

## Floor Motion - 1

### Conforming

Submitter: Brad L

WSO Group Number: PA105

**Motion:** We move that, beginning with the 2026-2027 ABC Ballot, the online Ballot submission process limits annual submissions to no more than 2 or 3 Ballot Proposals from any registered ACA group and no more than two Ballot Proposals submitted by any ACA member, regardless of how many groups they attend. These limits will be applied before the Ballot is sent to groups for voting.

**Background:** The Ballot process is meant to give all groups the opportunity to have a voice in the fellowship. However, when 29 ballots are submitted, the process is difficult. Groups must hold many prolonged business meetings. If all items had passed, they could have filled all conference/business meetings, possibly carrying into the 2027 ABC. This motion needs to be addressed now so the limit can apply before the 2027 Ballot is published. It will keep the process manageable, limit the effect of a small group of people controlling the process, and protect and preserve access to shared time.

## Floor Motion - 2

### Conforming

Submitter: Adelina F

WSO Group Number: IG558

**Motion:** In the interest of having balance in Fellowship voices, and a more manageable Ballot Proposal cycle

**\*\*We move that\*\*** the Ballot Proposal process be updated immediately such that there is a limit of *no more than 3 Ballot Proposals per proposing entity (Group, Intergroup, or Region) per Ballot Proposal cycle.*

**Background:** **\*\*Background\*\*** There were 29 Ballot Proposals this past cycle, most from a small subset of groups. Many members reported feeling overwhelmed by this, and that the voting process felt unmanageable.

**\*\*Time-sensitivity\*\*:** if we don't address this issue now through a floor motion, we would have to submit this as a ballot proposal in the next ballot proposal cycle -- which would risk repeating the cycle of overwhelm in the upcoming 2026-27 season.

**\*\*Resources needed\*\*++:++** The Ballot Prep Committee would institute and communicate this limit in the Ballot Proposal processes and policy.

**\*\*Submitters\*\*:** Adelina F, Josh W, Matt K

## Floor Motion -3

### Conforming

Submitter: Liah H

WSO Group Number: HI0045

**Motion:** I move to have the results of the ACA world wide fellowship voting results (86% yes)of the responding groups for the name change from ACA (Adult Children of

Alcoholics)to ACAD(Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families) be effective immediately.

**Background:** The history of the name change includes a process since 2024 of a name study group proposal that turned into a motion that WSO developed through an advisory group process which was then brought to the worldwide fellowship to discuss with their groups and then vote was taken with 86% of 41% of responding groups voting yes to change the name from ACA to ACAD. This vote was then brought to th3 May 2026 ABC to take steps to move forward.

#### Floor Motion - 4

##### Conforming

**Submitter:** Charity Sturgill

**WSO Group Number:** WEB0207

**Motion:** I move that we have the name change of the fellowship be voted on tommorrow.

**Background:** It is important because the people that are still suffering that they don't know if they are welcomed in this fellowship because they probably think it is for only children from alcoholic homes that it is in the name. This issues has been put off so long

#### Floor Motion - 5

##### Conforming

**Submitter:** Mardi M

**WSO Group Number:** WEB0334

**Motion:** ## \*\*2026 ABC Motion (Name Change Acceptance & Implementation)\*\*

To accept the Fellowship Group Vote (FGV) results regarding the proposed change to the functional name of the Fellowship to Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACAD), and; To approve the associated phased implementation plan over a 5–10 year period, taking into account financial and other resource considerations.

**Background:** When the fellowship passed the procedures for the FGV process, they were told that the results would be voted on by the delegates at the 2026 ABC. This floor motion will fulfill that commitment to hold a vote.

#### Floor Motion - 6

##### Conforming

**Submitter:** Mardi M

**WSO Group Number:** WEB0334

**Motion:** ## \*\*2026 ABC Motion\*\* (FGV process)\*\*:\*\*

That the Fellowship Group Vote be recognized as reflecting the voice of participating meeting groups, intergroups, and regions across the global fellowship;

\*\*That results be calculated based solely on votes cast by responding registered groups\*\* with 66 $\frac{2}{3}$  % needed for a vote to pass; and

That the Annual Business Conference (ABC) receive these results and determine appropriate next steps for implementation.

**Background:** Since a new FGV process is starting before the next CBM, the delegates

should confirm now that FGV results are going to be calculated solely on votes cast by registered groups.

#### Floor Motion - 7

##### Conforming

Submitter: Josh W

WSO Group Number: Region 5

Motion: In order to not have to wait until September to tackle the question of Quorum for the Fellowship Name Change,

**\*\*we move that\*\*** the Conference approves the 41% participation rate in the Name Change Fellowship Group Vote as sufficient to meet quorum for Fellowship Participation for the Name Change FGV vote.

**Background: \*\*Reasoning / Time-Sensitivity\*\*** All registered groups were given sufficient opportunities to participate over a suitable period of time. A delay does not align with Tradition 2, where supporting the member's voices that chose to be heard is honored. We propose to move forward in the spirit of our Traditions and Concepts and in accordance with the experience of the Delegates and Fellowship over the past 3 years.

**\*\*Resources needed:\*\*** a Conference vote at the 2026 ABC

**\*\*Submitted by:\*\*** Josh W, Caterina S, Rick E, and Jess A

#### Floor Motion - 8

**Non-Conforming: does not include a statement of why it is time sensitive in the background**

Submitter: Bill K

WSO Group Number: CA1535

Motion: I move that the WSO form a Special Committee of Volunteers to prepare versions of ACA literature which are welcoming and accommodating to those Secular, Scientific-minded, Nonbelieving Adult Children who are still suffering from the ill-effects of having been raised in an alcoholic or other type of dysfunctional home. This product will be ready to present to the Delegates of the 2027 ABC for their comments, and a later vote.

**Background:** ACA literature and meeting rituals are highly religious in nature, which causes discomfort to the non-religious.

For example, the g-word occurs at least 8 times in the 12 Steps. It occurs once in the 12 Traditions. The praise "God, as we understand him," is not only gender biased, but assumes "his" existence, albeit with different understandings.

When this is read in meetings, the message for Secular folks is, "this is a religious org, in which you don't fit;" indeed, its only for *Christians* because nothing is said about Yahweh, Allah, Shiva, Mother Earth, or The Great Spirit in the Sky.

### **Floor Motion - 9**

**Non-Conforming: does not include a statement of why it is time sensitive in the background**

**Submitter: Bill K**

**WSO Group Number: CA1535**

**Motion: I move that the WSO form a Special Committee of Volunteers to prepare a pamphlet or video that explains what the opportunities of sharing are. This would explain what unhelpful shares are from the recovery POV.**

**Background: In my experience, meetings lack a way of keeping shares in line with the aim of facilitating and supporting recovery from the ill-effects of Childhood Trauma. The phrase “experience, strength, and hope” doesn’t provide sufficient guidance for understanding what is relevant to ACA recovery. I’ve heard shares about bicycle excursions, new puppies, jerk bosses, cheating spouses, the neighbor’s barking dog, and other kinds of shares with the entire focus being on events outside the person’s inner self. Folks should be told that recovery generally entails going through pain, and that sharing can help a person w**

### **Floor Motion - 10**

**Non conforming: does not include a statement of why it is time sensitive in the background**

**Submitter: Pooja P**

**WSO Group Number: WEB1421**

**Motion: I move that a breakup of the cost of changing the fellowship acronym for an informed decision by the fellowship is released, and minority suggestions like adult children anonymous (ACA) etc. are incorporated to avoid a repetition of the process (and expenses) in the future.**

**Background: As of now a figure of 80000 has been revealed. But people working are unpaid volunteers, so is it just the legal cost? Revealing the cost breakup might help the fellowship choose between say making a legal change or utilising the funds for something like step 12. Also being a very expensive exercise, might as well consider name change too, lest it comes up again in 10 years costing ACA USD 200,000.**

### **Floor Motion - 11**

**Non conforming: contains the sum and substance of multiple proposals.**

**Submitter: Erica P.**

**WSO Group Number: IG70**

**Motion: I move that there be a one-time, temporary adjustment of the threshold for addition of proposals to the next delegate business meeting (CBM/ABC) agenda to >50% yes votes, rather than 66.7% as currently specified in Section XVI.G of the current OPPM for the following 2026 ballot proposals: #10, #14, #17, and #18.**

**Background: After reviewing this year's voting results, these proposals achieved a simple majority (more than 50%), indicating that participants in ballot voting wanted to**

**see these proposals included on the ABC 2026 agenda.**

**Based on comments included in the ballot results, there was a significant number of abstentions on these proposals, because of the number of ballots proposed by certain groups, rather than the substance of these ballots. Based on significant interest expressed by the fellowship, I believe these ballots deserve further consideration by the conference at the next delegate business meeting.**