



**MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE AGENDA  
August 10, 2019**

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- A. Call to Order, and opening Serenity Prayer:** Charlie H.
  
- B. Roll Call of Board Members**  
**Present:**  
  
**Absent:**
  
- C. Establish Quorum:**
  
- D. Guest Introductions:**
  
- E. Tradition Eight:** Adult Children of Alcoholics should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
  
- F. Minutes:** Motion to approve May 11, 2019 Teleconference Minutes (Erin D.)  
**Second:**  
**Discussion:**  
**Decision:**  
  
**Minutes:** Motion to approve June 8, 2019 Teleconference Minutes (Erin D.)  
**Second:**  
**Discussion:**  
**Decision:**

**Minutes:** Motion to approve July 13, 2019 Teleconference Minutes (Erin D.)

**Second:**

**Discussion:**

**Decision:**

**G. Chair Report:** Charlie H.

**H. Treasurer's Report:** Pat H.

**I. Committee Reports:** *All reports can be found on the business website: <http://acawso.org>*

1. **Executive Committee:** David McB.
2. **Archive Committee:** Charlie H. (for Marcia J.)
3. **Finance Committee:** Pat H.
4. **Literature Committee:** Charlie H.
5. **Member Services Committee:** Carole C.
6. **Public Services Committee:** David McB.
7. **European Committee:** Majbrit M.
8. **WSO Office:** Nick C.
9. **DCOC:** Bill D.
10. **Service Network Committee:** Jim B.
11. **Website/Database Committee:** Jim B.
12. **ABC Committee:** Miles C.
13. **Ballot Prep Committee:** Mary Jo L.
14. **OPPM Committee:** Mary Jo L.
15. **Nominating Committee:** Greg R.
16. **Predatory Behavior Work Group/Committee:** Karin S.

**J. Concurrences passed outside of regular Board work meetings**

1. **Motion:**

**Background:**

**Second:** (The “second” on a concurrence is the person who concurs first.)

**Decision:**

**K. Motions passed at the board working meeting on Aug. 1, 2019**

1. **Motion (David McB.):** That WSO revise ballot measure requirements, so that support from 60% or more of voting groups places a measure on the next Annual Business Conference.

**Second:**

**Amendment (Jim B.):** That WSO revise Annual Business Conference rules so that 60 percent passage by ABC delegates is required to enact a motion.

**Motion Background:** The current 66.7% requirement has been in effect for years. In the last few years, fellowship involvement has grown substantially. Limiting proposals for the ABC to a rigid 66.7% has prevented debate on many proposals that had strong fellowship interest but fell short by a narrow margin. Lowering the limit to 60% would reduce the frustration felt by many groups and make the ABC more accessible, while making sure that proposals considered at the ABC have substantial fellowship backing.

**Discussion:** Majority favored lowering the threshold for discussion motions. Changing the rule now would enable WSO to communicate this to the fellowship in its Ballot Preparation letter.

The Amendment was proposed because ACA generally requires a principle of substantial unanimity, and a simple majority vote might allow major changes to occur based on a closely divided vote. The new formula will require delegates to work to gain greater unanimity before passing a motion.

**Decision:** Motion approved unanimously; Amendment approved unanimously.

2. **Motion (David McB.):** To revise the OPPM so that former board members must have left the board two years before they are eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee.

**Second:** Carole C.

**Background:** The motion is intended to correct a drafting error in the original motion creating the Nominating Committee. When the Service Structure Committee (now the Service Network Committee) discussed this measure in 2017, it was considered important that former board members gain some separation and detachment from their time on the board before participating in the vetting and nomination of future board members. A recent review

of the final committee report and board motion revealed that this provision had been omitted.

**Discussion:** Participants in the original Nominating Committee discussion agreed that a two-year separation from the board was intended, and that the goal remained valid.

**Decision:** Approved unanimously (with Bill D. and Rich R. absent)

**L. New Business:**

1. **Motion (Charlie H.):** To change the name of the ABC Committee to the ABC AWC Committee.

**Background:** Since 2016, the Annual World Convention has grown in scale and importance. The name change clarifies that the ABC Committee is WSO's lead committee with regard to the AWC, not just with the Annual Business Conference, which occurs in the same location.

**Second:**

**Discussion:**

**Decision:**

- M. 2019 ABC Motions and Status** (Note: Motions will be posted until three months after they have been implemented. Failed motions will drop from this list three months after the ABC.)

**Ballot Motions:**

- **Ballot Proposal 9:** ABC delegates voted to adopt the following diversity statement: "ACA is an inclusive organization and open to all affected by family dysfunction. We strive to create an atmosphere that reflects the diverse communities we serve and where everyone feels empowered to be their full, authentic selves."
- **Ballot Proposal 7:** ABC delegates voted to create a working group to review the original draft mission statement, and revise it to address wording concerns expressed by delegates. A revised version will be resubmitted for consideration at the 2020 ABC.

**Literature Motions:** After extensive discussion, ABC delegates approved the following motion—that the Addressing Predatory Behavior working group convene at least two open discussion sessions, available to all volunteers, and revise proposed literature about victimizing behavior inside and outside ACA meetings. Following WSO board approval, the revised literature will be made available to the fellowship by September 2019, so that groups can test it and provide feedback to WSO. The working group and Literature Committee will incorporate fellowship suggestions as needed, and bring a final document back to the 2020 ABC for Conference approval.

**L. Guest Comments:**

**M. Announcements**

- **Next meeting:** September 14, 2019

**N. Motion to close the meeting:**

**Second:**

**Decision:**

**Closing Serenity Prayer**