

The ACA World Service Organization

Rep Report for the Annual Business Conference 2023

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Our SMR meeting was well represented at this year's ABC. Two of our members played service roles in the administration of the conference; two members spoke as delegates and numerous others were in attendance as observers. One of our members gave two presentations as committee chair and co-chair. Congratulations SMR!



The ABC, May 6-7 2023.

The Annual Business Conference represents the culmination of the year's work for the WSO. This is the opportunity for all members of the fellowship to weigh in on the business of, and changes to, the running of the fellowship,

Since the beginning of covid and the advent of virtual meetings, ACA as a worldwide organization, just like our own SMR meeting, has experienced exponential growth. With such rapid growth in a largely unknown (virtual) environment has come many changes, opportunities, and growing pains. Every presentation this year touched upon this rapid expansion and our growth as an organization.

This year's conference emphasized safety and zoom etiquette with explicit [guidelines](#) and periodic reminders.

The board report gave an overview of WSO, its board members and overall goals for the future ([Board Presentation](#)). One important note, there are now only 5 board members out of a possible 20 seats. WSO needs volunteers and is especially hoping to attract the kind of diversity to the board that exists in its membership. A global community can be represented by a global board.

The Concept 2 and 6 Study Committee ([report here](#)) is working on establishing the conference, as in the body of delegates, as the effective voice of the fellowship and defining its relationship to the WSO Board. The [ABC Study](#) seeks to separate the ABC from the AWC, and establish a Charter that gives more responsibility for the production of the ABC and all related service structures, education and training.

The nominating Committee explained the nomination process for Board Members ([NomComGraphic](#)) and made a pitch for recruiting new board members.

Reports were presented by Content Collaboration (literature publishing etc.?)
And Name Study Report (any materials?)

None of the ballot proposals were accepted this year; instructions were given for floor proposals made by delegates to be considered on Day 2.

End of Day 1

Day 2

[Floor Motions](#) made by the delegates after the Day 1 meeting were read and prioritized by the delegates. After discussion, elimination votes and overnight voting, only one floor motion was accepted. This was a motion to establish a BIPOC working group to examine the effects of racism and generational trauma on ACAs. This motion generated a lot of discussion that was thought provoking and surprising.

The [Treasurer's Report](#) contained good news and bad news. ACA showed net losses of nearly 82K. This was due in large part to the vagaries of the publishing business, from which we get the lion's share of our income. We still need to promote 7th tradition donations to shift the balance from publishing, to maintaining ourselves through member contributions.

The general manager gave a [presentation](#) introducing the staff and the main operations that support the worldwide publication of ACA literature.

Check out our [social media pilot project](#) which has been a great success. They sell Teddy Bears!

End of Day 2

For More Information

In regard to the business of the Board and their committees, go to acawso.org.

Or... write to world.rep@acamorning.org for more information about the WSO, the various committees and the opportunities to meet fellow ACAs and provide service to the organization.