

2025 ABC Proposal 1

Yes	81%	130	Proposal 2025-1 Submitted by Region 2 (Greater Western USA), WEB381 (Arroyo Grande, CA, USA), CA915 (Arroyo Grande, CA, USA), TEL0341	1
No	19%	30		
No Opinion		23		
Issue: We propose that the meeting listing guidelines be changed to allow a single individual only to be the Public or one of the Primary Private Contacts for no more than four meeting registration numbers. We believe that implementing this system will help ensure that meetings are autonomous in accordance with the Traditions of ACA.				

Background: We are proposing to set a policy limiting meeting registration by one person as a Public and/or one of the Primary Private contacts to a maximum of four groups (meetings, Intergroups or Regions). Such a limit can help ensure that meetings are autonomous and rely on group conscience principles.

The meeting registration and update forms now have a checkbox that asks the submitter to affirm they attend the meeting they are registering. Because the checkbox cannot guarantee this is true, we feel this proposal is a step toward better ensuring that meetings are represented by ACAs who attend those meetings.

Giving service for a meeting is fundamental to our recovery in ACA. Our choice was to propose limiting one individual to register a maximum of four meetings. While many ACAs attend more than four meetings each week, we believe that other ACAs in those groups would benefit from fulfilling this service role and should be encouraged to do so. Registering meetings thus becomes a great opportunity for encouraging service.

Resources/Implementation: We have spoken with the WSO IT team. A developer has already been hired to create a new meeting-registration software "plugin" -- a piece of code that adds new functionality to the existing software program. If this proposal becomes a motion that is passed by the Delegates, the WSO IT staff sees no indication that this will require many additional work hours to implement.

WSO Analysis:

Factors to consider: The submitters of this proposal met with the Information Technology (IT) Committee to determine whether their proposal could be implemented.

As noted in the Resources/Implementation section, IT said this feature could be added. Although there will be an unbudgeted cost for the additional hours of work required, that cost appears to be manageable as part of the new "plugin" that's referenced.

Resources (for more background information) <https://adultchildren.org/meeting/meeting-register/>

Optional Comments: (Those that were greater than 50 words, per Ballot instructions, were truncated. Comments that only referred to a group's internal voting percentages were not included.)

- a) Seems like a good idea; maybe four is even too many?
- b) This seems like a good idea to keep meetings autonomous, in keeping with Tradition 4.

- c) Doesn't address or take into account de facto 'intergroups' consisting of several meetings that have a safety protocol.
- d) Fellowships have one general secretary which is frequently the contact for more than four meetings
- e) It is necessary to limit the number of times a person can represent various meetings
- f) This will reduce the risk for the newcomer of unsuccessfully contacting a meeting, upon finally having mustered the courage to reach out for help.
- g) Could complicate things for fellowships with more than 4 meetings.
- h) This was not unanimous: we had 5 yes, 4 no, and 2 abstentions
- i) This issue and other problems with the current meeting list and its guidelines need to be studied by a Conference Committee and recommendations for change presented to a future meeting of Delegates.
- j) 4 might be too many
- k) Not because of the first issue - whether the person is participating in the group or not is too hard to keep track of without a rigid security system, but because of the second - it is important to us that no single person becomes too powerful within the program.
- l) See the wisdom of this proposal, but motion shouldn't be brought to Conference. Yes to Best Practice video that service body/meeting watches. Should be a registrar. Make a policy about meeting registration guidelines. Members concerned if meetings would disappear because of this requirement.
- m) 40% approve, 40% disapprove, 20% no opinion