

186	<b>Yes</b>	78%	<b>Proposal 2021 – 11</b>	Submitted by IG729, TEL0411, WEB0616, WEB0609, WEB0615	<b>11</b>
53	No	22%			
13	No Opinion				

**Issue:** We propose that We propose that the Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACA) World Service Organization (WSO) host an in-person/hybrid International Convention every five years. Furthermore, we propose WSO continue to host an Annual World Convention (AWC) virtually in the years between in-person/hybrid events. This proposed schedule is intended to encourage participation from all members, Intergroups, and Regions including those outside of North America and Europe.

**Background:** We acknowledge:

- Attending an in-person convention is a wonderful opportunity to meet people we have only seen in virtual rooms.
- Annually scheduling time away from home/job can be difficult and cost prohibitive, especially for those traveling outside their geographic area.
- Planning an annual in-person or hybrid event is time consuming, labor intensive, and logistically taxing on the small number of active volunteers within the WSO and the host committee.
- Global membership is growing exponentially.
- It is important to eliminate barriers to global participation. This includes the cost and challenges of acquiring necessary travel documents. It also requires proactive solutions to the problem of time zone differences.

We believe implementing this proposal will:

- Foster fellowship unity by reducing the number of in-person events and coordinating more virtual events; allowing all groups within our global community to host events.
- Save money on travel and boarding costs for the Board of Trustees.
- Save money on contracts and equipment needed for annual in-person conventions.
- Allow additional funds for ACA to invest in fellowship development such as: literature, translation services for global members, technology, engagement, etc.
- Allow additional planning time for consideration, group conscience agreement and collaboration between Meetings, Intergroups, Regions and WSO.
- Provide regular, consistent virtual experiences for the entire fellowship.

We have no opinion on outside issues, and this will be a more environmentally friendly alternative to an annual in-person convention.

**Resources/Implementation:** Implementation of this proposal will encourage collaboration between Intergroups, Regions, Global members, and WSO. To assure the greatest success for this new format, the following is recommended for consideration:

- The creation of a sub-committee of the ABC/AWC committee, dedicated to both the annual virtual events and the Five-Year In-Person Convention/hybrid event.
- To promote global participation and thus fellowship-wide success of the new format, it is recommended that the ABC delegates form a working group to coordinate with the following committees:
  - Global

- European
- Representation, Equity and Accessibility (REA)
- Annual Business Conference/Annual World Convention (ABC/AWC)
- Operating Policy and Procedures Manual (OPPM)
- Define time frames for recruitment of Intergroups and Regions to host both the in-person/virtual convention and the annual virtual events.

**WSO Analysis:** Both the Annual World Convention and Annual Business Conference have grown dramatically in the last six years, and each now has global participation. 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 approve a combined study about the ABC and AWC's future, delegates 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.
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- i) 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.
- j) 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
- k) We follow the Analysis of the WSO to organise one long term combined study instead of the establishment of a task force.
- l) WSO has planned to address this already. THANK YOU!
- m) We are in favor of 10, 11 and 12--ie in discussing the structure
- n) We believe that this should be discussed. That does not indicate our support for the approval of the proposal
- o) Comment: Combine 10, 11 & 12 into one study.
- p) Based on inclusion of discussion of proposals 11 and 12 in the discussion.
- q) We agree with the WSO analysis that a broader, more sweeping study of the organization is called for, not picking off endless individual changes.
- r) Our group would urge the ABC to prioritize 'Representation Equity and Accessibility' in this matter

s) 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).