



ACA WSO NAME STUDY MOTION 2024-6

**The Confirmation Process
for Fellowship Group Voting**

(05/17/25)

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 our whole fellowship.*

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 (>2/3) 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

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. **All such decisions are made by the Conference.**

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.

Update to the 2025 ABC & Next Steps

- ◆ Four Town Halls/Informational Sessions were held for the delegates and fellowship about the upcoming “Fellowship Wide Vote” process and the first vote on the proposed “Name Change”.
- ◆ The starting date has been tentatively scheduled for Sept 18, 2025 to Jan 18, 2026.
- ◆ We heard some delegates were concerned about a “QDM” approving a motion originating from the 2024 ABC, although 79% of those delegates approved moving forward.
- ◆ On Feb 1st, the minority opinion was heard but there was no revote required.
- ◆ A motion is being presented at this 2025 ABC to approve the “Fellowship Group Vote” tentatively scheduled for Sept 18th.

Update to the 2025 ABC & Next Steps

- 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.** Votes and/or comments can be changed during the four-month voting period.
- Substantial unanimity ($>2/3$) 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 business meeting agenda.
- Future revisions to this process can only be made with Conference approval.

Update to the 2025 ABC & Next Steps

- The Proposal Process (BPC) uses the total of yes and no to calculate a % of substantial unanimity.
- Substantial unanimity ($>2/3$) is needed for a vote to pass as per the BRB.
- Concern was raised about the potential of a low number of groups casting a vote.
- In the current proposal process there is no quorum set for number of groups to participate, 183 out of 2460 groups participated in the 2025 ABC proposals, 7.4%. Setting a quorum for a valid FGV is a possible issue for future Conference consideration.
- Vote results, and all suggestions for next steps, will come to the next Conference business meeting.

This is a continuation of the experiment involving the delegates every step of the way to develop this process, make any changes to the process and determine next steps. The delegates will be advised of the voting results and will determine the next steps depending on the voting results.

Summary of Next Steps

All registered groups will have an opportunity to vote on the motion, over 4 months; groups can change the vote and/or comments.

Additional town halls will be available sometime in September and December to support the groups

As an experiment it's okay if we don't have all the answers right now. Together, we'll figure it out.

The FGV email will be active to answer any questions and provide voting support, fgv@acawso.org, <https://adultchildren.org/fellowship-group-voting/>

In ACA we are committed to “Easy Does it” and “Progress not Perfection” and “One Step at a time.”

Thank you

- ◆ A special thank you to the delegates who have helped create this process at the previous 2024 ABC or Dec and Feb QDMs.
- ◆ For new delegates now joining in the process of developing the Fellowship Group Voting Process for ACA, thank you for helping to create this brand new system.
- ◆ Together – Delegates, Groups, WSO Committees, Staff and the Board – we are all planting the seeds of tomorrow's growth to support our purpose.