



## Ballot Preparation Committee (BPC) June 2021 Report

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### Mission

The BPC oversees the Proposal and Ballot process – educating the fellowship, calling for proposals, offering feedback, drafting analysis with the Board, encouraging translations, compiling a Ballot, eliciting the vote and comments, and tallying and announcing the results.

### Recent Activity, of Note

We began the month of June with a meeting to introduce ourselves and to generally chat about the BPC and its role in WSO. Here are some of our thoughts:

- We recognized our important role of educating members and groups about the Ballot process.
- It was suggested that the BPC be more assertive about combining similar proposals.
- That we promote alternatives for proposals – referrals to various Committees for subsequent action. Suggesting the creation of working groups to explore certain proposals.

We also discussed how the results of the proposal process may be interpreted by the ABC Committee as they formulate the agenda:

- Set a maximum number of proposals for the ABC agenda. Devise a method of selection.
- Create a vote result threshold, above which proposals are guaranteed referral to the Board.
- Fashion an agenda so that all proposals go directly to 'Discussion Groups/Breakout Rooms'.

Discussions such as this continued and crossed over into the ABC/AWC Committee.

All suggestions would have to be offered to the Board for adoption and may require changes to the OPPM to be instituted. These discussions are just a step along the path. Indeed, at our meeting it was recognized that some suggestions could take years to implement.

The BPC is obligated to announce the Call for Proposals on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Regardless of whether we have new concepts and methods in place, we will roll out the Proposal process. We can follow past practices, mindfully wording our announcements to smoothly incorporate any changes to the process.

We will continue to do our work on our Slack channel in the days ahead.

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#### For The Month of July

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- Prepare to issue our 'Call for Proposals' on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Set dates and develop the programming of the Proposal Workshops.
- Review and revise instructional documents on the BPC page at [acawso.org](http://acawso.org).
- Work with other committees to answer important questions about the Proposal process and the ABC experience.

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#### One More Thing...

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We will **not** be having a standing monthly meeting for the BPC, after all. We will meet as needed. Presently we will meet on Thursdays at 1:00pm Eastern, throughout July.

**If you are interested in being a member of this Committee**, please email us at [BPC@adultchildren.org](mailto:BPC@adultchildren.org).

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