

ABC Sustainability: Update to the Dec2024 QDM

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What is the Sustainability Study?

The 2024 Conference authorized a fast-tracked study on how to make delegate meetings more sustainable. This included ***“direct[ing] 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”***

As the ABC Study subcommittee was and continues to be primarily focused on Development of a draft **Conference Charter**, that subcommittee opted to create a child subgroup to handle this new additional workstream.

Overall Framing

- We asked for your input (last QDM)
- You gave it to us
- Here's what you told us
- Here's what we're doing with that feedback
- What participation we need from you going forward

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Review: at the August 2024 QDM, we asked for Delegate input in a few ways

- Breakout rooms
- Voting on topics for future QDMs
- Open Discussion with additional voting

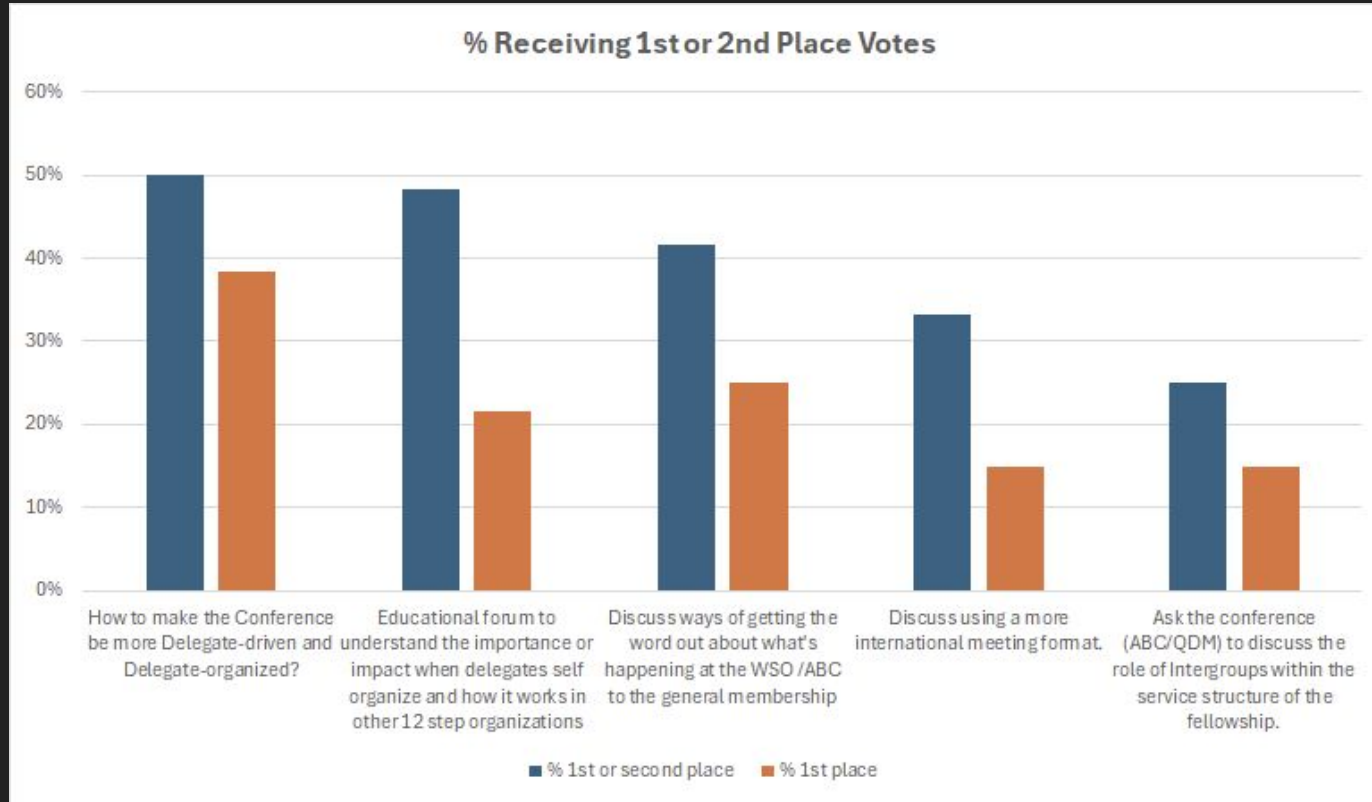
Here's what you told us

Primary Themes

- More Conference-driven Conference
- More accessible and available information
- More informal conversations

Here's what you told us

Q: What topics would you like covered at near-future QDMs/ABCs?



Here's what you told us

Topics from Breakout Rooms: Top 3 Themes from each Question

Q1: Are there ways to improve the ABC/QDM voting process (during delegate meetings)?			Q2: What do delegates need in order to be informed and be involved?			Q3: How do delegates want us to develop topics for ABC/QDMs?		
Total Responses			Total Responses			Total Responses		
28			41			28		
Coded Category	# Responses touching on that category	% Responses touching on that category	Coded Category	# Responses touching on that category	% Responses touching on that category	Coded Category	# Responses touching on that category	% Responses touching on that category
inadequate resources: outline/guidelines/explanation of the process	7	25.00%	Availability/Accessibility of Information	26	63.40%	More delegate-driven	5	17.90%
Minority Opinion	6	21.40%	Delegate Networking / Peer Support	6	14.60%	more education: around the process	4	14.30%
Voting Technology	5	17.90%	New Delegate Onboarding	3	7.30%	Go to groups/IGs/Regions, not just delegates	3	10.70%

Here's what we're doing with that feedback

- What's already completed

- Did the Analysis, reporting back today [Sustainability sub-subcommittee]
- Planned today's (Dec 2024) QDM Agenda based largely on this input [ABC/QDM Agenda Working Group]
- Conference website [redesign](#) started (Availability/Accessibility of Info) [ABC/QDM Committee + IT Committee]

- What's In-Process

- Conference website redesign, continuing (Availability/Accessibility of Info) [ABC/QDM + IT]
- Getting information posted earlier (Availability/Accessibility of Info) [ABC/QDM + IT]
 - Delegate letter going out 3 weeks in advance
 - Online resources were posted 2-3 weeks in advance
- Fast-tracked discussion of increasing Conference authority/responsibility/ownership (How to make the Conference be more Delegate-driven and Delegate-organized?) [ABC/QDM + WSO Board + Sustainability]
 - See: today's discussion of Conference procedures

- What's coming soon [Sustainability sub-subcommittee]

- In-depth discussion of: voting technology, process and procedure (including Minority Opinion)
- In-depth discussion of: Educational forum to understand the importance or impact when delegates self organize and how it works in other 12 step organizations
- Future review and response to feedback collected today
- Etc

How does that relate to what we are doing today?

We heard you – Delegates want a more Conference-driven Conference. So, we bring now back to you the following

- Session 1: Ownership of Conference (Policies and) Procedures
- Session 2: Review/approval of a proposed Fellowship-wide Voting Process (initially for the Name Change)
- Process adjustments:
 - more background info before breakout rooms
 - Simplified online form for capturing ideas in breakout rooms

What participation do we need from you today?

THIS IS YOUR CONFERENCE.

- **Speak up**
- **Ask questions**
- **Participate**
 - In in-Conference voting
 - in any world-wide online voting (overnight for some)
- **Take mental notes:** what about the process is working well / isn't?
- **Be aware:** there are opportunities to ask questions of the Board and various committees directly after the QDM ends at 1pm ET. You are invited and welcome to attend and ask questions.

What participation do we need from you going forward?

- **Provide Feedback:** Fill out the post-QDM survey ASAP while all is still fresh
- **Share information** with your mtg and seek their feedback