



Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization
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2010 Annual Business Conference (ABC) Committee

February 7, 2010

To the ACA Fellowship:

In December, every registered meeting and Intergroup of Adult Children of Alcoholics was invited to submit issues for consideration at the 2010 Annual Business Conference. Four items of business were proposed and are detailed in the Group Conscience Survey (GCS) Ballot accompanying this letter. Each ACA meeting and Intergroup is now requested to schedule a group conscience discussion and vote on which of these four items should be considered at the 2010 ABC.

The second Tradition of ACA states that, "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority- a loving God as expressed in our Group Conscience." A group conscience is a spiritual method by which a Higher Power is invited into our discussions and decisions on matters affecting the fellowship. As each ACA member shares his or her point of view on the issues being considered, a collective wisdom emerges. Resulting group conscience decisions reflect, as much as possible, both the will of the group and the spirit of the ACA fellowship.

You will notice that items on this year's ballot include a "cost and impact" statement prepared by the World Service Organization of ACA. Delegates to the 2009 ABC noted that relevant information provided by WSO during the conference would have been helpful to groups in the informed discussion of ballot items before the conference. A motion of the 2009 ABC thus requested that WSO provide to all groups, through this GCS Ballot, available information regarding the cost and impact of proposed fellowship actions.

Completed GCS Ballots may be returned by mail or may be submitted electronically according to the directions below. All ballots received by April 15, 2010 will be counted as part of the collective group conscience vote of the ACA fellowship. Items supported by at least 2/3^{rds} of the groups responding will be discussed as items of business at the 2010 ABC.

The 2010 ABC will be held April 23-25 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA. Every registered Adult Children of Alcoholics meeting and Intergroup is encouraged to send one voting representative to attend the ABC. ACA members not designated as voting representatives are also welcome to attend. Registration forms and other details can be found on the ABC webpage at www.acawso.com/abc

- ✓ Completed GCS Ballots can be mailed to: 3732 East 4th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA, 74112
- ✓ Ballots can also be submitted online through the web form found at www.acawso.com/abc
- ✓ All ballots received by **April 15, 2010** will be counted
- ✓ The 2010 Annual Business Conference of Adult Children of Alcoholics will be held **April 23-25** in Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA

In service, your 2010 ABC Committee

2010 Annual Business Conference of Adult Children of Alcoholics

Group Conscience Survey Ballot

Meeting/Intergroup number _____

Item: 2010/01	Submitted by: ACA Meeting IL193 (Downers Grove, IL)
Issue:	We make a motion for a Sponsorship Workshop to be created with guidelines on how to be a sponsor or co-sponsor and a sponsee.
History/Reasoning:	We need to be able to share our experience, strength and hope through sponsorship. It would be valuable to the membership to have a workshop showing how to.
Argument in Favor:	For the health and well being of our fellowship
ACA WSO's "cost and impact" statement:	WSO believes this action could be accomplished at minimal cost to the fellowship, as funds become available and as committee workloads permit.
Group Conscience Vote:	<input type="radio"/> YES We <u>WANT</u> to address this issue at the 2010 ABC. <input type="radio"/> NO We <u>DO NOT WANT</u> to address this issue at the 2010 ABC.

Item: 2010/02	Submitted by: ACA Meeting IL005 (Hinsdale, IL)
Issue:	We make a motion to have a Sponsorship pamphlet created by the WSO and made available for membership distribution.
History/Reasoning:	The pamphlet available now is out dated and does not reflect the language from the ACA big book (fellowship text).
Argument in Favor:	It would be helpful for the membership to have something small enough to share with members unfamiliar with sponsorship, for members interested in becoming a sponsor, for members who are looking for a sponsor.
ACA WSO's "cost and impact" statement:	At the 2009 ABC, delegates unanimously approved a motion to develop a more comprehensive pamphlet on ACA sponsorship. The ACA WSO Literature Committee has undertaken this task.
Group Conscience Vote:	<input type="radio"/> YES We <u>WANT</u> to address this issue at the 2010 ABC. <input type="radio"/> NO We <u>DO NOT WANT</u> to address this issue at the 2010 ABC.

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 or submit your group's vote online at: www.acawso.com/abc
 Deadline: April 15, 2010

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Meeting/Intergroup number _____

Item: 2010/03	Submitted by: ACA Meeting WI077 (Milwaukee, WI)
Issue:	Our group makes a motion that a Sponsorship Committee be formed with the purpose of increasing the Sponsorship concept within the ACA/ACOA community including developing pamphlets much like other 12 Step Programs have available for guidance in this area of recovery.
History/Reasoning:	I was deeply involved in ACOA about 18 years ago and at that time there was a lack of sponsorship focus. I was fortunate to find my first Sponsor in an ACOA meeting. Finding it necessary as a part of recovery to deal with certain issues, I have re-involved myself in ACOA. The fact that, at least in the area I live in, there is still little ACOA sponsorship, or none at all, is troubling. AA was basically Bill & Bob working one on one. This seems to be the basis of sponsorship. It worked then and I see this relationship working everyday in the recovery community.
Argument in Favor:	I have 24 four years in AA. My sponsor in AA has 43 years. I have five sponsees who are doing wonderful, and some of them have sponsees. I don't think this would be possible without the focus AA puts on sponsorship. It is difficult enough for a newcomer to find direction and understanding for working through the 12 Steps & Traditions to achieve some serenity and peace of mind. Without a Sponsor it was impossible for me. Go to meetings, read the Big Book, get a Sponsor. That is what I, and many others, were told when we got here, and a lot of us are still here. Sponsorship seems to be of great importance in recovery.
ACA WSO's "cost and impact" statement:	At the 2009 ABC, delegates unanimously approved a motion to develop a more comprehensive pamphlet on ACA sponsorship. The ACA WSO Literature Committee has undertaken this task.
Group Conscience Vote:	<input type="radio"/> YES We <u>WANT</u> to address this issue at the 2010 ABC. <input type="radio"/> NO We <u>DO NOT WANT</u> to address this issue at the 2010 ABC.

Item: 2010/04	Submitted by: ACA Meeting IL005 (Hinsdale, IL)
Issue:	We propose having an ACA/ACOA group inventory document created.
History/Reasoning:	We do not have one.
Argument in Favor:	We do not have this important tool to maintain a healthy meeting environment.
ACA WSO's "cost and impact" statement:	WSO believes this action could be accomplished at minimal cost to the fellowship, as funds become available and as committee workloads permit.
Group Conscience Vote:	<input type="radio"/> YES We <u>WANT</u> to address this issue at the 2010 ABC. <input type="radio"/> NO We <u>DO NOT WANT</u> to address this issue at the 2010 ABC.

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