of partners, communication with external stakeholders, and whether Accola's broader mission and vision need refinement. Anne suggested working with Matt and Andree to develop a framework for the September committee meeting that captures key questions, options, and possible direction, allowing the committee to refine recommendations before the

October board meeting.

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lacy Sietsema, Accola