

ABC Motions Passed with Status 2014 - 2024

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Notes:

- This list does not include Trustee ratifications.
- This list is in reverse chronological order starting with 2024.

Year	MOTION PASSED	STATUS	Info.
2024 - 1	The Literature Committee moves that the ABC Delegates give Final Conference Approval for the publication of the Safety Tent Card.	Complete	Posted on www.adultchildren.org
2024 - 2	that, to support a Informed Group Conscience process, the following language be approved by the conference today for subsequent group consideration and a final vote at the 2025 ABC as a replacement for the current Concept II: “ACA groups delegate to the World Service Conference the authority to act as their effective voice and conscience, and to represent the fellowship in world service matters.”	In Process	
2024 - 3	We propose a 2 -3 year extension of the time, and an expansion of its scope, of the Concepts Study Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to refine recommended language for an update to Concept VI to be presented at the next business meeting of the Conference 	In Process	Approved changing the name of Concepts 2 and 6 Study Ad Hoc Committee to the Concepts Study Ad Hoc Committee.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to include considering updates to other Concepts, and to make recommendations to better integrate the Concepts into the World Service Conference and the World Service Organization. 		
2024 - 4	Authorize the ABC Committee to cancel up to two Quarterly Delegate Meetings (QDMs) between now and the 2025 ABC, if there is insufficient volunteer support; and direct the ABC Study Subcommittee to report to the 2025 ABC on an appropriate number of delegate meetings, strategies for maintaining volunteer support, and models to optimize the meetings' value and delegate experience.	In Process	The ABC Study Subcommittee approved an ABC Sustainability subcommittee.
2024 -5	To submit to all ACA registered groups (meetings, intergroups, and regions) for approval, "to change the functional name of the fellowship to Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACAD), the top choice by the fellowship from the name study surveys."	In Process	The Board is working with the Name Study on next steps.
2024 - 6	Direct WSO to develop a guidebook that focuses on the essential needs of ACA recovery, including for new ACA members, with a proposed publication date of May 2027 or earlier. The project should follow the general outlines of Ballot Proposal 3. This includes a gentle framework for combining the Steps with reparenting; practical tools and exercises; and perspectives that reflect ACA's diverse global fellowship.	In Process	This will be followed up with the literature assessment project.

2024 - 7	I move to change the name of the existing International Literature Scholarship Fund to "International Literature Fund" and clarify the scope to include additional publishing, translation, printing and distribution activities to ensure equitable access to ACA literature as deemed reasonable by ACA WSO. Pending Minority Opinion		
2024 - 8	To approve the use of social media as a public awareness and outreach tool by ACA WSO while adhering to the Traditions in its use. Pending Minority Opinion		
2023 - 1	We move to request a six month extension, with a detailed update at the next Quarterly Business Meeting, to complete proposed revisions to Concepts 2 & 6, but to affirm that Concept 2 will define the conference as the voice and conscience of the ACA fellowship. (Concepts 2 & 6 Study)	Completed	Updates from group to be provided at 2024 ABC
2023 - 2	To approve extending the ABC/AWC Study to provide recommendations without limitation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drafting a charter for the conference, and ● Recommendations for changes in other areas, depending on availability of adequate resources, and ● Separating the AWC study from the ABC study, creating an additional study as resources permit, and ● that the delegates will receive regular updates until the study is completed. 	In Process	Update to be provided at 2024 ABC
2023 - 3	To create a BIPOC working group to acknowledge the effects of racism and generational racial trauma on	Completed	Implementation Plan approved via vote of confidence at Aug. 2023

	<p>ACAs. Like the spiritual inclusion working group, this group would develop guidance for the literature committee and broader fellowship regarding issues that disproportionately impact BIPOC members and collaborate with the literature committee in the evaluation of completed projects and revision of other ACA literature to ensure issues of racial equity and racial trauma are addressed effectively.</p> <p>Note: The name of this group was changed to Racial Trauma Service Group.</p>		QDM.
2022 - 1	<p>Create an ad-hoc committee to explore changing the fellowships name, logo, acronym, and any other identifying marks to include dysfunctional families. This group would meet for a year and then report results during the 2023 ABC committee reports. If the work results in a recommendation, it will appear on the 2023 ABC agenda. (If not ready by the 2023 ABC, then the report and potential recommendation will appear on the 2024 ABC agenda).</p>	In Process	Update to be provided at the 2024 ABC
2022 - 2	<p>To create an ad-hoc committee that will study Concepts II and VI and report to the 2023 ABC on possible revisions. Delegates and the fellowship will be notified of the study and invited to join the ad-hoc committee.</p>	In Process	Update to be provided at the 2024 ABC
2022 - 3	<p>To schedule quarterly delegate meetings of 2-4 hours, in July/August, November, and February. The July/August quarterly meeting will handle spillover business.</p>	Completed	Five QDM's held to date Note: there is a 2024 ballot proposal to amend this.
2022 - 4	<p>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</p>	In Process	Update at the 2024 ABC

	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		
2022 - 5	I move that "only" meetings for marginalized or oppressed communities (eg BIPOC, LGBTQ+, women), as well as men's groups, continue to be listed on the WSO website to provide safe spaces in service of carrying the message (Tradition 5); that the fellowship maintain its Tradition 4 option to delist any "only" group that negatively affects ACA as a whole, for example by using offensive language or by alienating marginalized/oppressed adult children, which would violate Tradition 5.	Completed	
2022 - 6	I move WSO to create a Data Analysis Committee & designate an interim chair(up to 6 months)with experience, responsible for organizing existing data, conducting data projects, developing stewardship practices & procedures, & be available for consultation to other ACA service groups. The committee should be composed of members with previous experience in survey design, human subjects research, data science, data analytics, database management, reporting, and/or data ethics.	Completed	Completed eight surveys for the ABC committee to date.
2021 - 1	We propose that in future printings of Chapter 19 in the BRB the second personal share under TRADITION THREE (p. 503) be deleted entirely.	Completed	English and all translated BRB's have been updated.
2021 - 2	We move that a new literature subcommittee begin	In Process	A BRB Revision Working Group

	<p>planning a revised edition of the Big Red Book with new testimonials and updated content, to be more inclusive of all experience of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion/spirituality, and a broader range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.</p>		<p>was established and has been planning the work, including determining how to call for new shares. The Working Group needs clarity from the Delegates as to whether the ballot proposal asked for "revised content" related only to the inclusion topics, or more broadly to updating and revising all content.</p>
2020 -1	<p>To send the ACA Preamble back to the Service Network Committee for wordsmithing, with our workgroup's thoughts. Result: This will be sent to the Service Network with comments so they can make updates and get more fellowship feedback. The committee could work on an updated version and get wider feedback from the fellowship doing Town Hall type meetings</p>	Not Completed	<p>The Service Network Committee held Town Halls on the ACA preamble in Aug. 2020. The preamble was put on hold after the last town hall meeting since it was difficult to reach a consensus and find a compromise on the language, with three different versions having some support.</p>
2020 - 2	<p>To create a committee to address fellowship safety for the immediate and continued purpose of providing guidance and resources to meetings transitioning between in-person and virtual meetings and addressing fellowship safety issues within all formats and venues during the current coronavirus pandemic and thereafter.</p>	Completed	<p>Initially was the Meeting and Service Safety Committee. In 2023 the committee name was changed to Safety Resources Committee.</p>
2020 - 3	<p>That WSO create a daily re-parenting reader similar in structure to the Strengthening My Recovery daily reader. The reader will provide daily inspiration and support for re-parenting with gentleness, humor, love, and respect. Result: This will be sent to the Literature Committee.</p>	In Process	<p>In February 2024, the Literature Committee referred this motion to the Literature in Development subcommittee to contact the proposers of the ballot to ask them to form a writer group.</p>

2020 - 4	<p>We move that we direct the literature committee to create educational resource(s) that assist adult children with establishing healthy safe boundaries. Result: This will be sent to the Literature committee.</p>	Completed	<p>The initial working group disbanded, and their work was used to create a Boundaries meeting format - see: Boundaries Zoom Meeting Script A new writer group recently reformed and is expanding the meeting format into a book on boundaries, expected to be submitted to Literature in Evaluation in late 2024.</p>
2019 - 1	<p>ABC delegates voted to adopt the following diversity statement: <i>“ACA is an inclusive organization and open to all affected by family dysfunction. We strive to create an atmosphere that reflects the diverse communities we serve and where everyone feels empowered to be their full, authentic selves.”</i></p>	Completed	<p>See: ACA Diversity Statement</p>
2019 - 2	<p>ABC delegates voted to create a working group to review the original draft mission statement and revise it to address wording concerns expressed by delegates. A revised version will be resubmitted for consideration at the 2020 ABC.</p>	Not Completed	<p>There was no action taken on the mission statement after the ABC.</p>
2019 - 3	<p>ABC delegates directed the Addressing Predatory Behavior working group to convene at least two open discussion sessions, available to all volunteers, and revise the proposed literature about victimizing behavior inside and outside ACA meetings. Following WSO board approval, the revised literature will be made available to the fellowship by September 2019, so that groups can test it and provide feedback to WSO. The working group</p>	Completed	<p>The Safety Tent Card will be presented to Delegates for Conference Approval at the 2024 ABC.</p>

	and Literature Committee will incorporate fellowship suggestions as needed, and bring a final document back to the 2020 ABC for Conference approval.		
2018 - 1	We propose that WSO look into adding intergroup and meeting group web links into the WSO website directory listings on www.adultchildren.org .	Completed	See: Intergroup-listings
2018 - 2	We propose that the WSO utilize online conferencing and voting technologies to provide remote access to the Annual Business Conference, for those not chairing in the WSO. This is so that phone and cyber meeting groups, geographically distant members, those with limited time availability or childcare obligations, or other restrictions, may attend as delegates or otherwise vote on matters of concern to ACA as a whole.	Completed	Implemented in 2020 & 2021 using Zoom and Zoom voting and in 2022 & 2023 using Zoom and Election Buddy for worldwide voting.
2018 - 3	To make “Ready, Set, Go” Conference-approved literature.	In Process	Expected to be published in 2024 for fellowship review.
2018 - 4	To make the Emotional Sobriety tri-fold Conference-approved literature.	Completed	Published in December 2017 - see: Emotional Sobriety
2018 - 5	We propose that both the ABC and AWC be held in Sweden next year if the Swedes agree to the extra work of the AWC.	Completed	
2017 - 1	Propose posting a statement on the website under Resources entitled, Why the Use of “I” Statements is So Important.	Completed	See: using-i-statements
2017 - 2	Propose that the WSO create a workbook on “Becoming Your Own Loving Parent.”	In Process	In Fellowship Review until Aug 2024. Expected publishing date is

			2026.
2017 - 3	Propose that the WSO revise BRB Chapter 11 and the sponsorship pamphlet for clarity and consistency. Recommend use of the term "Fellow Traveler."	In Process	The "Connections" book that is ready for fellowship review will be used by the BRB Revision Group to revise Chapter 11 in the BRB.
2017 - 4	Propose a clarification from the WSO of the term "closed" wherever it is used.	Completed	Each meeting listed as closed on the website Meeting Directory says "ACAs only (closed)."
2017 - 5	Propose that the first statement in the Laundry List read as: "These are characteristics we seem to have in common due to being brought up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional household."	Completed	
2017 - 6	Propose change on p. 13 of BRB from "refrain from all prescription medication use" to "refrain from all prescription medication misuse."	Completed	
2017 - 7	We propose that "anti prescription medication use" comments, rather than a "misuse of prescription medication" comments, be removed anywhere the sentiment is expressed in ACA/DF official literature or amended to make it clear that misuse is the issue.	Completed	
2017 - 8	Propose creation of a standing WSO Board committee as a liaison between Telephone Conference Meetings and the WSO Board of Trustees.	Completed	A committee was created after the 2017 ABC and it was later disbanded due to a lack of commitment among members to keep it going.

2016 - 1	To revitalize the Ballot Review and Group Conscious Survey Committee.	Completed	This committee was renamed Ballot Prep. Committee after the 2016 ABC.
2016 - 2	To create a subcommittee for Delegate World Service Training.	Completed	
2016 - 3	To create a handbook for delegates.	Completed	A Delegate Training Sub-Committee was created to complete a Delegate handbook for the 2021 ABC. An updated version is on the service website at: Delegate-training
2015 - 1	To change Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)'s Eleventh Tradition, which reads, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we maintain personal anonymity at the level of press radio, TV, and films." by (1) omitting the word "and," (2) by omitting the period after the word "films" and by (3) inserting a comma after the word "films" and by (4) adding the words "and other public media" and by inserting a period after the word, "media," that the Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)'s Eleventh Tradition shall henceforth state: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, films, and other public media."	Completed	This motion was implemented, both in all printings of literature that contained the Traditions, as well as on the website.
2015 - 2	To have the ACA Board create and/or approve submissions of ACA PSAs to be made available to the fellowship.	Completed	See: Audio PSAs for download and distribution
2015 - 3	To have WSO upload all tri-folds in unalterable PDF, etc.,	Completed	See: Free literature- English &

	forms in all available translations so members worldwide can download them for free.		translated
2015 - 4	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.	Completed	
2015 - 5	To have the two tri-folds, "25 Questions, Am I an Adult Child" and "ACA Sponsorship: Fellow Travelers" be provided by WSO in unalterable PDF, etc., forms in all available translations so members worldwide can download them for free.	Completed	See: Free literature- English & translated
2015 - 6	To approve to post the "H & I Information" booklet" on the WSO Website for 90 days, for fellowship commentary, to receive and incorporate edits, and to place for sale thereafter at price TBD.	Completed	H & I Information Booklet is included as part of the New Meeting Starter Kit - see: new-meeting-packet H & I Trifold for sale - see: hospitals & institutions trifold
2015 - 7	To approve to post a piece of literature titled, "To the Beginner In All of Us" on the WSO Website for 90 days, for fellowship commentary, to receive and incorporate edits, and to have it publish as a stand-alone piece for sale thereafter at a price TBD.	Completed	See: Free literature- English & translated
2015 - 8	To post the "Intergroup Set-Up Guidelines" on the WSO Website for 90 days, for fellowship commentary, to receive and incorporate edits, and to place for sale thereafter at price TBD.	Status Unknown	Comments were requested for these guidelines in the July 2015 ComLine. There are no records whether a final version was ever created/made available for sale.
2014 - 1	That the literature available within the ACA fellowship on the Basic 5 Needs and the six essential recovery tasks be made open for discussion within ACA, in order	Not completed	The author of the Basic 5 and 6 Essential tasks did not want to surrender copyright to ACAWSO.

	to have it approved and integrated as part of the official fellowship (conference approved) literature.		Therefore, it was not integrated into ACA literature.
2014 - 2	That the WSO develop a piece of literature further elaborating the materials briefly described in the first pages of the first chapter of the Fellowship Text concerning the other Laundry Lists and its implications for Adult Children recovery.	Completed	
2014 - 3	To include in the 25 QUESTIONS, AM I AN ADULT CHILD trifold, how someone who was raised in a home with mental illness can grow up to have some of the same issues an adult child of an alcoholic has.	Completed	
2014 - 4	To bring the issue to the fellowship delegates for vote at the 2015 ABC of adding the words: "...and other public media of communication.," to the 11th Tradition.	Completed	After the ABC a survey was sent to registered groups asking if they agreed with the new wording or not. 108 groups responded: 95 to change, 8 to not change, 5 abstain.