

Concept 2 & 6 Study: Intro Note and Draft Agenda

Thank you for participating in a study of ACA's Concepts 2 and 6, which holds its first meeting Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7-8:30 pm. This study was authorized by the 2022 Annual Business Conference.

This letter contains a suggested agenda for our first meeting, as well as some introductory thoughts about this study. Zoom information is below the draft agenda.

The opening meeting will contain some base-setting activities, such as setting discussion ground rules, reviewing the ABC motion and the Ballot Proposal that led to it, and beginning to think through how the group wants to structure the study. It might also be worth a brief discussion of the Concepts as a whole, and how much experience each of us has in using the Concepts.

A couple of requests for before Thursday night: First, please review the agenda. Unless we conclude other topics quickly, we are likely to table Item 9, the initial review of Concept 2, until our second meeting.

Also, please visit the Concepts_2_and_6_study channel in Slack before Thursday's meeting, especially if you feel at all shaky in your knowledge of the 12 Concepts of Service. There are number of valuable resources there. These include a comparative chart of how Concepts 2 and 6 are written in seven different 12-Step fellowships. There also are links to other sources about the 12 Concepts, including a remarkably comprehensive and accessible 3-minute animated video from AA in the United Kingdom.

Draft agenda for first meeting

- 1) Welcome and Serenity Prayer (5 minutes)**
- 2) Three Readings by volunteers (5 minutes)**
 - a. Tradition 1 and Meditation
 - b. Tradition 2 and Meditation
 - c. Commitment to Service
- 3) Brief self-introduction of members, including why we joined this study (10 minutes)**
- 4) Discussion ground rules (up to 15 minutes)**
 - a. We would like to discuss a few basic ground rules to promote civility, group safety, and use of the Traditions throughout our process. These include a time limit for all speakers, and a "round robin" format in which each member has a chance to speak on a topic before any member speaks a second time.
 - b. Other possible group rules and norms for discussion
 - c. Select a meeting timer if we do choose time limits
 - d. Should all callers clearly identify themselves?
 - e. Any concerns about recording the calls?
- 5) Introduction to the Study (15 minutes)**

- a. Close reading and discussion of the final ABC motion, and board implementation resolution, which lay out the purpose of this study? These will be supplied separately before Thursday's meeting.
- b. What is the possible range of recommendations consistent with the ABC's guidance?
- c. Answer any group members' questions.

6) Framing the Study (25 minutes)

- a. Should we study Concepts 2 and 6 together, or as separate items?
- b. When we reach our conclusions, what should be our expected deliverable to the ABC?
- c. Should we consult other fellowships' Concepts as we study ACA's version?
- d. What other resources might be considered? Are there any resources we should all read?
- e. What is our anticipated timetable for drafting recommendations?
- f. Other questions?

7) Logistical and organizational questions (15 minutes)

- a. Do we need one chair for all meetings, or can we rotate the facilitator role?
- b. Can someone volunteer to take notes?
- c. Can we do all communicating within the Slack channel? And are all members included in the channel?
- d. How often should we meet, and is there a better meeting time?

8) Closing (5 minutes)

- a. Next steps?
- b. Next meeting date?
- c. Who will facilitate?
- d. Other?
- e. Closing Serenity Prayer

9) Meeting 2 Preview : a first look at ACA's Concept 2 (We are unlikely to have time to begin this in Meeting 1, but it is a resource for the conversation about framing our study.

- a. Possible viewing of UK overview video on AA's 12 Concepts (which are similar to ours)
- b. What did the Ballot Proposal find deficient about Concept 2?
- c. What are members' first impressions? Is ACA Concept 2 clear? Confusing?
- d. A comparative look at other fellowships: What is better or worse in other models of Concept 2?
- e. Review the Ballot Proposal's recommended changes for Concept 2.
- f. Group discussion: Initial broad conclusions.
- g. Do we have a shared sense of whether to maintain the status quo or recommend a change?
- h. Is further research needed to form a clearer conclusion? Additional resources?
- i. Other?

Zoom Info for Thursday call is also in the committee Slack channel, and on the ACA Committee Calendar.

Topic: Concepts 2 & 6 Study

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