



## Ballot Preparation Committee (BPC) September 2021 Report

Chair: vacant

Board Liaison: Jim B. (FL/CA)

Members: Brad L. (MD), Jim R. (NY), Mary Jo L. (IL)

October 14, 2021

### Recent Activity, of Note

- Recommended to the Board that the Ballot voting timeline in 1Q 2022 remain the same as recorded in the OPPM.
- Suggested to the Board the creation of an ABC agenda template with a fixed number of Proposals for discussion.
- Approached various committees about translations and inaugurated a private Slack channel focused on Ballot translations.
- Focused on receiving Ballot Proposal items.

Reviewed and edited our instructional documents and slides for the Proposal Workshop.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> a second Proposal Workshop was conducted. There were 9 participants seeking information, representing a Region and Intergroups from England, Poland, Canada and a variety of US States:

- 2 attendees were curious about the process;
- 2 offered insights about proposals that their groups had been crafting;
- 5 participants represented groups that were in the midst of proposal development.

At the month's end, there were a few emails received regarding proposal submissions. For the reassurance of our membership, in the future we will aim to send a submission confirmation notice.

Finally, on the deadline September 30<sup>th</sup>, we received the last of the Proposals.

It is worth noting that, for all the concern and discussion surrounding the deadline moving from the end of October to the end of September – no one in the fellowship emailed any comments on the change. This is not to say that a group or two will not reach out to us expecting to submit a proposal later this month. We'll see.

We received 17 unique proposals.

## Proposal Statistics

	Submitting Group <sup>1</sup>						Issue Topic	Referred for Comment
	G	V	I	R	C	B		
A	✓						Copyright	Board, Literature
B			✓				Trustee qualification	Board, OPPM
C	✓	✓ <sub>4</sub>					'Only' meetings	Board
D							<i>Combined with Proposal M</i>	
E	✓						Relations with AA	Board
F		✓ <sub>4</sub>	✓				ABC format	Board, ABC/AWC
G					✓		ABC format	Board, ABC/AWC
H		✓ <sub>4</sub>	✓				WSO methodology	Board, OPPM, ABC/AWC
I	✓	✓ <sub>3</sub>	✓				Foundational documents	Board
J		✓					New literature	(getting clarification)
K		✓					Kindle versions	Publishing
L	✓						Tony A's Steps	Board, Literature, Publishing
M	✓						'Only' meetings	Board
N		✓					Gender references	Literature, REA
O	✓						Tony A - bio/study guide	Literature
P		✓					ACA change of name/logo	Board, OPPM
Q		✓ <sub>5</sub>	✓				ABC format	(getting clarification)
R					✓		Contribution disbursement	Board, Finance
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<sup>1</sup> Submissions may be received from either **G** (face-to-face group meeting); **V** (virtual/online meeting); **I** (Intergroup); **R** (Region); **C** (WSO Committee); **B** (Board of Trustees).

<sup>2</sup> While virtual/online meetings submitted 9 proposals, with collaboration of multiple online groups, the number of authorships increased to 24.

NOTE: Proposals in grey indicate multiple submitting groups.

### For The Month Ahead

- Review Proposal submissions for clarity. Direct them toward Committees, where appropriate.
- Assist with fashioning a WSO response to each Proposal.

### One More Thing...

If you are interested in being a member of this Committee, please email us at [BPC@adultchildren.org](mailto:BPC@adultchildren.org).

For more information and records of prior practices, go to: <https://acawso.org/category/ballot-prep/>