

ACA WSO
NAME STUDY
MOTION

2024-6

**The Confirmation Process
for Fellowship Group Voting**

(02/01/25)

Implementation of ABC motion by delegates at the 2024 Annual Business Conference

ABC Motion 2024-6 (passed by 79%)

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.”

Additional information is available at

<https://adultchildren.org/fellowship-group-voting/ng/>

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WHAT is a Fellowship Group Vote?

- ❖ This is a vote across all registered Meetings, Intergroups, and Regions that was initiated by a Conference (ABC) approved motion.
- ❖ As guided by Concept I: *The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for ACA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of whole fellowship.*

WHY do we need Fellowship Group Vote process?

- ◆ Delegates at the 2024 ABC recognized that the matter of changing the fellowship's name required fellowship-wide voting.
- ◆ This is because there are certain matters that will fundamentally impact the future of ACA and therefore will benefit from a comprehensive fellowship vote.
- ◆ ***The Name Change is just the first one.*** There may be other items that will need to go beyond the Conference and directly to the Fellowship for review/approval. For example, approval of a Conference Charter or any updates to "Foundational Documents" such as Traditions, Steps, and Concepts.

Dec 7 QDM Results for Process to Implement Fellowship Group Voting

The delegates at the Dec 7 Quarterly Delegate Meeting (QDM) approved the fellowship worldwide online group voting process:

79.25 % in favour (42 in favour out of 53 votes)

Quorum was met at 52

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The Proposed Fellowship Group Vote Process

- ◆ The Conference (ABC) will direct the board when to conduct a Fellowship Group vote via approved motion.
- ◆ A dedicated webpage with information and instructions about a vote will be created and sent to all groups. See: [Fellowship Group Voting webpage](#)
- ◆ Each Registered Group on the voting start date will have one vote.
- ◆ Groups will be given a minimum of four months to vote.
- ◆ Each vote will include a section for groups to state their reasons for why they voted one way or another.

The Proposed Fellowship Group Vote Process

- Substantial unanimity (2/3) is needed for a vote to pass.
- The results of the vote will be posted within two weeks after the voting closes and also emailed out to all groups.
- Due to waiting for the Feb 1st minority opinion, the voting results will conclude approx on June 24 after the 2025 ABC in May.
- At the 2025 ABC we will have more discussion on the process
 - Process improvements will be suggested after the 2025 ABC.
 - * Question?? Do we bring this topic to the next QDM or wait until the 2026 ABC ?
 - If the motion to change the name is approved ($\frac{2}{3}$),
 - * Question?? Do we wait until the results are discussed before implementing ?

Next Steps

If the motion is approved after the minority opinion, the board will implement the Fellowship Group voting process (starting with the 2024-06 Motion).

1. The board will send a letter on February 24 to all delegates and groups advising of the decision made at the Feb QDM.
2. A notice will be posted on the Fellowship Group Voting page.

If the motion is **not** approved, the process **and** 2024-6 Motion will be placed on pause and be added to the 2025 ABC agenda.

Thank you

- ◆ For sharing your views on implementing your 2024 ABC motion
- ◆ A special thank you to the new delegates who were not present at the previous 2024 ABC or Dec QDM, we appreciate your support in participating in this process
- ◆ For being part of the decision making process in developing the Fellowship Wide Voting Process for ACA
- ◆ For supporting your groups throughout this process
- ◆ Together - Delegates, Groups, WSO Committees, Staff and the Board are planting the seeds of tomorrow's growth.