

# 2024 ABC Ballot – English

**These 12 Proposals have been submitted to ACA's World Service Organization (WSO) for possible inclusion on the 2024 ABC agenda.**

**Vote Yes, No, or No Opinion on each Proposal:**

- Yes – our group believes this Proposal should be discussed at the ABC
- No – our group does not believe this Proposal needs to be discussed at the ABC
- No Opinion – we have an opinion or cannot reach a decision about this Proposal

**Any proposal that receives at least a 66.7% affirmative vote from the groups participating in this voting process will be included as part of the ABC agenda.**

## **Proposal 1 - The Promises**

We propose changing the ACA literature so that The Promises would be printed and presented in the present tense and no longer be presented in the future tense. *Example: We “will discover” (new wording: “are discovering”) our real identities by loving and accepting ourselves.*

## **Proposal 2 - Literature Projects**

We propose that all WSO literature projects, new or in development, must pass ABC motions initiated by group ballot proposals to start or continue development (publication not guaranteed). Proposals should detail the unmet need(s) the literature addresses and its synergy with existing ACA literature, and ideally provide all ACAs access to a 25-50 page review draft 20 days before any ABC vote. Exception: literature approved by the Literature Evaluation Subcommittee before 6 October 2023.

## **Proposal 3 - Publish Introductory Book**

We propose that WSO develop an introductory guidebook (about 200 pages long) that focuses on the essential needs of ACA recovery, including for new ACA members, with a proposed publication date of no later than May 2027. This book would include a gentle framework for working ACA's 12 Steps, discuss how the Steps interact with reparenting, and contain shares and perspectives that reflect ACA's diverse global fellowship.

## **Proposal 4 - Affirm Non-Conference Approved Literature**

Change and affirm language in the Operating Policy and Procedures Manual (OPPM) regarding usage of outside literature. OPPM to read: “It has always been accepted that ACA should remain eclectic in choosing literature. That is, ACA meetings may draw from various sources without censorship. Each group is cautioned to be extremely careful in selecting materials, reviewing them against the 12 Traditions that govern our fellowship. This policy is subject to change only per Conference approval.”

## **Proposal 5 - Publishing License**

We propose returning to the countries the right to serve their needs in published program literature and to manage this process - according to the publishing license from WSO.

## **Proposal 6 - Delegate-Driven Conference Committee**

The 2024 ABC Delegates authorize creation of an autonomous Conference Coordinating Committee, directly responsible to the Conference of Delegates, to partner with ACA World Service Organization (WSO) in planning, organizing, and implementing ACA's annual and quarterly business meetings (ABC and QDMs).

## **Proposal 7 - Modify ABC and QDMs**

We propose that ACA hold annually one business conference and one other Delegate meeting. This one other Delegate meeting would replace the three Quarterly Delegate Meetings (QDMs) that are currently being held.

## **Proposal 8 - Ratification of Trustees**

We propose that each year's ballot process include worldwide ratification of each World Service Trustee. For fully informed decision making, Concept XI information (contact information, education, and work and program experience), and each Trustee's understanding of the Traditions and Concepts would be included on the ballot form that is submitted to the fellowship.

## **Proposal 9 - Meeting Listing/Delisting**

All current and future meeting listing and delisting criteria shall be subject to review and approval of the conference body, as a large matter of Policy (per Concepts I, II, VI). Any current meeting listing criteria shall be brought forth to the 2024 Annual Business Conference (ABC) for that review. WSO shall not institute new or update existing meeting listing criteria without the separate approval of the Conference.

## **Proposal 10 - Change Tradition 4**

We propose that the last sentence of the Fourth Tradition be removed, which states: We cooperate with all other Twelve-Step programs.

## **Proposal 11 - Create Committee to Identify Discrimination or Bias**

In order to best serve and retain current ACA members, attract and reach marginalized Adult Children, and to sustain the common welfare and unity of ACA, we call upon the WSO to create a committee, and for ACA members to step forward in service by evaluating and examining the WSO's internal structures and carrying of the ACA Message in order to best serve and reach the still suffering adult child.

## **Proposal 12 - International Literature Scholarship Fund**

To expand the scope of the International Literature Scholarship Fund to include funding additional publishing activities, such as translating, typesetting, printing and distribution, and to change the name of the fund to more accurately convey these activities such as:

- International Literature Equity Fund
- International 5th Tradition Assistance Fund.