



## **The Ballot Preparation Committee (BPC)**

*Member of the Policy and Structure Collaboration Committee*

### **Board Teleconference Report, for October and November 2022**

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#### **Statement of Purpose**

The Ballot Prep Committee (BPC) oversees the proposal process – educating the fellowship, calling for and developing proposals, encouraging translations, compiling a Ballot, encouraging the vote, and tallying and announcing the results.

#### **Recent Activity, of Note**

By October we had received 16 proposals from the fellowship. We generally sent emails in response, and specifically for those related to literature, which we felt could be addressed outside of the Ballot process, finding resolution for the submitting groups. Indeed, 4 proposals were withdrawn upon realization that either the Literature Committee was addressing these issues, or another channel for resolution was in place.

The Board asked for a type of ‘flowchart’ that would outline the process by which Proposals are received and end up being published on a Ballot. We created an outline/schedule. The Board was asked to fashion the WSO Analysis, to accompany each of the final 12 proposals. We are finalizing the language of those analyses.

We brought to the Policy and Structure Collaboration Committee a request to restore the threshold for including a Ballot proposal on the ABC agenda to the former standard of a 66.7% affirmative vote. In 2019 it was changed to 60%, a reaction to having only 2 of 14 Proposals voted onto the ABC Agenda.

Additionally, the proposals have been made available for groups that are interested in making translations. The timing for publication of the Ballot is January 8th.

#### **For The Month Ahead**

Here are some of our tasks ahead:

- Put together the Ballot for publication
- Create a survey to better understand how groups approach the voting process. Ask for comments and suggestions. Link this on the Ballot.
- Begin planning the Town Hall discussions, where groups that offered submissions may be directly asked questions by the ACA fellowship.

**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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