Hello ACA Members!
The 2017 ABC was exciting and began a new era of involvement by the membership in determining the future of ACA. Your voices were heard last year at the 2016 ABC, and this year’s ABC was a demonstration of that collective conscience in action.

A record turnout of approximately 90 delegates including the World Service Organization (WSO) Trustees came together on April 20 and 21 at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego for the two-day ACA Annual Business Conference. The meeting saw 12 ballot items discussed and voted on by the delegates. It also saw the five existing trustees ratified and four new trustees nominated from the floor and ratified.

The meeting was chaired by new Trustee David McB. from Coconut Grove, Florida. He was assisted by a professional parliamentarian from Southern California who helped keep the meeting on track and the motions in order.

On Thursday night the delegates and trustees joined the Host Committee Chair Susan C. and her awesome committee in Old Town at a Mexican restaurant for a wonderful evening of San Diego fellowship and food. Our own ComLine Editor Mardi M. entertained us with wonderful songs she had written accompanied by her own guitar playing.

There were 12 ballot proposals that received the 2/3 affirmative vote by the fellowship to become motions at the ABC. The motions were all discussed in depth and given due consideration by the delegates and trustees. The minority opinion was heard for each proposal and even affected the final outcome of some of the votes.

A brief summary of how the ABC voted on the ballot proposal motions can be at http://repository.adultchildren.org/committee-abc.

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A more detailed report can be found in the official minutes of the ABC. Please get involved with your WSO, and let’s make ACA available to everyone around the world who needs it!

Bill D., WSO Treasurer, Trustee, and Outgoing ABC Committee Chair

2017 ACA WSO
Annual Business Conference Agenda Items

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Join us in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on April 26-29, 2018 for our annual ACA ABC/AWC Convention, where we will celebrate 40 years of ACA fellowship!

Check for updates at www.acatoronto.org
More than 370 attendees experienced a dazzling two and a half days of non-stop meetings, workshops, panels and special events. Members and members-to-be came from three continents, eight countries, and all across the United States.

Marathon Meetings

Friday night launched the event with marathon meetings, an opening speaker meeting incorporating visuals, and music presented by Jim Y. from San Francisco. The evening finished with a spellbinding spoken word presentation by Beryl V. from England.

Tokens and Workshops

Saturday kept up the pace with an opening ceremony of offering tokens to all present for the length of ACA participation. Workshops and panels on the many aspects of ACA recovery were very popular, with standing room only in some. Marathon meetings on each of the Laundry List Traits continued throughout the day. The evening banquet featured outgoing Board Chairman, Larry A. as keynote speaker. Toronto was announced as the 2018 host city for the ABC and World Convention. Following the banquet, a party and dance capped off the evening.

New Opportunities

Sunday offered new opportunities for recovery with more workshops, panels and meetings. The highlight of the day was the luncheon with a dynamic presentation by an ACA couple in recovery, Robin T. and Charlie H. After more activities, including an outside swim, the closing ceremony was held.

Several new activities added to the success of the event. A Thursday night excursion to Old Town for a delicious Mexican buffet featured singer and songwriter Mardi M. Her performance deeply touched the audience.

Interactive Art

An interactive art project entitled “Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations” allowed each person to write his or her own on beautiful paper and add it to the installation. More than 400 were collected. Throughout the convention, doodle tables were available for all the inner children to relax and play.

In an effort to allow the membership greater access to the Board, volunteer activities at the national level, the ComLine and other aspects of ACA, outreach tables were maintained in main hallway.

Up Next: Toronto!

Topping off the event, Toronto, our new host city for 2018 brought a display to remind us it’s never too early to make plans to attend!