

Floor Motion #1

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Background: Set dates would help members around the world prepare and plan for these important dates

Why Timely: Set dates would help members around the world prepare and plan for these important dates

Floor Motion #2

Motion: I move that when complaints are made against WSO, Region, and Intergroup service boards, or meetings, that before any deliberations are held that the receiving service board inquire of the alleged defendant as to that entity's explanation of events. (Pamela M.- IG 76)

Background: Individuals, not representatives of groups, at a Region meeting outshouted the Region Chair, took a vote when they were out-of-order, about transferring a bank account out of state. When the Chair did not comply with their demands, they quit and began developing a new Region in the midst of the existing, defined Region; WSO has encouraged their efforts. 2. We were told that other 12-Step fellowships would have provided direct assistance to the leadership of meetings to bring compliance instead of delisting meetings. We also heard from member severely panicked when she could not find her delisted meeting, her lifeline.

Why Time Sensitive? 1. OPPM verbiage has been submitted for re-certification and de-certification that allows the WSO service board to de-list groups. If OPPM changes are approved, rather than grow the ACA fellowship, it diminishes it. 2. Complaints made against another group involves 70 meetings serving 1000 ACA members have already been delisted.

Floor Motion #3

Motion: I move that 65 autonomous women's meetings that were delisted on February 10, 2023, be re-listed until a committee and policy is created for delisting meetings in accordance with Tradition Four, Tradition Five, and the OPPM. The policy should also be approved by the Conference and comply with the OPPM for "establishing a consistent process...for consistency, transparency and trust" for addressing complaints (p. 79, APPENDIX XII, A. Fairness and Due Process, OPPM). (Cathy M. - Region 2)

Background: Sixty-Five meetings were delisted without neutral arbitration and without much explanation. Prior to delisting, "the minority voice was not heard." Tradition Four means that Intergroups, Regions and the WSO have no "controls" over meetings (p.509, BRB). Tradition Five means, "We don't mix the ACA message with other causes or philosophies, no matter how noble" (p. 515, BRB). The provisions necessary to rectify this situation include re-listing the 65 meetings until the Board puts a committee and transparent policy in place so that meetings under investigation are allowed fairness, due process, and a neutral forum to express and rectify grievances.

Why Timely: This Motion is time-sensitive because while these meetings remain delisted it adversely affects over 1,000 current members, the ACA fellowship as a whole, the autonomy of all meetings, and "the adult child who still suffers." Concerningly, unlisted meetings cannot register a delegate to represent their "voice" for major policy decisions.

Floor Motion #4

Motion: On behalf of the Ballot Preparation Committee, we recommend that the Ballot Proposal Process is suspended for one year while the committee is reorganized and the delegates are tasked with developing a new process, as well as looking at other fellowship models for receiving fellowship input in partnership with the ABC Study Group (Mary Jo L.- IL712)

Background: The current Ballot Prep process may be outdated and ineffective in ultimately getting at the core matters/issues that are most important to the fellowship.

As a point of information, Ballot Prep is a separate committee and does not report to the ABC Committee.

Why Time Sensitive?: The 2024 Call for Proposals goes out August 1st. If we are going to change the process, we recommend starting now.

Floor Motion #5

Motion: I move that only the serenity prayer starting with "Higher Power grant me the serenity" be permitted to be spoken at any formally sanctioned public world wide meeting or conference. (David B.-AL0034)

Background: ACA openly admits it is a spiritual program based on the HP of each member's understanding. To use "Today I seek serenity," makes the individual speaking the HP who is NOT other member's HP. Spirituality is the ability to get our minds off of ourselves. ACA works for people who believe in a HP. ACA works for people who do not believe in a HP. ACA never works for people who believe they are the HP. You don't go to a vegan restaurant and complain they didn't serve meat.

Why Time Sensitive? Discuss at next Quarterly ABC.

Floor Motion #6

Motion: I Move That: A Policy or Tech solution be created/amended to disentangle a meeting's ability to have a Delegate from whether or not a meeting is listed (or de-listed) on the WSO-maintained meeting list. (Josh W.-DC008)

Background: I don't believe that representation at the Conference being tied to whether or not that meeting is listed is intentional -- I do believe it is happenstance -- it does appear to be the current reality (quite possibly just due to tech reasons). Tying listing to representation/enfranchisement at the conference is objectionable to this Delegate at least, particularly given the current lack of policy or transparency around delisting. Let's get this fixed!

Why Time Sensitive: A number of meetings have been delisted in the past few months. This delisting also has had the effect of removing those meetings' ability to send a Delegate to this very Conference! This leaves other meetings open to the same outcome at the next QBM/ABC.

Floor Motion #7

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Background: ACA lacks literature that addresses racial trauma in our childhood and how it and ongoing racism impact our lives today. There is a need to explicitly acknowledge the developmental impact of growing up in an inequitable society. Just as it's important for adult children from dysfunctional families to find belonging in ACA, it is important for those who are ready to acknowledge the impact of a dysfunctional society to have resources to grow their recovery.

Why Timely?: Delegate questions of Trustees make clear the concern with racism in ACA and the need to acknowledge racial trauma in our literature. In addition, the WSO continues to produce literature without BIPOC contributions and perspectives.

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