

201	Yes	87%	Proposal 2021 – 10	Submitted by The ABC/AWC Committee	10
29	No	13%			
32	No Opinion				

Issue: We propose creating a task force to investigate whether the ACA Annual Business Conference (ABC) should be restructured. This task force would report to the ABC Committee and include ABC Delegates, Standing Committee liaisons, and other interested volunteers. The goal would be to gather information about whether the needs of the Fellowship are being met with the current structure, and if not, to develop recommendations to be submitted to the 2023 ABC for consideration.

Background: We believe it is important that the ABC work for the greatest number, across the globe. Some of the concerns we believe need full consideration are:

- By the very nature of having a Fellowship that serves groups around the globe, the ABC is challenged to meet the needs of everyone due to time zone limitations. Does the timing of the ABC agenda, based on the location of the in-person ABC, allow for the actual voice and effective conscience of our fellowship to be heard?
- Because of the limitation of attending in-person due to travel costs, the request to accommodate non-English speaking Delegates, and potential technology barriers, are effective discussions and decision-making less effective?
- Does a two-day annual conference provide enough time to conduct the business of WSO?

Resources/Implementation: We suggest that the task force operate under the supervision of the ABC Committee. We propose that it have co-chairs from the ABC and Global Committees with a request for liaisons from the following:

- Representation Equity and Accessibility
- Operating Policy and Procedure Manual
- Ballot Prep Committee
- Board of Trustees
- Finance Committee
- Information Technology Committee
- Global Committee (with representation of Global Central/West and Global East)
- European Committee

A goal would be that the task force be composed primarily of delegates along with liaisons from the above committees that have experience in operating WSO. The target date for the initiation of this task force is June 1, 2022.

WSO Analysis: The ABC is an essential element of fellowship democracy, and new challenges have emerged as it has grown in recent years. The ABC AWC Committee and Board agree that a long-term study of both the ABC and AWC models is justified and timely. The board believes that one combined long-term study of all relevant ideas is more efficient, and will yield more comprehensive analysis, than conducting separate studies of ideas cited in Measures 10, 11 and 12. The ABC AWC Committee will contact sponsors of these ballot measures and assess whether there is an interest in preliminary discussions that could inform an expected in-depth delegate discussion at the 2022 ABC. If delegates at the ABC approve a combined study about the ABC and AWC's future, they will be invited to participate in that process. If the board is instructed at the 2022 ABC to take a different approach, it will do so.

Comments: (Those greater than 50 words, per Ballot instructions, were truncated. Comments only referring to the group's voting results were removed.)

- a) We hope proposals 10, 11, and 12 can be combined into one item.
- b) Proposal 10 is the most clear and descriptive of the challenges to international participation in ABC and AWC, who may participate, and how the task force will operate.
- c) to be discussed together with proposals 11 and 12
- d) KISS principle; no more task forces or ad-hoc committees to do what duly-elected representatives of the Regions to the WSO Board are fully capable of doing; it ain't rocket science
- e) 10, 11 and 12 should somehow be combined into one big study because they each impact the other two in some way.
- f) I hope that the wishes The ABC/AWC committee will be respected. With written communication, even a Japanese person (me) who is not good at English can do it.
- g) This meeting would like to have ballot items 10, 11 and 12 joined together.
- h) Our "Yes" indicates that we agree that 10, 11, 12 should be discussed, but we also feel that, as the WSO analysis indicates, they should be considered together
- i) Proposals 10, 11 and 12 should be combined as they are closely related. Addressing them together will be efficient re time and effort to address concerns that have merit.
- j) We follow the Analysis of the WSO to organise one long term combined study instead of the establishment of a task force.
- k) WSO has planned to address this already. THANK YOU!
- l) We are in favor of 10, 11 and 12--ie in discussing the structure.
- m) We believe that this should be discussed. That does not indicate our support for the approval of the proposal
- n) Comment: Combine 10, 11 & 12 into one study.
- o) Based on inclusion of discussion of proposals 11 and 12 in the discussion.
- p) We agree with the WSO analysis that a broader, more sweeping study of the organization is called for, not picking off endless individual changes.
- q) Our group would urge the ABC to prioritize 'Representation Equity and Accessibility' in this matter
- r) In agreement with WSO that a broad look into the ABC process, procedures, representation, etc., would make more sense than doing arbitrary changes as suggested in Proposals 11 and 12 (although certainly online alternatives should be discussed by the task force).