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March 2020

2020 ABC/AWC News

Registration is NOW Open!!

Annual Business Conference

April 23 & 24, 2020

ACA World Convention

April 24 (evening), 25 & 26, 2020



The 2020 ABC/AWC will be held at the Renaissance Marriott in Boca Raton, Florida. You can register for the convention, book a room and purchase meals from the [Convention Website](#). The prices for meals and registration will increase as we get closer to the convention. Registering early will not only save you money, but will also help WSO and the Local Host Committee out tremendously with the planning process. We can't wait to see you in Boca Raton!

[ACAWorldConvention.org](#)

Please check this website often! The latest news for Delegates and Attendees will be posted there. New articles have been posted for Ballot Proposals, Delegate Orientation, and ABC Chair Nominations. Soon there will be announcements for Delegate Training sessions, a Remote Delegate Guide, the Convention Mobile App and much more!

Vote on the 2020 ABC Ballot Proposals by March 31st.

On January 15th, meetings, Intergroups, and Regions worldwide were sent a mailing with information about the ABC Ballot. This is your group's opportunity to vote on whether or not you believe the submitted Proposals that will be included merit discussion at the upcoming Annual Business Conference. More information will also be available at that time on the ABC Ballot Prep Committee page of the [acawso.org](#) website. Any questions may be emailed to bpc@adultchildren.org.

Each Meeting and Intergroup Designates a Delegate

All Delegates, whether in attendance or remote, must register first at [acaworldconvention.org](#).

The business of the WSO is conducted at the ABC primarily by the Delegates, who are chosen by their group to be their representative. Some information about becoming a Delegate – the role and responsibilities – may be found on the [Delegate Training Page](#). This page will be updated periodically, so refer back, as needed.

ABC Offers Remote Voting – Register by April 5th

Even if your meeting cannot send a delegate to the ABC in FL, a Delegate can still participate in the ABC. Your group's voice is important! Remote Delegates still have to register through the [Convention Website](#). You will need your meeting's WSO Number, which can be found on the [Meeting List](#). The deadline for registering as a Remote Delegate is April 5th.

Trainings, and opportunities for questions and answers, will be available in the weeks leading up to the ABC. As mentioned above, all delegates may find pertinent information on the [Delegate Training Page](#).

Delegate Training Dates for the 2020 ABC (In-person and Remote Delegates)

Training is scheduled for the following dates:

Sunday, Mar 29 at 12:00 pm EST

Saturday, Apr 4 at 10:00 am EST

Sunday, Apr 12 at 10:00 am EST

The training will be held via Zoom. Meeting ID: 240 253 240

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/240253240>

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ac3j5Blsoa>

QR Code for Ballot Proposals

Need a quick way to share the Ballot Proposals with group members? You can download and share a QR Code from acaworldconvention.org. Some groups have also printed it so members can scan it with their phone to quickly access the Ballot Proposal document. It's a great way to provide quick, mobile access.

WSO Information Technology

Our committee is looking for content editors. The technology skills required are being able to use a web browser and a document editor (i.e. MS Word, Google Docs, etc.). If you're interested in this service opportunity, please send an email to webservant@adultchildren.org.

Call for 2020 Annual Business Conference Chair Nominations

Nominations for the Conference Chair will be **accepted through March 3rd at 8pm EST**. In accordance with the OPPM: *"This decision will be based on the past experience attending ABCs as well as demonstrated ability to be effective in a role that requires a calm but firm demeanor."* **The conference chair will not have a vote as a delegate.** Nominations may be sent to abc@adultchildren.org; **please include a service resume.** The selected ABC Chair will announced to the fellowship by March 15th.

Service Committee – Pre Conference Ballot Proposal Review

The service network committee is hosting a pre-conference review and discussion of the 2020 ballot proposals. All Are welcome to attend.

Please join us on Monday April 6th and 13th at 8:00 pm eastern and Tuesday April 7th and 14th at 2:00 pm eastern via our standard zoom meeting.

We will announce a schedule for which proposals will be discussed once the voting results are announced in early April.

Contact Jim at svc@adultchildren.org with any questions.

WSO Diversity ad hoc committee

WSO has created a Diversity ad hoc committee. This is a follow up from discussions held during the 2019 ABC in Sweden.

Please contact secretary@adultchildren.org if you are interested in participating in this committee or for more information.

The Concept Study Group

The Concept Study Group is seeking volunteers to participate in a panel discussion on applying the 12 Concepts of ACA Service in your service work

during this year's AWC in Boca Raton.

Do you have at least one year of service experience in ACA, at different levels of service, such as WSO Board of Trustees, Annual Business Conference, Region, Intergroup, or local meeting? Are you interested in reflecting on your service work in relationship to the ACA Concepts – how do you practice the Concepts in your service work, and how does practicing them impact your personal recovery? If you are planning to attend the AWC this year and are interested in participating in this panel discussion, please send an e-mail to Karin S., panel coordinator, at kms.12step@gmail.com. Please submit any nominations and applications by 3/14/2020.

Address Notice

Please send all US postal communications and 7th tradition contributions to ACA WSO at PO Box 811 Lakewood, CA 90714.

Resource Spotlight

Tent Card Addressing Predatory Behavior is Available

A new Addressing Predatory Behavior Tent Card, intended to safeguard meeting safety, is available on the [Free Literature page](#), just below the Trifolds. Groups are encouraged to post this card in meetings, and to provide feedback on its effectiveness in protecting individuals and meetings from predatory behavior.

Fellowship feedback about the Tent Card is sought on or before November 30, 2020. Comments should be sent to liteval@acawso.org. Additional details about this project are available in this [fellowship announcement letter](#).

Featured Meetings & Events

Ready Set GO!! March & April Closed Registered Telephone Meetings

[Download Meeting Flyer](#)

35th Biannual Puget Sound/Seattle Spring Retreat

March 12 - 15, 2020 Seabeck, WA

[Download Event Flyer](#)

"The Problem is Me" Recovery Weekend

March 13 - 15, 2020 -- Bloomingdale, NJ

[Download Event Flyer](#)

NJ Intergroup Share-A-Day

March 21, 2020 Woodbridge (Port Reading), NJ

[Download Event Flyer](#)

Putting The "Promises" Into Action Workshop

March 21, 2020 Lauderdale by the Sea, FL

[Download Event Flyer](#)

2020 Annual Business Conference (ABC) & ACA World Convention (AWC)

April 23 - 26, 2020 -- Boca Raton, FL

[Event Website](#)

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[Submit Your Event](#)

Meetings - ACA WSO maintains a World Meeting List of registered ACA meetings that take place in person, over the phone or online, which is updated monthly. Visit the [Find a Meeting](#) page on adultchildren.org to search for a meeting, or for more detail on specific meeting types, visit the [Meeting](#), [Phone](#), and [Online](#) meeting information pages.

WSO Board of Trustees Teleconference

The ACA WSO Board holds its monthly teleconference meeting on the second Saturday, of each month, using Zoom, at 2pm Eastern Time. For more information, including agendas, previous minutes, the Zoom meeting ID, and telephone access numbers, please visit the [ACAWSO.ORG website](#).

7th Tradition

ACA WSO is grateful for your contributions that help us do that vital work. Check out our flyer titled "[Where the Money Goes](#)" to see how we utilize your contributions to carry the ACA message around the world. Please consider making a monetary contribution to help the next ACA receive the gift of recovery. Contributions can be made [online](#), by calling at 562-595-7831, or by mail payable to ACA WSO, PO Box 811 Lakewood, CA 90714

Twelve Concepts of Service - Concept #3

“As a means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relationship between the ACA meetings, the ACA WSO Board of Trustees, and its staff and committees, and thus ensuring their effective leadership, it is herein suggested that we endow each of these elements of service with the traditional Right of Decision”.

The right of decision as defined herein refers to:

- 1) the right and responsibility of each trusted servant to speak and vote his/her own conscience, in the absence of any contrary mandate, on any issue regardless of the level of service;
- 2) the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the Commitment to Service will be followed by trusted servants in decision making;

3) delegates to the Annual Business Conference are trusted servants and therefore equally guided by the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and the Commitment to Service;

4) standard practice that decisions made by subcommittees are subject to the authority of the service body which creates its mission and defines its parameters.

[12 Concepts of Service here.](#)

ComLINE

Adult Children Sharing Experience, Strength, and Hope

The ComLINE is a quarterly publication from ACA WSO where members from throughout the fellowship share their experience, strength, and hope on the 12 Steps, Traditions and Promises. [View current and back issues here.](#)

Daily Meditation Emails

ACA WSO also publishes a daily email with the Meditation of the Day from the book "Strengthening My Recovery". You can sign up to receive the [meditation email here](#). You will need to sign up for this separately from The Traveler Newsletter email.

Traveler Submissions

The Traveler Newsletter is an email publication, scheduled to be released at the beginning of each month, which highlights ACA service news and events. If your service committee, intergroup, region, or group would like to submit news to The Traveler, please visit [The Traveler](#) page for more details.

About Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

ACA is a worldwide 12 Step / 12 Tradition program of recovery dedicated to people who were raised in dysfunctional families. ACA does not seek to assign blame to parents or caretakers, but we seek to understand the reality of how family dysfunctions affected us as children and still affects our adult behavior today.

Family dysfunction can include alcoholism, abandonment, neglect, or any type of addiction or abuse. ACA is synonymous with ACoA & Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families.

For more information visit: www.adultchildren.org



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