

Concepts 2 and 6 Ad Hoc Study Committee

Monthly Report — January 2023

Chair: Position not filled (election expected in February)

Members: Brad H., Buddy S., Charlie H., Dove H., Erin D., John R., Josh W., Kelle J., Laura L., Sue V.

Purpose: To study Concepts 2 and 6, and submit a report on possible revisions to those Concepts to the 2023 ABC, in keeping with a motion approved by the 2022 ABC.

Meeting times: The committee currently is meeting on the first and third Thursday of the month, at 5 pm eastern. Information is on the Committee calendar.

January Monthly Activity

The committee met twice in January, on January 5 and 26. The Committee completed an extensive historic review of AA's Concepts, which are the foundation of ACA's Concepts and those of several other 12-Step fellowships. The Committee's historic review also included review of AA's Conference Charter, which embodies Concepts 2 and 6 in practice, historic recollections of AA's first conference, and Al-Anon's version of Concept 2 and 6.

As a result of these studies, the Committee that revisions should be considered for both Concepts 2 and 6.

On Jan. 5, the Committee approved a "baseline" revision of Concept 2. The new language, which is subject to further revision, clarifies that the word "Conference" must be inserted into ACA's Concept 2, and to clarify that the Conference is the voice of the ACA fellowship. These changes match the practice of other fellowships that generally follow the AA Concept language.

On Jan. 26, the Committee concluded that revisions should be considered to Concept 6. ACA's language was judged to be too wordy and confusing in how to interpret Concept 6's key ideas. A vote has been scheduled on draft language for a new baseline version of a briefer Concept 6.