



**Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families  
World Service Organization**

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**MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE AGENDA  
March 14, 2020 2PM Eastern**

THIS IS A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH NOTICE GIVEN ON THE ACAWSO WEBSITE AND THE TRAVELER NEWSLETTER  
Please notify the secretary with changes, additions, or motions for this meeting.

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- A. Call to Order**
- B. Roll Call of Board Members**
- C. Quorum established**
- D. Guest Introductions**
- E. Tradition Three:** The only requirement for membership in ACA is a desire to recover from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family.
- F. Minutes:**
  - a. Motion to approve the Feb 8th, 2020 Teleconference Minutes (Jim B)  
**Second:**  
**Discussion:**  
**Decision:**
- G. Chair Report – Charlie H**
- H. Treasurer’s Report – Bill D**

I. **Committee Reports:** *All reports can be found on the business website: <http://acawso.org>*

1. **Executive Committee:** David McB.
2. **Archive Committee:** Marcia J.
3. **Finance Committee:** Bill D
4. **Literature Committee:** Charlie H.
5. **Member Services Committee:** Carole C.
6. **Public Services Committee:** David McB
7. **Hospitals and Institutions:** Rich R
8. **European Committee:** Majbrit M.
9. **WSO Office:** Nick C.
10. **DCOC:** Bill D.
11. **Service Network Committee:** Jim B.
12. **Information Technology (IT) Committee:** Sharon F
13. **ABC AWC Committee:** Miles C.
14. **Delegate Training Subcommittee** – Erin D
15. **Ballot Prep Committee:** Mary Jo
16. **OPPM Committee:** Mary Jo
17. **Nominating Committee:** Greg R.
18. **Diversity Ad hoc Committee:** Jim B

J. **Motions passed via Specific Concurrence**

**On Feb 14<sup>th</sup>: Motion: (Miles)** I move that we allow the IT team to set and start a discount code on the registration page for those applying and receiving a scholarship for the registration at the 2020 AWC. Scholarships to be given to the first 30 people requesting it. On a first come first served basis.

**Seconded:** Rich

**Results:** All in favor

**Background:** We have announced a scholarship on the world convention page and are collecting money for it on the shopping cart. There was a lot of discussion around how scholarships can be handled and how best to help the fellowship. We decided to keep it simple and offer this for AWC registration only. An email or request will be sent to the ABC chair and the person will be given instructions on getting the free registration.

**K. Motions passed via a Board Working Session on February 20<sup>th</sup>**

1) Motion (David) – To accept Majbrit’s design for the 2020 AWC

Seconded by Miles

Results: All in favor

Background: Majbrit has provided a nice coin design for the 2020 AWC. We will get a few quotes for the coin development as the next step and ensure we have some local manufacturers to avoid possible delays with China.

Special request for Majbrit to stay in the coin design role after she rotates off the board.

**2) Motion: (Miles) Require that candidates to host ABC AWC events affirm at the time they submit bid applications that they have read and agree to the Memorandum of Understanding.**

**Second: Charlie H**

**Results: All in Favor**

Background: This can be included in the actual Bid Application. This is to ensure there is agreement between the host committee and WSO about the scope of work needed and responsibilities. This can be done in an online application form or paper form if that is requested by an applicant.

3) **Motion:** (Charlie) Adopt recommended format changes for ABC discussion of motions, below, and specifically authorize the chair to delay consideration of motions to postpone, table, or call the question if doing so will enable the completion of group discussion of key points.

**Second: Miles**

**Results: All in Favor (Carole absent)**

**Background:** The proposed format guidelines will maximize open discussion and make it easier to achieve substantial unanimity while avoiding time-delaying wordsmithing debates and confusing procedural votes. This is intended to improve delegate experience, make it easier to achieve substantial unanimity, and keep delegate debates moving in a timely fashion.

Summary: This was reviewed and approved in concept by the ABC AWC Committee on Feb. 8. The goal is to improve the delegate debate experience, and also to better manage limited time,

by clarifying how we use Roberts and group conscience tools at the 2020 ABC. Most aligns with our current OPPM, but one change to the OPPM is needed.

In essence, instead of jumping straight into introduction and seconding of motions, we would do the following:

- 1) **Limit discussions of each ballot measure to 30 minutes**, beginning with the items that received the highest percentage of fellowship votes.
- 2) **Begin with 10 minutes of open delegate discussion**, so that we can have a sense of the group BEFORE a motion is introduced.
- 3) **Take wordsmithing and other detail debates offline** by tabling motions that need additional work before a final vote. Bring them back for a vote if differences can be resolved.
- 4) **Authorize the chair to “pause” motions to postpone, table, or call the question** except at designated times within the 30-minute discussion window, as these motions are confusing, time-confusing and tend to squelch discussion. *This requires an OPPM change.*

### **Flow Chart**

- 1) Secretary or other person designated by chair reads the proposed motion into the record.
- 2) Chair initiates 10 minutes of open discussion, with no motion introduced.
- 3) After 10 minutes, the chair asks for a show of hands to get a “sense of the group,” posing these three questions:
  - a. “If you strongly support this proposal in the form that it is written, please raise your hands (or paddles).”
    - i. If a strong majority raises its hands, the chair says, “I believe this motion has substantial unanimity at this time. I would invite a motion to approve this measure.”
    - ii. 10 minutes for additional debate and vote.
    - iii. If needed, minority opinion and a final vote
  - b. “If you strongly oppose the purpose of this proposal, and are unlikely to support it any form, please raise your hands.”
    - i. If a majority raises its hands, the chair says, “I believe this motion is unlikely to receive substantial unanimity at this time. I would invite a motion to postpone this item until a future ABC.”
    - ii. Up to 10 minutes for additional debate and vote.
    - iii. If needed, minority opinion and a final vote.

- c. "If you generally support the purpose of this proposal, but would require amending it before you could vote yes, please raise your hands."
  - i. If the majority either favors passage or an amendment, the chair would invite 5 minutes of discussion to identify what amendments are being requested.
  - ii. At that time, if issues are not resolved, the chair says, "I believe this proposal requires additional work before presenting it for a final vote. I would invite a motion to table it until later in this ABC, so that interested delegates can try to amend it as needed."
  - iii. Up to 10 minutes for additional debate and vote.
  - iv. If needed, minority opinion and a final vote.
  - v. Chair designates a time and place for follow-up small-group discussion on possible amendments.
  - vi. At a designated time, the measure is reintroduced if issues can be resolved during small-group discussions.
- 4) **Motion:** (Majbrit) To take the 100 plus German Yellow Books at the Estonian printer and start selling them on Amazon Germany

**Second:** Bill

**Results:** All in favor (Charlie was in agreement – but left before the vote. Carole was absent.)

**Background:** We agreed to do this after 6 months and that time has passed – it's been almost a year. We are paying for storage on these books. We have a general agreement to set a price of around 19 Euros. The local IG is selling them at 14 Euro. Germany has just about 131 of their books left. We will inform the German IG before moving forward. We will likely need to print more books due to the large German market.

#### L. Motions passed at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Working Session

- 1) **Motion:** (DCOC) That the board approve an order of 10,000 Hard Cover Strengthening My Recovery Meditation Books from Bang Publishing.

**Second:** (Miles)

**Results:** All in favor (Erin was absent)

**Background:** The office requested expedited approval of this order as inventory stock is running low. Since 10,000 is the largest quantity of Hard Cover Meditation Books ever ordered it requires full board approval. The attached quote from Bang is for \$21,184.00 plus shipping and was approved unanimously by the DCOC.

2) **Motion:** (Charlie) That the board approve an agreement between WSO and the Finnish Intergroup to print 500 Finnish Language Newcomer Booklets

**Second:** (Bill)

**Results:** All in favor (Erin was absent)

**Background:** This is a license agreement with the Finnish Intergroup to locally print and sell 500 Finnish Language Newcomer booklets. This is a one-time printing. A new request from the Finnish IG can be made and next time this can be handled through the executive committee.

**M. Coronavirus Discussion**

**N. Guest Comments**

**O. Motion to close the meeting:**

**Second:**

**Decision:**

**P. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting will be held on Saturday April 11th, 2020 at 2PM Eastern

**Q. Close with The Serenity Prayer of your Choice**