

## The 2022 ACA WSO Ballot Proposal Process

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March 29, 2022

### **Review to Date**

August/September 2021

All meeting groups, Intergroups, Regions and Committees of the Board were invited to submit proposals to improve the aspects of the World Service Organization, the Service Network and the ACA program. Each proposal needed to have broad application to ACA, worldwide.

October through December 2021

The proposals were reviewed for clarity and applicability. They were compiled into a Ballot.

January/February 2022

The ballot was made public on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Submitters were given an opportunity to present their proposals at two Workshops, at which the fellowship could ask questions. The workshops were recorded and made accessible.

March 2022

Voting began on whether to include each proposal on the agenda of the Annual Business Conference (ABC). Voting concludes on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Our Participation**

Each group is invited to offer a response to the question of including a proposal item on the upcoming ABC agenda: either yes, include; no, do not include; or no opinion. The response is intended to be a result of a group conscience.

We organized the proposals into a Survey Monkey format, inviting our members to participate. We asked that each person discuss the proposals with another member, before voting, to reason things out. The results of our survey are listed below. They will be submitted before the deadline.

The results of the worldwide voting will indicate which proposals will be on the agenda. They will be published in early April. At that time, our group will have an opportunity to discuss our positions on the proposals. Our views may be conveyed by our Conference Delegate during any discussions that may arise during the ABC.

**The ABC will take place on Friday and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.** This virtual event is open to everyone, although only registered meeting delegates may participate. For more information about the ABC, as well as the subsequent ACA World Convention, go to: [acaworldconvention.org](http://acaworldconvention.org).

### **The Results of Our Survey**

**Proposal 2022 – 1:** We propose that, upon signing WSO's 2020 revised copyright release, any (non-religious, nontreatment facility) pre-2006 anonymous ACA/ACoA Twelve-Step program materials may be put up for direct fellowship review on the ACA Literature page of [adultchildren.org](http://adultchildren.org) for a period of three years, subject only to Literature Committee vetting for compliance with the ACA Twelve Traditions

Total vote	61	<b>Yes</b>	<b>60.7% (37)</b>	No	8.2% (5)	No Opinion	31.1% (19)
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**Proposal 2022 – 2** We propose that Tony A's Twelve Steps be added to all published ACA Literature as "Founder Tony A's Steps". We suggest this be done by: • Including them in future ACA publications and revisions. • Making them prominent on ACA websites and provide a PDF that can be printed by meetings or used online at virtual meetings. • Producing a pamphlet or a laminated bookmark with these steps, integrated with the traits, solution, or promises.

Total vote	68	<b>Yes</b>	<b>94.1% (64)</b>	No	1.5% (1)	No Opinion	4.4% (3)
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**Proposal 2022 – 3** We propose that ACA draft "Founder Tony A's Guide to Lifelong Recovery" based on the written and spoken words of ACA founder Tony A. The book will familiarize readers with his practices for working the twelve ACA steps. It will invite members to learn about and reflect upon their own experiences in light of Tony A's insights. The book's topics, readings, and questions will be structured for use at meetings and to promote fruitful sharing.

Total vote	68	<b>Yes</b>	<b>89.7% (61)</b>	No	4.4% (3)	No Opinion	5.9% (4)
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**Proposal 2022 – 4** Change Concepts II & VI to clearly identify the Annual Business Conference (ABC) as seat of the actual voice and effective conscience of our fellowship. Suggested changes will clarify that authority for the maintenance of world services is delegated to the ABC by the fellowship, while Trustee members of the ACA World Service Organization (WSO) are empowered by the ABC to act as legal agents for the fellowship regarding the maintenance of world services.

Total vote	65	Yes	46.2% (30)	No	4.6% (3)	<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>49.2% (32)</b>
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**Proposal 2022 – 5** Create an ad-hoc committee to explore changing the fellowships name, logo, acronym, and any other identifying marks to include dysfunctional families. This group would meet for a year and then report results during the 2023 ABC committee reports. If the work results in a recommendation, it will appear on the 2023 ABC agenda. (If not ready by the 2023 ABC, then the report and potential recommendation will appear on the 2024 ABC agenda)

Total vote	68	<b>Yes</b>	<b>83.8% (57)</b>	No	2.9% (2)	No Opinion	13.2% (9)
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**Proposal 2022 – 6** To establish and legitimize the bottom-up service structure of ACA, we propose to phase in the policy that Region Representatives are the only Trustees on the WSO service board. Tradition 9 states "...we may create service boards directly responsible to those they serve." As meeting representatives make up their InterGroups and intergroup representatives make up the Region boards, the Region representatives are logically the Trustees of the World service board.

Total vote	66	<b>Yes</b>	<b>53% (35)</b>	No	7.6% (5)	No Opinion	39.4% (26)
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**Proposal 2022 – 7** We propose that the ACA Meetings' suggested 7th Tradition donation percentages of excess funds be, InterGroups 45%, Regions 30%, and ACA WSO 25%

Total vote	67	<b>Yes</b>	<b>46.3% (31)</b>	No	13.4% (9)	No Opinion	40.3% (27)
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**Proposal 2022 – 8** That all "only" meetings catering for underrepresented or disadvantaged groups (i.e., LGBTQ+, PoC) as well as single sex spaces (women only, men only) be listed on the WSO meetings web site. In line with Tradition 4, we request that the autonomy of such "only" meetings in determining how

they wish to be listed be respected. In keeping with Tradition 9, we also ask that the principle of nonorganisation in ACA be observed.

Total vote	68	<b>Yes</b>	<b>82.4% (56)</b>	No	4.4% (3)	No Opinion	13.2% (9)
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**Proposal 2022 – 9** We believe that "only" meetings should not be listed on any website worldwide, and would therefore not be official ACA meetings.

Total vote	67	Yes	9% (6)	<b>No</b>	<b>62.7% (42)</b>	No Opinion	28.4% (19)
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**Proposal 2022 – 10** We propose creating a task force to investigate whether the ACA Annual Business Conference (ABC) should be restructured. This task force would report to the ABC Committee and include ABC Delegates, Standing Committee liaisons, and other interested volunteers. The goal would be to gather information about whether the needs of the Fellowship are being met with the current structure, and if not, to develop recommendations to be submitted to the 2023 ABC for consideration.

Total vote	68	<b>Yes</b>	<b>52.9% (36)</b>	No	10.3% (7)	No Opinion	36.8% (25)
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**Proposal 2022 – 11** We propose that the Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACA) World Service Organization (WSO) host an in-person/hybrid International Convention every five years. Furthermore, we propose WSO continue to host an Annual World Convention (AWC) virtually in the years between in-person/hybrid events. This proposed schedule is intended to encourage participation from all members, Intergroups, and Regions including those outside of North America and Europe.

Total vote	65	<b>Yes</b>	<b>78.5% (51)</b>	No	6.2% (4)	No Opinion	15.4% (10)
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**Proposal 2022 – 12** To decrease financial costs and increase equitable access to the decision-making process at the ABC, we propose the creation of an ad-hoc committee to investigate the following changes to the ABC: splitting it from the AWC, holding it on weekends only, and holding it online only. We believe holding the ABC in the manner described will aid in hearing the effective conscience of our fellowship by providing more equitable access for all delegates.

Total vote	66	<b>Yes</b>	<b>62.1% (41)</b>	No	3% (2)	No Opinion	34.8% (23)
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**Proposal 2022 – 13** We propose that, within three years, The Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACA) World Service Organization (WSO) will implement Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM) at the level of the Board of Trustees, WSO committees and the Conference. WSO will create educational materials to assist the rollout of KBDM for potential use by Meetings, Intergroups, and Regions.

Total vote	67	<b>Yes</b>	<b>47.8% (32)</b>	No	11.9% (8)	No Opinion	40.3% (27)
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