Conference Business Meeting

Short Summary September 26, 2026

ACA held its Conference Business Meeting (CBM) on September 26, 2026. As a convenience to delegates and ACA members, this short-form summary includes the main outcomes, fellowship updates, and future priorities presented to delegates.

Delegates and other ACA members are invited to share this summary and discuss it during group business meetings. This summary has been vetted for accuracy, but it is not the official meeting record. For additional detail about the CBM, please see the official draft minutes.

As a reminder to your group, the CBM brings together delegates chosen by groups, intergroups, and regions to consider major policy matters affecting the ACA fellowship. ACA members can learn more about the September CBM and upcoming Conference meetings at adultchildren.org/business-meetings.

Decisions carried over from the May ABC

Minority opinions were invited on three motions previously approved through Worldwide Online Voting at the May 2026 Annual Business Conference. All three motions remained approved:

- **Ballot proposal limits:** Beginning with the next cycle, each registered ACA entity and each ACA member may submit no more than two proposals. Following minority opinions, requests for a revote did not reach the required 40 percent.
- **Functional name change:** The Fellowship Group Vote results for **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families** were accepted, with implementation over five to ten years as resources allow.
- **Fellowship Group Voting:** For future Fellowship Group Voting, results will reflect votes cast by responding registered groups, intergroups, and regions. Approval requires two-thirds support of those voting. The ACA Service Conference receives the results and authorizes development of implementation steps.

New items sent to Worldwide Online Voting

- **Time-sensitive and emergency motions:** The Conference considered a new process by which delegates may introduce time-sensitive and emergency motions. Discussion covered advance notice, emergency definitions, and meeting time. The motion was sent to Worldwide Online Voting, where it was approved by **77.8 percent** of voting delegates.
- **Trustee ratification:** Channen S., nominated to join the World Service Organization Board of Trustees, was ratified by Worldwide Online Voting. During the business meeting, Channen presented their recovery and service experience and answered questions from delegates.

Clearer conference procedures

In nonbinding polls to gauge delegate sentiment, approximately 94–96 percent supported developing a separate **Conference Policies and Procedures Manual**, clarifying outdated or confusing rules, and establishing an update process that retains final Conference authority.

The target for a draft Conference manual is **January 2027, with May as a fallback**. Formal motions for approval are expected with the draft.

ACA World Service Organization and committee highlights

- **Finances:** Literature sales were projected to decline by more than 16 percent. Spending reductions lowered the projected deficit from approximately **$110,000–$118,000 to about $20,000**. Seventh Tradition contributions were above budget.
- **Trustee recruitment:** Candidates are needed, with two trustees expected to complete their terms in spring 2027.
- **Literature:** ACA has seven published recovery books and five more in development. Seven global literature hubs are operating, with additional hubs planned in Australia and Egypt.
- **Concept Two:** Fellowship Group Voting remains open through **December 3, 2026**. Town halls, recordings, and supporting materials are available.
- **Conference Charter:** Work continues toward completion in **May 2027**.
- **IT:** The redesigned meeting search and new study-group registration and listing feature were demonstrated.

Making volunteer service manageable

Delegates were informed that a significant number of World Service Organization (WSO) committees lack sufficient volunteer participation to conduct full operations. Through nonbinding advisory polls, delegates strongly supported receiving information about volunteer capacity before considering new motions, plus updates when resource shortages or other issues delay work already approved.

Breakout discussions emphasized **clear roles, realistic time commitments, smaller assignments, mentoring, respectful communication, and volunteer appreciation**.

Next steps for CBM delegates

- Please share these updates with your group, especially the **December 3, 2026 Concept Two Fellowship Group Voting deadline**.
- Consider a manageable volunteer assignment or trustee service.

Upcoming conferences: January 30, 2027 CBM • May 15–16, 2027 ABC

Thank you for your service and for keeping your groups informed.

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