

Coronavirus Discussion Agenda, March 14, 2020 Board Teleconference

Note: the Full Teleconference Agenda is available at <https://acawso.org/monthly-telecon/>. Zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/228809511>.

- 1) **Background briefing 1:** Bill D. update on Boca Raton hotel discussions
- 2) **Background briefing 2:** Charlie H. summary of current coronavirus situation
- 3) **Board outlines options** that have been identified.
 - a. **Continue with ABC AWC as planned, trust people to use their own judgment on whether to attend.** Allows the program to occur as planned, with fewer attendees. Multiple potential negatives in terms of health and safety, and of leaving attendees stranded by a quarantine situation.
 - b. **Unilaterally and permanently cancel the Boca Raton hotel contract.** 2020 Annual Business Conference would be held online via Zoom, but the 2020 Annual World Convention would not be held, now or in the future. Financial cost to WSO: \$91,000.
 - c. **Wait for a public health order or similar government decision forcing cancellation of 2020 Florida event.** No financial cost to WSO if a government agency shuts the event down, but such an order is not guaranteed, and it would keep everyone in a state of uncertainty, right up through the event.
 - d. **Postpone the ABC AWC until July 2020.** Allows the event to proceed at a later date. We would need to suspend our bylaws, which sets the timing for the ABC, and also there is no guarantee that travel and meeting restrictions will be lifted by July. After July, Florida enters the hurricane season.
 - e. **Hold the ABC on Zoom in April, and then stage an AWC only later in 2020.** We likely would lose some attendees, as meetings and intergroups support travel to the ABC, but not to the AWC only. Also, we have no experience with this model, and are unable to accurately estimate attendance.
 - f. **Hold the 2020 ABC on Zoom in April, but cancel the 2020 AWC. Reschedule the Florida ABC AWC to April 2021.** In essence, the planned Florida ABC AWC would be held in April 2021. We would work with a San Francisco area host committee to explore holding their ABC AWC, currently set for 2021, a year later.

- g. Hold the 2020 ABC on Zoom in April, and also hold a scaled-back “virtual AWC” via Zoom in April, with a reduced number of online recovery and service workshops.**
The in-person Florida ABC AWC would be held in April 2021, and we would seek to hold the San Francisco area ABC AWC in April 2022.

- h. Other?**

- 4) Open comment period for callers. Please limit comments and questions to two minutes.**
Speakers may give thoughts on the board’s options, and also suggest additional choices that the board has not listed.

- 5) Other issues/next steps:**

- a.** Initial plans for refunds.
- b.** Other fellowship needs related to coronavirus
- c.** First thoughts regarding online ABC, possible online AWC