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Special Report – ABC 2015

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ABC 2015 Highlights

The 2015 Annual Business Conference (ABC) of Adult Children of Alcoholics was held April 24-25, 2015, in Austin, Texas. There were 35 participants in attendance, of which 27 were registered voting delegates. Those present were from seven US states plus Denmark. It was also the first time the ABC was streamed live.

Eleven separate items were considered by the conference this year. Detailed minutes of the

discussions are offered on p. 3 of this special issue.

In addition to the Ballot Proposals, delegates voted to expand Tradition Eleven by adding "and other public media." There were also four pieces of new literature approved for submission to the fellowship (via the WSO website) for comments. The conference also heard annual reports from the treasurer and committee chairs, as well as a letter from the

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About the ACA ComLine

The *ComLine* is published quarterly by Adult Children of Alcoholics® World Service Organization, with one free report of the Annual Business Conference (ABC). The *ComLine* is intended as a communication line from WSO to the fellowship of ACA around the world, and as a forum for the fellowship to share recovery. The *ComLine* slogan is "Experience, Strength, and Hope". The opinions expressed are those of the individuals writing the articles and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the ACA fellowship or WSO.

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WSO chairperson. Links to the full reports and letters are provided.

Each year, prior to the ABC, the fellowship is invited to participate in the process in a few ways. Registered ACA groups are asked to submit proposed items of business for consideration. These proposals are then compiled into a Group Conscience Survey Ballot and are circulated to all registered groups and intergroups. Groups are asked to discuss the merits of each proposed item and to decide if it should be included on the agenda of the ABC. Items supported by at least 2/3 of the group ballots returned are then discussed and possibly voted on by the group delegates in attendance at the ABC.

This year, 128 groups voiced their opinions by returning a Group Conscience Survey Ballot. This is a 70% increase over the number of ballots returned in 2014, and may be the first time since the early

1990s that more than 100 ACA groups have participated in the ABC process. The 128 responses represent about 1% of all groups; there are approximately 1,400 groups.

Ballots were returned from face-to-face meetings, telephone meetings, web-based meetings and Intergroups in 30 US states, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Italy, New Zealand, Russia, Sweden, and the UK.

I was honored to be a part of this ABC, and I thank everyone who participated, either by submitting proposals, group conscience ballot, and/or making the journey to Austin to be a part of the fellowship's decision-making process. I hope that this ABC special issue inspires you to participate in the process for the 2016 ABC April 22-23, 2016!

With gratitude,
Bonnie K-M.
2015 ABC Host Committee Chair

ACA 2015 ACA WSO Annual Business Conference Agenda Items

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[The Twelve Traditions of ACA](#)

[The Suggested Commitment to Service](#)

[The Problem](#)

[The Solution](#)

[The Twelve Concepts of ACA World Service](#)

[2014 ABC Meeting Minutes](#) – by Karen R.

[2015 ACA WSO Board of Trustees Statement of Purpose](#) – by Larry A., Martin C., Mary Jo L., Majbrit M., Karen R., and Ines Z.

[2015 ACA WSO New Board of Trustees Statements of Purpose](#) by Larry A., Martin C., Mary Jo L., Majbrit M., and Ines Z.

[Process for Accepting Committee and Caucus Reports](#)

[2015 ABC Treasurer's Annual Report](#) – by Mary Jo L.

[Seventh Tradition Contributions for 2014](#) – by Mary Jo L.

[2015 ABC Literature Committee Annual Report](#) – by Larry A.

[2015 ABC Signal Hill Distribution Center Annual Report](#) – by Sam B., Kristina O., Kim M., Trudy B., and Gloria D.

[2015 ABC Member & Public Service \(MPS\) Annual Report](#) – by Vonnice G.

[2015 ABC Hospitals and Institutions \(H&I\) Annual Report](#) – by Joan B.

[2015 ABC European Committee Annual Report](#) – by Majbrit M.

[2015 ABC Executive Committee Annual Report](#)

[2015 ABC Board of Trustees Chair Annual Report](#) – by Larry A.

[2015 ABC Intergroup Liaison Subcommittee Annual Report](#) – by Martin C.

[Robert's Rules of Order](#) (from robertsrules.org)

[ACA WSO Book of Motions for 2014 – Motions from the ACA WSO Teleconferences](#)

[ACA WSO Book of Motions for 2015 – Motions from the ACA WSO Teleconferences](#)

[2015 ABC Presentation of Motion to Amend Tradition 11](#) – by Martin C.

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Ballot Items for the 2015 ABC Agenda

Results: Proposals 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 13 each received a 2/3 affirmative vote (at least 66.33%) of all meetings that had an opinion on the Ballot items.

No. 3 Voting Results: 86.4% in Favor

Issue: WSO institute a program of planned, phased-in, ongoing Public Service Announcements (TV, internet, radio, periodicals) to let the general public know ACA exists, who we are, that we work on personal recovery from growing up in alcoholic and dysfunctional homes, and provide a phone number and web address to find meetings in local areas. No faces are to be on the announcements, and no promises of outcomes are to be made.

No. 4 Voting Results: 83.6% in Favor

Issue: Move to have WSO upload all trifold forms in all available translations so members worldwide can download them for free.

No. 5 Voting Results: 88.2% in Favor

Issue: We propose that copies of any material referenced in a ballot proposal be made available with the ballot or on the WSO website for groups to review before voting. (Exclusive of the 500 word limit.)

No. 6 Voting Results: 90.4% in Favor

Issue: We propose a requiring future WSO Trustees be qualified by at least one year's active service to an Intergroup, Region, or other intermediate-level service body. If needed, this requirement may be implemented incrementally, intending to apply to all trustees by the 2025 ABC.

No. 8 Voting Results: 76.7% in Favor

Issue: We propose that the ACOA website be updated to have better communication with meeting leaders when their meetings are about to be given a “yellow caution warning” signifying outdated information.

No. 9 Voting Results: 88.3% in Favor

Issue: We propose that ACA WSO will change the rules of printing and publishing of the translations of ACA fellowship text and Yellow Workbook so it will be allowed to print the translated books in the home countries (without limitation to one-time printing) in the case when costs of printing in the foreign country are significantly lower than printing in the US and shipping to the country of translation language. This is the case of Poland, where printing and publishing of the book is much cheaper than in USA. Of course the income from selling the translated books will still go to the purposes of ACA WSO.

No. 11 Voting Results: 78.2% in Favor

Issue: ACA/WSO provide Hawaii ACA Meeting Groups with the option to use USPS Media Rate Service when literature orders exceed \$500.

No. 13 Voting Results: 83.6% in Favor

Issue: The 2 Trifolds, “25 Questions, Am I an Adult Child”, and “ACA Sponsorship: Fellow Travelers” should be provided free by download from the ACA Website.

For the full report, please visit http://www.adultchildren.org/uploads/all/25_Ballot_Items.pdf.


ACA WSO 2016 ABC and Inaugural World ACA Convention to be held in Florida

The 2016 ABC will be meeting at the Duncan Conference Center in Delray Beach, Florida April 22-24, 2016.

All ACA Groups and Intergroups are invited to select one person to attend.

The WSO is also hosting the **Inaugural World ACA Convention (WAC)**.

For updates and details, visit <http://www.repository.adultchildren.org/2016-abc>.



2016
ANNUAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE
WORLD ACA CONVENTION
April 22-24, 2016

The Duncan Conference Center
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<http://www.duncancenter.org>

The World Service Organization (WSO) Board of Trustees cordially invites all ACA Groups and Intergroups to select one person to attend the 2016 Annual Business Conference (ABC) at their group ABC delegate. Only the selected group delegate will have voting rights at the ABC. To ensure voting status, group delegates are required to register for the ABC.

The WSO is also hosting the Inaugural World ACA Convention (WAC). WAC attendees are also required to register.

In order to allow the WSO to plan and accommodate the ABC delegates and WAC attendees, the WSO Board has set a registration deadline for the ABC and WAC. The registration deadline for both the ABC and WAC is **March 11, 2016**.

The venue will have 14 rooms available. These rooms are being reserved for the ABC delegates through February 15, 2016. ABC Delegates are encouraged to register early, as rooms are limited and will fill up fast. Additional accommodations are available in nearby hotels and motels. Delegates may consider sharing accommodations to save money and to maximize use of the on-site rooms. After February 16, 2016, the rooms will no longer be reserved for Group Delegates. On-site rooms will be available to anyone as of February 16, 2016.

April 2016			
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
22 Annual Business Conference 9:00 am – 4:30 pm	23 Annual Business Conference 9:00 am – 6:00 pm	24 World ACA Convention 9:00 am – 6:00 pm	
	25 World ACA Convention (WAC) OPENING SHARE: 7:00 pm	26 CLOSING SHARE: 4:00 pm	

Restaurants of Delray Beach
A list of restaurants within 5000 feet radius is available in the Duncan Conference Center office.

<p>Alibi's 561-493-8717 14000 Log Road</p> <p>The Blue Anchor Pub (Hours only) 561-272-7272 804 East Atlantic Avenue</p> <p>Bonnie Van the Beach 561-276-3164 40 South Ocean Boulevard</p> <p>Caribbean Italian Grill 561-296-9101 335 East Linton Boulevard</p> <p>Carri House 561-417-1400 561-272-1200 1300 East Atlantic Avenue</p> <p>Duke Restaurant 561-276-2222 52 North Saxon Avenue</p> <p>Frankie's Pizzeria 561-496-8111 4801 Linton Boulevard (Behind the Duncan Conference Center)</p> <p>Gianni's 561-496-6440 5605 West Atlantic Avenue</p> <p>La Bamba 561-496-7906 4285 West Atlantic Avenue</p>	<p>Lantern Steakhouse 561-276-2244 1562 South Federal Highway</p> <p>Lucia's B&B 561-993-8237 3011 1/2 Yonkers Road, Suite A1</p> <p>Mediterranean Kitchen Hana 561-276-5182 1676 South Federal Highway</p> <p>Mr. Chow Chinese Palace 561-296-9101 5101 Linton Boulevard</p> <p>Onyx 561-272-7201 1300 East Atlantic Avenue</p> <p>Pappas Deli 561-496-4222 4900 East Linton Boulevard (Close to the Duncan Conference Center)</p> <p>South Pizzeria & Pasta 561-276-2720 501 East Atlantic Avenue</p> <p>Sac's Italian Restaurant 561-496-4222 4601 Linton Boulevard (Behind the Duncan Conference Center)</p> <p>Solar Barbecue (Hours only) 561-276-7157 142 South East 4th Avenue (also known as U.S. Federal Highway)</p>	<p>Shogun 561-985-2200 4801 Linton Boulevard (Behind the Duncan Conference Center)</p> <p>Sushi House 561-272-5878 106 South Saxon Avenue</p> <p>Tony's Greek Taverna 561-437-7671 14802 South Military Trail</p> <p>Zaria's Taverna 561-381-7411 4801 Linton Boulevard (Behind the Duncan Conference Center)</p> <p>Zorica Cuban Cafe 561-496-4222 4900 Linton Boulevard, Suite 14</p>
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