



# ACA WSO NAME STUDY MOTION

2024-6

**The Confirmation Process  
for Fellowship Group Voting**

(12/07/24)

# Context: Implementation of ABC Motion Passed at 2024 ABC

**ABC Motion 2024-6** (passed by 79%)

***To submit to all ACA registered groups (meetings, intergroups, and regions) for approval, “to change the functional name of the fellowship to Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACAD), the top choice by the fellowship from the name study surveys.”***

# New Process

- ❖ The board was directed by 2024 ABC Delegates to submit Motion ABC 2024-06 (Name Study) for approval to all registered ACA groups.
- ❖ The board is proposing a process for conducting a Fellowship-wide group vote in order to accomplish this.
- ❖ This proposed process has been used successfully by other 12-Step organizations.



# 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.

# Name Study Surveys vs Fellowship Group Vote

## ❖ **Surveys/Feedback:** 2023 & 2024

- Two surveys and two town halls were conducted with the fellowship
- Over 11,000 individual member responses, 67 countries, 10 languages

## ❖ **Vote:** 2024 ABC determined a Fellowship Group Vote was required for a world group conscience of a change to the name of ACA

- Over 2,700 registered groups representing over 40,000 members, 68 countries, 30 languages



# 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. See: [Fellowship Group Voting webpage](#)
- ◆ 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.

# Next Steps - Motion

Following the presentation of this new process at the December QDM, the Chairs will guide the delegates on the process to vote on this motion:

**Draft Motion:** To approve the new proposed process for Fellowship Group Voting (see previous slide) starting with implementing the ABC Motion 2024-06 (Groups vote on new name).



# Next Steps

If motion is approved, the board will implement the Fellowship Group voting process (starting with the 2024-06 Motion).

If motion is not approved, the 2024-6 Motion will be placed on pause and be added to the 2025 ABC agenda.

1. The board will send a letter on December 10th to all delegates and groups advising of the decision made at the Dec QDM.
2. A notice will be posted on the Fellowship Group Voting page.

# Thank you

- ◆ For sharing your views on implementing your 2024 ABC motion
- ◆ For being part of the decision making process in developing the Fellowship Wide Voting Process for ACA
- ◆ For supporting your groups throughout this process
- ◆ Together - Delegates, Groups, WSO Committees, Staff and the Board are planting the seeds of tomorrow's growth.