The Report for December, 2018

Submitted by Jim R., the ABC Committee Chair, January 12, 2019

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| HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER:   * DELEGATE TRAINING – The ‘delegate page’ received a makeover, linked on the Convention website; *Traveler* announcements – select a delegate/vote on proposals/remote voting * HOST SELECTIONS –South Florida submitted a strong bid to host in 2020; New selection process documented and being implemented * SWEDEN 2019 – Direct communication; refining website; statistics   LOOKING AHEAD:   * Call for Annual Reports; working with conference Chair.   RECOMMENDATIONS:   * We recommend the choice of South East Florida, IG# 650, to host the 2020 ABC. |

**The DELEGATE TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Repository at acawso.org is the primary site for all information pertaining to conference delegates. The Delegate Training page has undergone a makeover, with a new heading at the top of the page. This heading offers a link to, and description of, the assorted documents of interest to delegates. It will become a very clear and helpful resource for the membership. Acawso.org/category/delegate-training/.

The *Traveler* has a section with the banner, 2019 ABC/AWC News. In January, blurbs were published informing the membership that soon they will be able to vote on the 2019 Proposals; that each group may designate a delegate to the ABC; that, new this year, we would initiate an opportunity for *registered* delegates to participate in the ABC remotely; and that they can write to the Delegate Training Subcommittee with any questions.

**HOST SELECTIONS**

South East Florida Intergroup, IG #650, has submitted a strong bid to host the ABC in 2020. No one on the selection committee has expressed the slightest reservation as to their ability to produce a world class event. We recommend to the Board, the selection of South East Florida, IG #650, as the hosts for the 2020 ABC.

In looking beyond, in order to produce the best possible events, we are inviting qualified Intergroups to consider hosting future Conferences and Conventions. The process is new. Here is where we are:

* 2021 – The Long Island ACA Intergroup, in New York, has recently been contacted, asking of their interest to host. They had expressed interest earlier, for 2020, so there is fertile ground. It would be desirable to hold an ABC in the Northeastern US/Eastern Canada.
* 2022 – Reno, Nevada is committed to hosting in 2022. They have been asked to develop a more comprehensive application, modeled after the South East Florida bid.
* 2023 – Later this year the ABC can continue the selection process. I have asked for assistance from the Intergroup Subcommittee in identifying strong candidates to approach. It has been suggested that the incentives for hosting be clarified.

**SWEDEN 2019 - The ABC/AWC**

Weekly direct communications with Fredrik, Chair of the Host Committee have been initiated. We have spoken twice. We have looked primarily at the convention website. A dropdown menu item, directed at the delegate has been added, offering descriptions and a link to the acawso.org Delegate Training Page.

A checkbox, indicating remote delegate status, has been added to the ABC registration form. A detailed, step by step description of this registration process was then added to the Delegate Page. The website will continue to undergo development, as new information arrives and old information is updated.

Statistics:

310 Total number of room/nights booked, with WSO numbers, approx.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Later this month the ABC Committee shall call for annual Committee Reports which will be compiled into a section of the Delegate Binder.

Greg R. of Texas, USA, has been designated to be the conference Chair of the 2019 ABC. We have begun discussions on the best practices for chairing the event. We are including the insights of Scandinavian delegates with a long history of ABC attendance.

For comments and questions, please write to Jim R., at [abc@adultchildren.org](mailto:abc@adultchildren.org).