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Message from the Board

Subject: Multiple, Simultaneous, and Conflicting Emotions

Greetings, Beloved ACTO Community,

Since we announced the decision to sunset ACTO in June, many of you have shared your reactions to the news. Every ACTO Forum and Community Conversation (which we are still running through June!) has begun with some sharing about the impact of that decision. We've also received many kind and affirming email messages that speak to ACTO's impact in and on the coaching profession.

While sadness and a sense of pending loss are common, the most consistent themes have been:

- Gratitude for the support ACTO has provided Coach Training Organizations for the past quarter-century
- Grace for the struggles ACTO has faced trying to rebuild a sense of community in a post-Covid world
- Compassion for the Board having the courage to make this emotion-laden decision

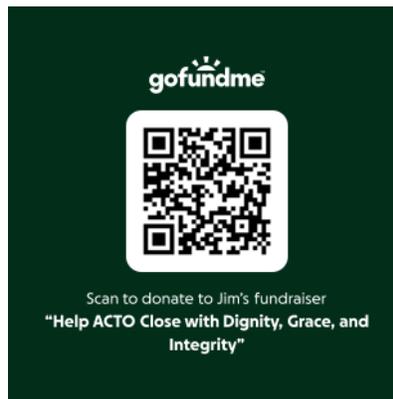
A few weeks ago, we had the equally difficult task of coming to you to ask for financial support to allow us to sunset ACTO with dignity, grace, integrity—and to do so debt-free. We had no idea how the community would respond (though we were optimistic), and you

responded so quickly and so beautifully. As you read this message, we can share that we are within sight of our “sunset goal”! And whether or not you donated funds to our campaign, the well-wishes and love we received from so many of you have reminded us why ACTO has mattered for so long. Your generosity, encouragement, and shared commitment to this profession have affirmed the legacy we built together and the impact that will continue long after this chapter closes. For that, we are deeply grateful.

Now it's our turn to express Gratitude back to all of you.
THANK YOU!

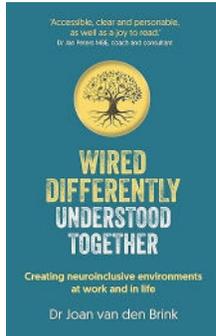
The ACTO Board

P.S. It's not too late to support our [GoFundMe campaign here](#) or scan the QR Code below. Our goal was an estimate of future expenses to complete our business and fund archives, close the books with our accountant, and so on. As we have never “closed” before, we don't know what we might have missed, and your support is helping us sunset with care for all affected.



Each month in this newsletter we will highlight a different facet of identity, and provide a resource in this area for our readers.

This month we invite you to expand your perspective on coaching neurodiverse clients and on self-care.



READ: *Wired Differently, Understood Together: Creating Neuroinclusive Environments at Work and in Life* - By Dr. Joan van den Brink (2026) - Joan's book is an exploration of what it takes to create neuroinclusive spaces at work and in life. This will support you in coaching neurodiverse clients AND in taking care of you if you are neurodivergent.

WATCH: *Behind the Scenes* with Jodi Sleeper-Triplett on Coaching Students with ADHD and Executive Function Challenges - ACTO Past President and MCC, BCC Coach Jodi Sleeper-Triplett on the power of coaching in the Higher Ed space.

SUBSCRIBE: choice: the magazine of professional coaching - www.choice-online.com - A quarterly publication featuring the voices of Coaches from all over the world. This excellent publication addresses – in depth – a new topic every edition, from many perspectives. New to choice? Here's a link to their [entire library of back issues](#), each full of rich learning.



REFLECT: *Come, walk with me in the Mud* - By Sushma Sharma - <https://www.libripublishing.co.uk/Products/ProdID=331> - An invitation to slow down, recharge, and bask in the power of the here and now.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACTO March Community Conversations Call

Date: March 5, 2026 Time: 12 noon EST

[More information](#)

[Register](#)

March Monthly English Forum: In the heart of a story – Liberating Narratives of Dignity

Date: March 25, 2026, 8:00 US PT, 11:00 US ET, 16:00 CET, 20:30 IST (90 minutes)

[More Information](#)

[Register](#)

April Monthly English Forum: Everyone Simply Wants to Love and Be Loved

Date: April 22, 2026, 8:00 US PT, 11:00 US ET, 17:00 CET, 20:30 IST (90 minutes)

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[Register](#)

May Monthly English Forum: Reflections through an ACTO Lens.

Program will include a guest panel of past ACTO Leaders reflecting on the past and current state of coach training.

Date: May 27, 2026, 8:00 US PT, 11:00 US ET, 17:00 CET, 20:30 IST (90 minutes)

[Register](#)

June Monthly English Forum: A Chapter Ends - A Celebration of ACTO's contributions to the profession and of the People who have contributed to ACTO. Hold This Space for sharing and receiving Gratitude!

Date: June 24, 2026, 8:00 US PT, 11:00 US ET, 17:00 CET, 20:30 IST (90 minutes)

[Register](#)

ACTO forums are free for ACTO members. The fee for non-members is \$25/forum. The May and June sessions are free for everyone.



ACTO STAND

ACTO is a community of coaches and coach trainers dedicated to co-creating a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive coaching profession. Through dialogue, learning opportunities, and change initiatives, we seed coaching excellence that values diverse cultural perspectives and eliminates bias and harm.

To read the full details of the ACTO Stand, please visit [our website](#).



March Multicultural Calendar

We invite you to acknowledge and explore a diversity of significant dates and cultural celebrations with us. These dates were sourced from [Diversity Resources](#) and [WorkTango](#). Please visit their websites to learn more about each date's significance. If you have important dates from your culture that you'd like our community to learn about, please let us know!

March - Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March - Gender Equality Month

March - Greek-American Heritage Month

March - Irish-American Heritage Month

March - National Colon Cancer Awareness Month

March - National Kidney Month

March - National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness and Education Month

March - National Women's History Month

March 2 – Purim begins at sundown (Jewish)

March 3 – Magha Puja Day (Buddhist)

March 4 – Holi (Hindu)

March 6 – Employee Appreciation Day

March 8 – International Women's Day

March 14 – Pi Day

March 16 – Laylat al-Qadr (Islamic)

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 19 – Chaitra Navratri begins (Hindu)

March 20 – Ostara (Wicca/Paganism)

March 20 – Eid-al-Fitr/End of Ramadan (Islamic)

March 20 – Ostara - (Southern Hemisphere) Wicca/Paganism

March 21 – Naw Ruz (Baha'i)

March 21 – World Down Syndrome Day

March 25 – International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

March 27 – Chaitra Navratri ends (Hindu)

March 29 – Palm Sunday

March 31 – International Transgender Day of Visibility

March 31 – Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)

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