

ACA WSO
NAME STUDY
MOTION 2024-6

**The Confirmation Process
for Fellowship Group Voting**

(02/01/25)

Fellowship Group Vote Motion

To approve the new proposed process for Fellowship Group Voting (see below) starting with the approved ABC Motion 2024-06 (Name Study).

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.
- Each Registered Groups has one vote - with a unique link for voting.
- 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.
- Substantial unanimity (>67%) 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.
- The voting results and next steps will be added to the next ABC agenda.
- Revisions to this process can only be made with Conference approval

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.

Next Steps

If the “process” 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.
1. A notice will be posted on the Fellowship Group Voting page.

If the “process” 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

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Together - Delegates, Groups, WSO Committees, Staff and the Board are planting the seeds of tomorrow's growth.