

## **2025 ABC Motion: Explore a 50th Anniversary Multi-Day In-Person Event**

Brought forward by the ACA WSO Board of Trustees

**Motion:** We move that the Conference approve an exploration of the necessary steps to organize an in-person, multi-day event in 2028, as well as other celebratory ideas, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of ACA. This event would be similar in scale and scope to the ABC/AWC gatherings held in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

The exploration will include, but not be limited to:

- Identifying the process for finding ACA Meetings, Intergroups, or Regions willing to sponsor the event
- Reviewing past venue agreements and logistical requirements
- Investigating opportunities for raising funds through 7th tradition contributions and merchandise sales
- Assessing financial considerations and resource needs

NOTE: This celebration may, or may not be held in conjunction with an Annual Business Conference, in full, or in part.

The findings from this exploration will be presented to the delegates at their next meeting for further discussion and approval of next steps.

**Background:** As recently as 2019, the World Service Organization convened in-person business conferences in conjunction with fellowship-focused conventions that brought ACA members together for both business and recovery workshops. The cost of conducting business was offset in part by the registration for the workshops and the purchase of ACA literature and merchandise.

With the advent of a global pandemic, the Annual Business Conference moved to an online venue. This form of conference proved to be quite popular. Access to the ABC was no longer restricted by location or finances.

The ACA World Conventions also moved exclusively online.

This motion is the first step in possibly broadening our celebrations to include an in-person ACA fellowship activity. The gathering would mark our ACA 50th Anniversary. With this motion, we suggest exploring opportunities to produce a worldwide in-person fellowship event.