

**Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization**



## 2006 Book of Motions

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## **ABC - April 22-24, 2006, Long Beach, CA**

### **ABC\_2006\_01: Standardize & Approve the ACA Personal Bill of Rights**

The **motion** was to replace the word “selfishness” with “assertiveness”, and to make this version of the Bill of Rights ACA Approved Literature.

The vote was **5 in favor, none against**.

Discussion summary: Ed introduced the ACA Personal Bill of Rights (there are several versions in circulation, this one is commonly known as the “14 item” Bill of Rights). This will be turned over to Michele and the Literature Committee.

Note: This motion was submitted to a vote of the Fellowship in advance of the ABC on whether it should be discussed. **Votes:** 26 in favor -3 not in favor.

### **ABC\_2006\_02: Encourage more service within groups**

The vote was **5 in favor, none against. Passed**.

Discussion summary: This motion was turned over to the Literature Committee with a discussion on the 12th step study which is being addressed in the Handbook. The Handbook will hopefully encourage people to take more actions.

Note: This motion was submitted to a vote of the Fellowship in advance of the ABC on whether it should be discussed. **Votes:** 23 in favor -6 not in favor.

### **ABC\_2006\_03: Clarify based on “attraction” rather than “promotion”**

The vote was **5 in favor, none against. Passed**.

Discussion summary: The discussion mentioned that WSO has already taken action to define this. It is within our OPPM to list meetings in the electronic media – newspapers W.W.W. etc. This has been clarified by the board stating that meetings may be listed in newspapers as this is attraction, not promotion.

Note: This motion was submitted to a vote of the Fellowship in advance of the ABC on whether it should be discussed. **Votes:** 27 in favor -2 not in favor.

### **ABC\_2006\_04: Add “and the internet” to the 10th Tradition**

The vote was **5 in favor, none against. Passed**.

The WSO board would need to make a ruling regarding the use of the word 'internet' in the 11th tradition with respect to how important such a change would be. We acknowledged that making a change in the 11th tradition is a momentous step and as such should be discussed for a year to be brought up for vote next year. This is also one that the literature committee needs to do some work for.

Note: This motion was submitted to a vote of the Fellowship in advance of the ABC on whether it should be discussed. **Votes:** 26 in favor -3 not in favor.

### **ABC\_2006\_05: Encourage more ACA conferences**

In this motion the WSO would continue its current efforts to encourage and support ACA events for the fellowship such as conventions, web pages, outreach and retreats.

The vote was **5 in favor, none against. Passed.**

Discussion summary: Having more conferences and seminars is something that the board regularly attends to, since we always have listings on the web pages and in the ComLine. Clydene is already working on submitting a guideline for how to produce them as she has done so in her community. The WSO board can not support financially any one conference or similar event but, as stated, does help with promotions.

Note: This motion was submitted to a vote of the Fellowship in advance of the ABC on whether it should be discussed. **Votes:** 26 in favor -3 not in favor.

### **ABC\_2006\_06: Develop alternatives to sponsors**

This motion was to encourage and support sponsorship and alternatives to it. Since meetings are autonomous, whatever actions made can only be suggestions.

The vote was **3 in favor, one against. Passed.**

Discussion summary: The WSO continues its current efforts to support sponsorship and alternatives to them in the literature and in the ComLine and web pages. Since each meeting is autonomous, the WSO board can't make them follow any specific action, but Chapter 11 in the Handbook does have information on this. The tri-folds that are a part of the approved literature are going to be revived once the handbook gets published.

Note: This motion was submitted to a vote of the Fellowship in advance of the ABC on whether it should be discussed. **Votes:** 21 in favor -8 not in favor.

### **ABC\_2006\_07: Develop behavioral restrictions for meetings - Not Passed**

This motion suggested ACA WSO impose restrictions on individual member behavior in and around ACA meetings, specifically that ACA members were not allowed to enter into romantic relationships or "date" for a proscribed period of time. This motion failed to receive Fellowship support and was not officially discussed.

Note: This motion was submitted to a vote of the Fellowship in advance of the ABC on whether it should be discussed. **Votes:** 9 in favor -20 not in favor.

### **ABC\_2006\_08: Approve fellowship book publication**

This motion was to approve the proposed Handbook, presented by the Handbook Committee, including the best possible publication both financially and within the extensive review process that has been going on in the past several months.

The vote was **4 in favor, none against. Passed.**

Discussion summary: Now that the book has been approved, there is much work to be done. Financial concerns will be duly considered to keep a prudent reserve in the treasury. Clydene made a motion to publish our Handbook, and it was seconded. Omer said he is not entirely satisfied with the Hong Kong publisher that we have been considering. Michele has had quite some experience with overseas businesses, and suggested that any correspondence with them be very concise and clear. The cost of the book is very important, as we want to get this out to as many people as possible and also be able to cover our expenses when we choose to make the next publishing. The board is making every effort to get this published as soon as possible and go as 'risk free' as possible. We have a professional book designer working on this project already.

## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Excerpts from ComLine Volume 22, Number 6 - 2006 ABC Issue

ACA ComLine

### Summary of Motions Presented at the ABC

Motions presented at the ABC are vetted through a three-step process. First, motions must be submitted to the WSO through the group conscience of an ACA meeting or Intergroup. Second, these motions are published for the fellowship, and meetings are asked to vote on *whether or not they should even be discussed* at the ABC. Finally, those motions which are approved for discussion are discussed and voted upon by the Board of Trustees as appropriate.

There were eight motions submitted by meetings and Intergroups. For the complete text of each motion, go to [www.adultchildren.org](http://www.adultchildren.org), click on "Online Forums" and select "2006 Annual Business Conference". These motions were submitted to a vote of the Fellowship in advance of the ABC on whether they should be discussed. Of these eight motions, seven were approved for discussion (29 meetings responded.). The following is a summary of the motions and the votes counted for and against discussion:

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Vote (aye-nay)</u>
001 – Standardize & approve the ACA Personal Bill of Rights.	26-3
002 – Encourage more service within groups	23-6
003 - Clarify based on "attraction" rather than "promotion"	27-2
004 – Add "and the internet" to the 10th Tradition	26-3
005 - Encourage more ACA conferences	26-3
006 – Develop alternatives to sponsors	21-8
007 – Develop behavioral restrictions for meetings	9-20 (failed)
008 – Approve fellowship book	26-3

A summary of the discussion on each motion follows:

**2006-001**

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**2006-002**

This motion was turned over to the Literature Committee with a discussion on the 12th step study which is being addressed in the Handbook. The vote was 5 in favor, none against. This was also turned over to the Literature Committee. The Handbook will hopefully encourage people to take more actions.

**2006-003**

The discussion mentioned that WSO has already taken action to define this. It is within our OPPM to list meetings in the electronic media – newspapers W.W.W. etc. The vote was 5 in favor, none against. This has been clarified by the board stating that meetings may be listed in newspapers as this is attraction, not promotion.

# Summary of Motions Presented at the ABC (cont.)

## **2006-004**

The WSO board would need to make a ruling regarding the use of the word 'internet' in the 11th tradition with respect to how important such a change would be. The vote was 5 in favor, none against. We acknowledged that making a change in the 11th tradition is a momentous step and as such should be discussed for a year to be brought up for vote next year. This is also one that the literature committee needs to do some work for.

## **2006-005**

In this motion the WSO would continue its current efforts to encourage and support ACA events for the fellowship such as conventions, web pages, outreach and retreats. The vote was 5 in favor, none against. Having more conferences and seminars is something that the board regularly attends to, since we always have listings on the web pages and in the ComLine. Clydene is already working on submitting a guideline for how to produce them as she has done so in her community. The WSO board can not support financially any one conference or similar event but, as stated, does help with promotions.

## **2006-006**

This motion was to encourage and support sponsorship and alternatives to it. Since meetings are autonomous, whatever actions made can only be suggestions. The vote was 3 in favor, one against. The WSO continues its current efforts to support sponsorship and alternatives to them in the literature and in the ComLine and web pages. Since each meeting is autonomous, the WSO board can't make them follow any specific action, but Chapter 11 in the Handbook does have information on this. The tri-folds that are a part of the approved literature are going to be revived once the handbook gets published.

**2006-007**

This motion suggested ACA WSO impose restrictions on individual member behavior in and around ACA meetings, specifically that ACA members were not allowed to enter into romantic relationships or “date” for a proscribed period of time. This motion failed to receive Fellowship support and was not officially discussed.

**2006-008**

This motion was to approve the proposed Handbook, presented by the Handbook Committee, including the best possible publication both financially and within the extensive review process that has been going on in the past several months. The vote was 4 in favor, none against.

Now that the book has been approved, there is much work to be done. Financial concerns will be duly considered to keep a prudent reserve in the treasury. Clydene made a motion to publish our Handbook, and it was seconded. Omer said he is not entirely satisfied with the Hong Kong publisher that we have been considering. Michele has had quite some experience with overseas businesses, and suggested that any correspondence with them be very concise and clear. The cost of the book is very important, as we want to get this out to as many people as possible and also be able to cover our expenses when we choose to make the next publishing. The board is making every effort to get this published as soon as possible and go as ‘risk free’ as possible. We have a professional book designer working on this project already.