

## **Ballot Proposals 10, 11, and 12**

- Liz, ABC committee Chair, gives rationale for why the ABC committee recommends to consider these together since they are related.

### **Proposal 2022 – 10** Submitted by: The ABC/AWC Committee

Issue: We propose creating a task force to investigate whether the ACA Annual Business Conference (ABC) should be restructured. This task force would report to the ABC Committee and include ABC Delegates, Standing Committee liaisons, and other interested volunteers. The goal would be to gather information about whether the needs of the Fellowship are being met with the current structure, and if not, to develop recommendations to be submitted to the 2023 ABC for consideration.

### **Proposal 2022 – 11** Submitted by: IG729, TEL0411, WEB0616, WEB0609, WEB0615

Issue: We propose that the Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACA) World Service Organization (WSO) host an in-person/hybrid International Convention every five years. Furthermore, we propose WSO continue to host an Annual World Convention (AWC) virtually in the years between in-person/hybrid events. This proposed schedule is intended to encourage participation from all members, Intergroups, and Regions including those outside of North America and Europe.

### **Proposal 2022 – 12** Submitted by: IG729, TEL0411, WEB0616, WEB0609, TEL0411 and WEB0615

Issue: To decrease financial costs and increase equitable access to the decision-making process at the ABC, we propose the creation of an ad-hoc committee to investigate the following changes to the ABC: splitting it from the AWC, holding it on weekends only, and holding it online only. We believe holding the ABC in the manner described will aid in hearing the effective conscience of our fellowship by providing more equitable access for all delegates.

## Main Discussion Points

- I support these motions as a whole. Our fellowship is changing, evolving so it makes sense to reevaluate how we do business. Suggest we start with a study.
- I like the ideas of all of these; they are not mutually exclusive. I'm concerned about how they will be presented on the ballot. I don't want it to be either or - needs to be flexible. I like the task force, and I like the every 5 years.
  - Response from Chair: There will be an option to combine the proposals on the vote.
- I have a question about 11. How often is "the years in between in-person/hybrid events" mean?

- Response: Every year.
- What is the difference between a task force, a study, and an ad-hoc committee and who each reports to?
  - Response: We will address this shortly.
- I believe these proposals tie back to the one we just got stuck on (when to re-meet to finish business) because it's true that we're not getting through the business even now. I believe Proposal 10 is time sensitive. Re: 11 & 12 where is the location, around the world?
- I believe that a combination of these motions could address the issue of not being able to complete business.
- In every other program I am part of the conference is separate from the convention.
- I am in support of all three, but I feel that it needs to be combined. I think the solution would need to be studied over a year. I also would like more clarification on the distinction between committee and working group.
- They all have good points yet too limiting. I think the committee should be able to look at the whole thing and not be limited.
- We need to get more participation and more voices included in these discussions to gather information and make recommendations.
- This is my 4th ABC and a lot of work needs to be done for the event and inclusivity. Board members are funded to go to the ABC which is not the case for the delegates. ABC needs to be hybrid.
- 1. Regions may be the appropriate service board to present/host recovery conferences 2. Articles of Incorporation need to be researched about the requirements for ABC and decision-making (which I believe have been codified as Roberts Rules of Order).
- My group likes time and attention to things that have a lot of impact on the ACA Fellowship worldwide, for that reason I support a study to determine which of these options to use.
- I watched yesterday and saw Brad L.'s motion and heard discussion after discussion. I would like to see something that is broad for it to be figured out as they go along.
- This conversation and voting process would be less stressful, more productive, encourage wider participation and provide all the necessary information and time for informed decision making if we were using knowledge based decision making.
- I'd like to make the point that the in person should be more than every five years, and why not hybrid meetings every year.

- Can we lean on other sustainable fellowships for their sound and wise choices in terms of decision about their annual events and ensuring that all voices are heard.
- A spiritual group I participate in moved to an in person every four years with more regional meetings represented the membership better because we were closer to the voice of the fellowship.
- Every day is a workday for somebody.
- I think having one body looking at these together rather than separating so they can come up with a unified direction to go in.
- I have no problem with ABC being virtual yet the AWC should be in person experience since this is what we are about - being together.
- I appreciate the thoughts and input of the other delegates who have spoken. Who does the work of studying these topics?
- Some delegates have referred to the effectiveness of committees and this is a concern.
- Delegates are (can be) funded by Intergroups and it has been shown that more volunteer participation comes from in person events.
- Mary Jo, Chair, -To clarify, If it is a committee of the conference then they will report to the delegates on a regular basis and also monthly at the Teleconference meeting. However, unless we have delegates year round, then they do not have anyone to report to outside of the ABC. An ad hoc committee reports to the Board and at the monthly meetings. If they are not working well, it can be due to lack of those showing up for the committees and/or their ability to do the work.

Motion Approved for Online Worldwide Voting: I move to direct the ABC AWC Committee to coordinate an in-depth and inclusive study regarding possible changes to the ABC and AWC structures. The study will consider all fellowship viewpoints, and all delegates and members of the fellowship will be invited to participate. Findings will be presented to the 2023 ABC, and regular updates will be provided to 2022 ABC delegates and the fellowship.