

## ABC AWC Study sub-committee

During the 2022 ABC a motion passed with 92% in favor

The motion stated: I move to direct the ABC AWC Committee to coordinate an in-depth and inclusive study regarding possible changes to the ABC and AWC structures. The study will consider all fellowship viewpoints, and all delegates and members of the fellowship will be invited to participate. Findings will be presented to the 2023 ABC, and regular updates will be provided to 2022 ABC delegates and the fellowship.

This is a summary of the work begun by the ABC AWC Committee in reply to this motion.

The ABC/AWC committee was focused on planning the first Quarterly meeting during Sept and October. On October 30 the Chair of the ABC AWC Committee reached out to 26 members who expressed an interest serving on the ABC AWC study sub-committee. An ABC AWC Study Sub-Committee Slack channel [abc\_awc\_study] and an email address [abcstudy@adultchildren.org](mailto:abcstudy@adultchildren.org) were created.

The sub-committee has convened two meetings. The sub-committee consists of 12 participants thus far representing US, UK, South Africa, Faroe Islands and Canada. Some of the participants are new to WSO service and others have participated in many annual meetings and WSO committees. It is important for the success of the in-depth and inclusive study to have diverse representation we are soliciting additional participants.

Starting with the basics: identify participants and started to define the purpose and scope of ABC AWC Study subcommittee. Next steps are to examine scope of questions in the Study.

Meetings minutes and recordings can be found on the Slack Channel “ abc\_awc\_study”. To join the Channel, please contact the ABC AWC Committee Chair at [abc@adultchildren.org](mailto:abc@adultchildren.org) or study chair at [abcstudy@adultchildren.org](mailto:abcstudy@adultchildren.org)

During the first meetings many questions were explored. Next we will prioritize and characterize these questions and attempt to identify short term and long term goals. Below is a list of some of the topics we will be exploring – COME JOIN US!!!

1. How has combining AWC with ABC's contributed to increasing attendance at ABC's?

2. What is the difference between the ABC and AWC?
3. What are the main purposes of the ABC? ( from concepts and by-laws)
4. What are the five biggest pain points in the current ABC?
5. Pros and cons of separating AWC from ABC?
6. Should AWC precede the ABC to build awareness of the ABC to the general fellowship, or visa versa?
7. The OPPM states ABC happens in April, why is this? Pros and cons of changing the date?
8. How is the ABC organized? If the AWC is separated from the ABC's what existing committee of the WSO is best suited for taking over planning of the AWC? Collaboration Committee's ?Workshop Subcommittee? Conference Charter?
9. How is the agenda set, by the committee, the delegates or a combination?
10. If the ABC's are separated from the AWC's, should an independent ABC planning committee be created to plan ABC agendas and Conferences?
11. Will the work of Collaboration or Delegate Engagement channels suggest a Fellowship oriented Planning method to manage ABC business?
12. How wide a net should be cast in considering the restructuring of the ABC?
13. Should the changes to the Ballot Prep Process be considered?
14. What is the frequency and method of ABC – in-person, zoom, hybrid?
15. How best to poll opinions of the fellowship? subscribers to the Traveler? online opinion survey?
16. How can we capture the opinions of the thousands of members that are not current delegates or Traveler readers?
17. What core business should be addressed at ABC?
18. How do sections of the OPPM, Concepts of Service, etc., affect the outcome of the sub- Committee's work?
19. Can intergroups and regions do more to educate the groups they serve and promote participation in WSO and ABC's?
20. Should we consider renaming the AWC?
21. How much time should be given at the ABC for ballot proposal discussions?
22. How do quarterly meetings affect the ballot prep process?
23. How do quarterly meetings change delegates' role as trusted servants?
24. What are the needs created by global participation? Does current structure fill the needs of a global fellowship?
25. Compare and Contrast – ABC (Annual business conference) and QDM(Quarterly delegate meeting)?