



ACAWSO Fellowship Group Vote

**Town Hall / Forum: Proposed
Name**

10/04/2025)

Purpose of this Session

We're here to provide information and answer questions about the voting process for the proposed new ACA name, which is “Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACAD)”.

Discuss how to conduct an effective group conscience with voting and minority opinion.

We're not here to debate specific names or the approved motion. We are here to support groups in the new fellowship group voting process.

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.*

Approved Fellowship Group Voting 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 (more than two-thirds) 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 2026 ABC agenda.
- Revisions to this process can only be made with Conference approval.

Fellowship Group Vote Timeline

Voting Period

Start: October 1, 2025

Ends: January 31, 2026

Length: Four months

Every registered group has one vote and will be given a unique code

A group can change their vote before the close of voting, Jan 31, 2026

Fellowship Group Vote Questions

Proposed Name Change

From: Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

To: Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACAD)

Questions:

1. Yes, No, Abstain
2. Optional- please share with us why your group decided to vote this way
3. Optional - If your group did not have unanimous agreement, you can enter the reasoning of those who had a "minority opinion"

Fellowship Group Voting Website

Fellowship Group Voting:

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

Email: fgv@acawso.org

IT questions: itmanager@acawso.org

Fellowship Group Vote Process

Next Steps:

Let us encourage all our groups to participate and vote in this momentous decision!! A report will be posted two weeks after the voting completes.

Q and A

Website for more information

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

<https://acawso.org/name-study/>