

2014 ACA WSO Annual Business Conference: Ballot Items

World Service Organization Ballot results for 2014 Annual Business Conference (ABC)

Ballots receiving a 2/3 positive vote will be included for discussion at the ABC.

Summary display shows all ballots, indicating which have been approved. Select individual motions to view details, including all comments received for that motion.

Proposal 2014-1: The inclusion of a newcomer pamphlet be included in Red Book sales.

Motion_01: 22%: Failed

Yes: 15, No: 54, No Opinion: 5

Proposal 2014-2: The WSO Board of Trustee's form an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Big Red Book. The purpose would be to identify and reword any language that conflicts with, or does not clearly carry, the message of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and Concepts of Service, of the ACA Program.

Motion_02: 51%: Failed

Yes: 35, No: 34, No Opinion: 6

Proposal 2014-3: The reinstatement of the ComLine in the paper form to be provided to all registered ACA groups via POCs, at least quarterly.

Motion_03: 60%: Failed

Yes: 39, No: 26, No Opinion: 10

Proposal 2014-4: That the literature available within the ACA fellowship on the Basic 5 Needs and the six essential recovery tasks be made open for discussion within ACA, in order to have it approved and integrated as part of the official fellowship (conference approved) literature.

Motion_04: Yes = 80%: Passed

Yes: 51, No: 13, No Opinion: 11

Proposal 2014-5: Proposal withdrawn by meeting because of duplication of submissions.

Proposal 2014-6: Establish policy that any complaints made to ACA WSO about a meeting be forwarded as soon as possible directly and only to the particular meeting using the contact information on file with the ACA WSO; and any response to complainant by ACA WSO be included.

Motion_06: 60%: Failed

Yes: 38, No: 25, No Opinion: 10

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Motion_07: 56%: Failed

Yes: 32, No: 25, No Opinion: 15

Proposal 2014-8: Proposal withdrawn by meeting because of duplication of submissions.

Proposal 2014-9: In the future, when the ACA WSO decides to prepare a revised ACA Fellowship Text, they consider changing the caption "God Exists" along with the first sentence thereof stating,

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“One of the results of a spiritual awakening involves the understanding that God is real,” on page 283 of the ACA Fellowship Text and page 176 of the Yellow Steps workbook as some of our members are atheists and/or come from religious abuse.

Motion_09: 59%: Failed

Yes: 42, No: 29, No Opinion: 4

Proposal 2014-10: Establish a policy that any complaints made to ACA WSO about a meeting be forwarded as soon as possible directly and only to the particular meeting using the contact information on file with the ACA WSO; and any response to complainant by ACA WSO be included.

Motion_10: 58%: Failed

Yes: 35, No: 25, No Opinion: 14

Proposal 2014-11: The WSO develop a piece of literature further elaborating the materials briefly described in the first pages of the first chapter of the Fellowship Text concerning the other Laundry Lists and its implications for Adult Children recovery.

Motion_11: Yes = 69%: Passed

Yes: 43, No: 19, No Opinion: 12

Proposal 2014-12: An Intergroup Liaison position be created within WSO that reports on Intergroup initiatives; this could be a WSO Board position or a Committee of the Board that has a WSO Trustee on the Committee.

Motion_12: 45%: Failed

Yes: 26, No: 32, No Opinion: 15

Proposal 2014-13: The WSO study the feasibility of establishing a literature distribution point in the eastern United States, based on group demographics around the country.

Motion_13: 59%: Failed

Yes: 39, No: 27, No Opinion: 9

Proposal Proposal 2014-14: The WSO Board hire a certified meeting planner and/or survey the Fellowship to recruit a member with certified meeting planner credentials, i.e., a volunteer. The major role for the meeting planner would be three-fold.

Motion_14: 44%: Failed

Yes: 27, No: 35, No Opinion: 13

Proposal 2014-15: The WSO Board establish registration fees for the Annual Business Conference [ABC] meeting.

Motion_15: 50%: Failed

Yes: 33, No: 33, No Opinion: 9

Proposal 2014-16: Include in the 25 QUESTIONS, AM I AN ADULT CHILD trifold, how someone who was raised in a home with mental illness can grow up to have some of the same issues an adult child of an alcoholic has.

Motion_16: Yes = 84%: Passed

Yes: 57, No: 11, No Opinion: 6

Proposal 2014-17: Define WSO Outreach for WSO Outreach Chair and Committee to initiate telephone contact with each Intergroup and isolated meetings having no affiliation with an Intergroup registered with WSO at least once annually on a schedule submitted in advance to the ACA WSO Board of Trustees.

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Motion_17: 42%: Failed

Yes: 26, No: 36, No Opinion: 11

Proposal 2014-18: Move to have Outreach Chair or committee designee making the telephone calls to meetings and InterGroups to ask five specific questions.

Motion_18: 38%: Failed

Yes: 23, No: 38, No Opinion: 12

Proposal 2014-19: Have Hospitals & Institutions Chair and/or committee develop and publish guidelines as a brochure for Intergroup use when contacting jails, hospitals, community mental health professionals, halfway houses, shelters, and prisons.

Motion_19: Yes = 69%: Passed

Yes: 44, No: 20, No Opinion: 11

Proposal 2014-20: Create a WSO "Up-Dates in Therapeutic Research" Committee to provide on-going reports about the latest developments in and treatments benefitting people who have grown up in alcoholic and dysfunctional families.

Motion_20: 63%: Failed

Yes: 42, No: 25, No Opinion: 7

Proposal 2014-21: WSO begin a Public Media (TV, internet, radio, periodicals) campaign to let the general public know ACA exists, who we serve, and that we work on personal recovery from growing up in alcoholic and dysfunctional homes.

Motion_21: 51%: Failed

Yes: 35, No: 33, No Opinion: 7

Proposal 2014-22: WSO develop guidelines in brochure form for Intergroups and isolated meetings for ways to "carry the message," create fun Inner Child experiences, and raise funds to carry out the program mission.

Motion_22: 40%: Failed

Yes: 24, No: 36, No Opinion: 14

Proposal 2014-23: Institute an annual international day in January to celebrate the ACA Birthday.

Motion_23: Yes = 87%: Passed

Yes: 58, No: 9, No Opinion: 8