

2013 Annual Business Conference of Adult Children of Alcoholics

Here are the proposal ballot results for the 2013 ABC as submitted by the ACA fellowship, along with WSO Analysis related to the proposals, for subsequent submission to the fellowship. The items to be discussed at the ABC will be those that receive at least a two-thirds positive vote from the voting meetings.

Proposal 2013-1:

Submitted by: FIN040; North Karelia, Finland

Issue: In text Good enough group, page 11 Meditation Tradition Two lines 19-20. We propose, that the last sentence will be removed: "Your will, not mine, be done."

History: "Your will, not mine, be done." sentence is Christian in nature, and it is not the best possible to our lessons. We must learn to make up our own minds, and be responsible for our decisions. At the same time we must learn to accept that our will is not always followed, that the higher power decides what will come. However, this is not the same as giving up deciding. In Christianity this sentence is often carrying the message that everything is already decided, and actions are in vain. This is not what we try to learn.

Argument in Favor: In these new documents the words Higher Power is used constantly instead on God, and that is really good. Being spiritual is not being Christian. God is not a neutral word. It is just like Manitou, Buddha and Allah. It is not encouraging or honest to use phrases from Christianity. We should be clear and honest in our texts.

WSO Analysis: The phrase "Your will, not mine, be done" concludes the Tradition Two Meditation on page 502 of the BRB. While part of this phrase is taken from Christian literature, many 12-Step members see it as a short version of Step Three ("Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand God".) The BRB tells us we must become willing to acknowledge that things don't always turn out the way we want, and that God, or a "Higher Power," is ultimately in control.

The History and Argument in Favor for this Proposal imply that the word "God" is unique to the Christian religion. In reality, it is used within many cultures to denote a power or entity greater than ourselves. The 12-Step programs, since their inception within AA, were not meant to focus on a God of any one belief system, but rather encourage each person to find a God of their own understanding (again, Step Three).

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Proposal 2013-2:

Submitted by: AUS056; Cairns, Australia

Issue: The cost of postage/shipping of red books and workbooks internationally.

History: The ACA fellowship in Cairns has been steadily growing since we started our first meeting here in June 2008. Over the past 4 and 1/2 years we have ordered many text books and work books. We would like to find out if there is an alternative less expensive shipping method for the books. The cost of postage for our books oftentimes works out to be more than the cost of the books.

Argument in Favor: ACA in Cairns spends around \$400 on postage each time we make a bulk book purchase. We would like to see if there is the possibility of a cheaper shipping method so that we can make at least a portion of that \$400 as a 7th tradition to WSO.

WSO Analysis: The WSO Office is working with UPS to develop improved rates over that available thru USPS, especially as it relates to International Shipments. For example, we recently processed an order for 15 BRBs and 15 Workbooks (60 pounds in 4 boxes) to Cairns with a shipping cost of \$336.50. Using UPS with our new negotiated rates, these shipping costs would be reduced to around \$242 (a 28% savings).

The Literature committee is currently working with a representative of the Australian groups to see if they can take part in the seeding program that would allow for bulk shipments of books with added savings by direct shipping from our printer.

Proposal 2013-3:

Submitted by: FIN020; Oulu, Finland

Issue: To develop and publish a daily reader for ACA (a book with a collection of daily thoughts based on the sharings of ACA members).

History: {none submitted}

Argument in Favor: {none submitted}

WSO Analysis: The WSO Literature Committee is currently developing an ACA Meditation Book to consist of shares from ACA members, with a plan to have this ready for review by the fellowship at the 2013 ABC. All ACA members are encouraged to help complete this project by submitting a share for the book. See <http://www.adultchildren.org/meditation.php> for further details on how you can help.

Proposal 2013-4:

Submitted by: FIN020; Oulu, Finland

Issue: Do you say serenity prayer in the end of meeting? We would like to know a collective opinion / group consciousness regarding how the meeting is ended; with the serenity prayer or freely chosen by the groups?

History: {none submitted}

Argument in Favor: {none submitted}

WSO Analysis: As ACA meetings are autonomous, the WSO sets no policies on how groups close their meetings, leaving such matters to each meeting to decide thru a group conscience discussion. The BRB section on Meeting Closing (page 565) suggests asking a group member to lead the closing prayer of his or her choice. Some groups close with the Serenity Prayer, some with the ACA Serenity Prayer, and other groups use other materials. If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes-

Proposal 2013-5:

Submitted by: FIN020; Oulu, Finland

Issue: We would like to know collective opinion / group consciousness about touching in the meetings i.e. holding hands when saying Serenity prayer, hugging when saying Serenity prayer.

History: {none submitted}

Argument in Favor: {none submitted}

WSO Analysis: As ACA meetings are autonomous, the WSO sets no policies on meeting closing procedures, leaving such matters to each meeting to decide thru a group conscience discussion. The BRB section on Meeting Closing (page 565) suggests a closing process by asking group members to stand and form a circle by holding hands, however this is optional. Some groups may hold hands during a closing process, others may choose other options. Since some members are more open to hugs than others, to keep the meeting safe to all, it's generally suggested for members to ask another person for permission prior to giving a hug. If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Proposal 2013-6:

Submitted by: NM020; Gila, New Mexico, USA

Issue: We move that the Steps of the ACA program be reviewed to ensure they more accurately reflect ACA principles, and where necessary rewritten to be more in harmony with material in the Big Red Book and Yellow Work Book.

History: The inspiration for the original 12-Steps came from a Higher Power to help Alcoholics in the 1930's. In 1984 these Steps were adopted into ACA verbatim with the exception of adding ...or other family dysfunction...to Step 1. Clearly, in 1984 the need to address more than the AA focus was present. We want to extend this realization to all Steps.

Argument in Favor: While many of us in ACA have benefitted from AA or other 12-Step program, we come from dysfunctional families and have our own set of uniquely identifiable Traits. Our literature already acknowledges that our treatment of the Steps is unique. Therefore, our Steps should be coherent with our unique approach to wellness. We feel that Steps Four, Six, Seven, and Ten could become more in harmony with ACA literature and goals. In Step Four we in ACA "...we are aware of the generational nature of family dysfunction" (p.74 Workbook). "We balance an inventory of our family system with a thorough inventory of our own behavior" (Red Book p. 109). Thus Step Four could be more appropriately stated: MADE A SEARCHING AND FEARLESS MORAL INVENTORY OF OUR SELVES AND A THOROUGH AND BLAMELESS INVENTORY OF OUR FAMILY. "There is a clear distinction made between character defects and the survival traits of the Laundry List" (Workbook p.118). From the Big Red Book (p.111) "We use Steps Six and Seven to remove the defects of character. However, we take a different approach for the Laundry List behaviors. We attempt to integrate them through gentleness and patience. Our traits have great value to us if we can embrace them and transform them". This should be recognized in our ACA Step Six, e.g., WERE ENTIRELY READY TO HAVE GOD REMOVE THESE DEFECTS OF CHARACTER AND TO HELP US INTEGRATE OUR SURVIVAL TRAITS. Likewise Step Seven should be amended to include the integration that is essential to our attaining full wellness, e.g., HUMBLY ASKED GOD REMOVE THESE DEFECTS OF CHARACTER AND HELP US TO INTEGRATE OUR SURVIVAL TRAITS. In Step Ten the concept of "...when we were wrong..." for an Adult Child can carry the connotation that somehow we are inherently 'wrong'. For ACA the more likely meaning is when we do something wrong. In ACA this distinction should be made explicit, for example, CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY AND WHEN WE ACTED, BEHAVED OR SPOKE IN A WRONG WAY, WE PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT. .

WSO Analysis: As noted by meeting NM020, the current ACA 12 Steps follow those developed by the AA community, and the BRB and ACA Workbook were developed to be in harmony with the current ACA 12-Steps. Those who have no or little experience with the 12 Step programs are given the ACA Steps in their fundamental form so that they may begin a daily process of spiritual recovery from the effects of being raised in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family.

The 10th Step provides experienced ACAs with an endless opportunity to customize the ACA Steps to their own particular circumstances. Within the 10th Step "continued to take inventory" clause, members may review how well they are practicing the previous steps and their meaning, applicability to themselves, their parents, their siblings, their communities, and have ample opportunity to add different dimensions that are revealed as they continue to make spiritual progress in their program.

Similarly, the integration of traits is a refinement of the removal of defects described in the 7th Step. Indeed, the removal of the excesses of our traits is integration as its core.

The corrective aspect of the 10th Step, "and when we were wrong promptly admitted it", may seem shaming unless one has "humbly asked God to remove this defect" and moved from the unhealthy shame experienced before ACA to an understanding of what healthy shame is, as discussed near the end of Chapter 15 of the Red Text.

Thus, the proposal would, in our estimation, present the Steps for experienced members that may prove challenging to the newer member while the current Steps invite a continuation to the refinement sought by this proposal.

A change of this scope would necessitate major revamps to all of the current approved ACA literature. Once the revised 12-Steps were approved, the BRB, other WSO materials, and the adultchildren.org web site would need to be further updated to reflect the revised 12-Steps. Due to the scope of this update, the board would likely need to contract this effort out rather than rely on volunteer efforts.

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Estimated Cost: The board estimates the cost to redo all WSO books, literature and web site to reflect the revised steps would be around \$2,500 for a new ACA Fellowship Text layout, \$1, 200 to re-write the step chapters, \$1,000 to re-write the step work book questions, \$500 to re-write the trifold brochures and pamphlets, and \$1500 to re-write the applicable areas of the web site. Total cost is approximately \$6,700.

Proposal 2013-7:

Submitted by: IG070; Bolingbrook, Illinois, USA

Issue: We make a motion to develop a pamphlet of the Twelve Traditions of ACA from our Big Red Book using the Tradition Insights in Chapter 19.

History: The Twelve Traditions of ACA is the spiritual foundation of our fellowship.

Argument in Favor: We need to be able to access information quickly. The new ACA Twelve Traditions pamphlet will accomplish that.

WSO Analysis: A pamphlet can be developed by the WSO if desired by the fellowship, subject to the availability of volunteer support. The Traditions are of vital importance to the unity of our fellowship

The Literature Committee could seek input from the fellowship on whether the pamphlet should only contain the Tradition insights from Chapter 19, or if more information should be included. If the latter is desired, the release date would be delayed. Once developed, the pamphlet would be made available to a future ABC for review and approval.

Estimated Cost: \$2000

Proposal 2013-8:

Submitted by: IG070; Bolingbrook, Illinois, USA

Issue: We move that a pamphlet be created that offers multiple options/ways of using the Workbook. Additionally, because the questions and activities stop at the end of Step 4; we move that the pamphlet include suggested questions and activities for Steps 5-12.

History: The Workbook provides minimal to no directions on how to structure a Workbook meeting. Because the Workbook came out after the BRB, there is no guidance from that source.

Argument in Favor: It is our belief that some meetings/groups are struggling with the use of the Workbook, while other meetings/groups have ‘mastered’ or found the ‘secrets’ of the Workbook’s potential. Thus, there appears to be differing ways to use the Workbook in conducting a ‘Workbook Study Group’, which is a good thing. Sharing different ways to use the Workbook effectively, in a group setting, is in the best interests of the Fellowship and consistent with Tradition 5, i.e., “to carry its {the} message to the adult child who still suffers”.

WSO Analysis: When the workbook was written, the intent was to allow individuals and groups to tailor its use to their own style. If the Fellowship feels more direction is desirable, a forward page could be added to the next update of the Workbook that could suggest various methods of using it. This information could also be made available on the website for individuals who already have the Workbook.

Regarding the second part of this proposal, to add additional questions and activities, the Literature Committee would need volunteers who are familiar enough with the existing plan of the Workbook for the purpose of developing additional questions and activities that would be in sync with those in the first four steps.

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Estimated Cost: To add a forward page with guidelines - \$10. Unknown cost to have suitable questions and activities developed for addition either to a pamphlet or to be incorporated within the Workbook itself. Estimate \$400 to develop such a pamphlet once the desired contents are established. Estimate \$2000-\$4000 required if the workbook itself is to be updated to reflect such additions

Proposal 2013-9:

Submitted by: NET005; Amsterdam, Netherlands

Issue: We move that WSO grants the rights to the groups in the Netherlands to print certain sections of the literature (such as The Laundry List, The Problem, The Solutions) here in this country.

History: The high cost of shipping printed materials to the Netherlands from the U.S.

Argument in Favor: 1) The Dutch groups could save some money printing materials in their own country and 2) would avoid having to pay expensive shipping costs.

WSO Analysis: On the adultchildren.org website, the ACA Literature area includes the document “Guidelines for New Meetings”. That web page includes copies of these documents that ACA meetings and Intergroups can download, enlarge, and print for use at meetings. There is also a logo which can be printed to place outside of the meeting, if the group’s conscience so desires.

The OPPM was recently updated to provide specific guidelines for use of ACA literature (See Section XII, Subsection D). In essence the policy allows ACAs to print and use certain ACA literature within their meeting/Intergroup and for ACA outreach related activities.

Estimated Cost: No WSO cost applicable.

Proposal 2013-10:

Submitted by: NET005; Amsterdam, Netherlands

Issue: We move that the WSO grant the rights to the groups in the Netherlands to print the pamphlets ("ACA is ...", Newcomer pamphlet, etc.) in this country.

History: The high cost of shipping printed materials to the Netherlands from the U.S.

Argument in Favor: 1) The Dutch groups could save some money printing materials in their own country and 2) would avoid having to pay expensive shipping costs.

WSO Analysis: A thorough review of the packaging and shipping expenses associated with all shipments is currently being aggressively analyzed. Tri-folds and other literature may be photocopied, within the limits described in Section XII, Subsection D of the OPPM. Regarding the pamphlets, ACA WSO owns the copyright and cannot "grant" rights that might compromise the integrity of the copyright.

To authorize use of a foreign publisher, the WSO would need to work closely with both the local Intergroup and area publishers to insure the copyright was retained by the WSO and that the pamphlets maintain a quality, as with the current pamphlets.

It is important to note that the sales of the pamphlets thru the WSO office provide working funds to support further WSO outreach and book/literature developments (including translation efforts into other languages). Sales by other groups could result in a reduction of these funds, causing other WSO tasks and developments to be delayed or curtailed. A compromise could be that a small royalty fee per item, resulting from a licensing agreement with ACA WSO, might need to be charged to offset the loss of funds by the WSO.

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Estimated Cost: Research would be required to locate suitable printers in order to determine costs.

Proposal 2013-11:

Submitted by: NET005; Amsterdam, Netherlands

Issue: We move that the WSO grant the rights to the groups in the Netherlands to print the ACA Big Book and the ACA Step Working guide in this country.

History: The high cost of shipping printed materials to the Netherlands from the U.S.

Argument in Favor: 1) The Dutch groups could save some money printing materials in their own country and 2) would avoid having to pay expensive shipping costs.

WSO Analysis: A thorough review of the packaging and shipping expenses associated with all shipments is currently being aggressively analyzed. ACA WSO owns the copyright of the ACA Fellowship Text and the ACA 12 Step Workbook, and cannot “grant” rights that might compromise the integrity of the copyright.

The translation agreement gives the translating group a limited right to sell a limited first edition in recognition of their effort to translate the literature. While ACA WSO funds the verification process and layout expenses and receives no payment for books sold in this initial printing, ACA WSO does anticipate funds being received in subsequent printings.

ACA literature, like the ACA Fellowship Text and the ACA 12 Step Workbook, generates the revenues needed to fund ACA WSO functions that groups and Intergroups are incapable of fulfilling. ACA WSO keeps the meeting list, keeps a website, translates literature, funds Hospitals and Institutions efforts, Outreach activities, Public Information, the Annual Business Conference, as well as oversees numerous translation efforts across the globe, layout and printing and shipping of all of ACA literature. “Granting” the right to print ACA Fellowship Text and the ACA 12 Step Workbook could severely undermine ACA WSO ability to fund their mandate of reaching out to the adult children of the world.

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Estimated Cost: Research would be required to locate suitable printers in order to determine costs.

Proposal 2013-12:

Submitted by: NET005; Amsterdam, Netherlands

Issue: We move that the word "God" be replaced in the literature everywhere with the words "Higher Power" and that, further, "Higher Power" is never referred to using the pronouns "he" or "she."

History: "Higher Power" is used often in meetings to verbalize the equality of all religions and human spirituality. "He" or "she" sometimes gives an impression of masculinity or femininity in reference to the concept of "Higher Power."

Argument in Favor: "God" is still an overloaded word to many peoples of many cultures and has an attachment to organized religion while changing this word to "Higher Power" would emphasize the highly personal aspect of spirituality.

WSO Analysis: While changing all wording to "Higher Power" would feel to many like it would be more inclusive of all beliefs, it is important to note that the word "God" is used within many cultures to denote a power or entity greater than ourselves. The 12-Step programs, since their inception within AA, were not meant to focus on a God of any one belief system, but rather encourage each person to find a God of their own understanding (Step Three).

To replace the word "God" with "Higher Power", or an equivalent, in all ACA books, literature and the website would be a substantial, costly task. It would take considerable time and effort and also require that we ensure the revised wording continued to reflect the intent of the ACA program.

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Estimated total cost would be approximately \$6,750: around \$2,500 for a new ACA Fellowship Text layout, \$1,200 to re-write the step chapters, \$1,000 to re-write the step workbook questions, \$500 to re-write the tri-fold brochures and pamphlets, and \$1500 to re-write the applicable areas of the website.

Proposal 2013-13:

Submitted by: IG591; Mount Lawley, Australia

Issue: Our Inter Group in Cairns, Australia which represents our ACA membership, spread across Four Autonomous Groups, would like to propose that WSO have available for sale, 12 Step and 12 Tradition banners.

History: Since ACA began in Cairns Australia, four and half years ago, we have had steady growth. We want our 12 steps and 12 traditions displayed in banner form to remind us of unity, recovery and service as we grow. We want to read from and refer to our banners. We have researched the cost of banners and have sourced a screen printer that has a set up cost of approximately \$1500, but the banners will only cost \$15 each thereafter. This is based on a 110cm x 137cm banner.

Argument in Favor: The 12 Step and 12 Tradition banners are a distinguishing sign to newcomers, our membership, and visiting members that we are a 12 step group, guided by a set of principles, and a Higher Power of our own understanding. We are no longer alone and are in a safe place when we walk into our local meeting, or a new or unfamiliar meeting anywhere in the world and can see our banners.

WSO Analysis: On the adultchildren.org website, the ACA Literature area includes the document “Guidelines for New Meetings”; that document includes pages wherein ACA meetings and Intergroups can download, enlarge, and print the Steps, Tradition, Solution, and Problem on posters for use at meetings. There is also a logo which can be printed to place outside of the meeting, if the group’s conscious so desires.

The OPPM was recently updated to provide specific guidelines for use of ACA literature. In essence the policy allows ACAs to print and use ACA specific literature for meetings and ACA outreach related activities (See Section XII, Subsection D). This policy would allow ACA meetings and Intergroups to print banners for use within their meeting/Intergroup.

However, should the fellowship so desire, the WSO could also develop and provide banners of these items for sale thru the Shopping Cart.

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Estimated Cost: \$1500 to develop and procure an initial inventory of such banners in packages suitable for shipping. Unknown additional cost to maintain the inventory of these large units.

Proposal 2013-14:

Submitted by: CA1015; Palo Alto, CA, USA

Issue: The Palo Alto 'Circle of Hope' meeting moves the ABC to improve page-number-based navigation in all eBook formats of the Big Book.

History: When the eBooks were first published, some members immediately bought them on their preferred platform and tried to use them in meetings. But when the Big Book is read in meetings, typically the secretary will announce the start using page numbers. E.g. "We are on page 248, second para." For Kindle readers it is slow but possible to find a page by number, by going via the linked index. For Nooks it is impossible as page numbers aren't linked in the index.

Argument in Favor: Circle of Hope meeting members appreciate that the Big Book is available as an eBook because eBooks are cheaper than paper books and much more portable. To better support eBook use in meetings, it would be ideal if finding the right page in an eBook would take about the same time as in a paper book. Several meeting members who had bought the eBigBook returned to using paper books because it took too long to find the right page for reading in the meeting.

WSO Analysis: The cost of adding page numbers was investigated before the ACA Fellowship Text was released in an e-book and was deemed to be cost prohibitive. While the current version does not have the desired page numbers, members can use the bookmark feature to find their place in a book study context. The e-BRB index is linked to the referred pages. Additionally, while page numbers are not included, Kindles and Nooks have a search feature, so if the Secretary reads a key phrase, the eBook users should be able to find their place.

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Estimated Cost: \$4000 to add the page numbers and republish the e-book.

Proposal 2013-15:

Submitted by: RUS024; Minsk Minsk, Russia

Issue: In our Belarusian society ACA is almost unknown. Even AA members often do not know about the existence of our program. Therefore, our group is growing very slowly. We have a lot of problems with sponsorship, service in group. Many members are passive. Most active of us are trying to inform the public about ACA fellowship.

History: Some members of our group took part in weeks of sobriety, which took place in various parts of Belarus in 2011-2012. We, together with AA members, shared our experience in churches, schools, hospitals, factories, villages. Once we visited prison. We have seen that in society there is a great interest in our groups and the need for them. Then in these areas, there were several groups, but they are very small- 2-3 people.

Argument in Favor: We need a guide how to help the development and growth of ACA groups in Belarus, and propose to carry out one of following ABC in our country.

WSO Analysis: The BRB section “How to Start an ACA Meeting” (starting on page 559) provides guidance on getting the word out regarding new meetings.

Chapter 11 “ACA Sponsorship: Fellow Traveler” (starting on page 365 of the BRB) provides extensive information on the need and application of Sponsorship within ACA.

The section on Step Twelve (starting on page 279 of the BRB) provides information encouraging members to be active in carrying the ACA message to others. Additionally, a new Public Information pamphlet will be available soon that will provide information about how to spread the word to others within the guidelines of the Traditions.

The Belarus members are invited to translate *ACA Is ...* so they could use it as a means of getting information to the public. ACA WSO would pay to have it verified and post it for free download off of the adultchildren.org website.

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that further discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Estimated Cost: \$1000 to develop a brochure with applicable extracts from the BRB.

Proposal 2013-16:

Submitted by: IG040; Hellerup, Denmark

Issue: The Danish intergroup would like some guidelines on how ACA can be on Facebook. How can we be on Facebook without violating our traditions? Can this be done?

History: We have here in Denmark found several groups on Facebook calling itself ACA Denmark and they use our texts on their Facebook pages. There are public photos of all members on the pages and there is one who decides who is in and who is not. This we consider as violation of the traditions, but we also know that Facebook is here to stay, so we would very much like to have some guidelines that people can use to make a Facebook page which does not violate our traditions.

Argument in Favor: This will meet many people desire to be on Facebook, and it will help to avoid many misunderstandings about what ACA is and stands for.

WSO Analysis: The WSO would need to review the usage of ACA materials on social media web sites such as Facebook in order to provide general guidance for our fellowship.

It is very important to note that the reprinting and publication of ACA literature in a public forum without prior consent from ACA WSO violates copyright law and compromises the copyright that ACA WSO holds in trust for the entire fellowship. By WSO policy, registered ACA meetings and Intergroups are authorized to use ACA literature for the use of their meeting/Intergroup and for outreach purposes. While permission for others to use such material can be requested from ACA WSO, such authorization cannot be automatically presumed.

If this proposal receives a two-thirds positive vote from the fellowship, it will be included as part of the ABC agenda, with the result of that further discussion provided as part of the ABC minutes.

Estimated Cost: \$1000 to develop and provide suitable guidelines for the fellowship on the use of social media.