

2013 ABC Denmark

The Pamphlets *Good Enough Group* and *Cross Talk* were approved by the delegates to sell.

Mary Jo sought approval to not review the Meditation Book for one year by the Fellowship, which is common practice for new literature. She proposed that it be posted on the website for circulation there for 90 days, and any subsequent corrections or comments be handled, then production can begin. This was approved unanimously by the delegates.

Per Jim: We shall make efforts to create a piece of literature with suggestions on creative ways to implement workbook studies (2013-8)

2014, Deerfield Illinois

**That the literature available within the ACA fellowship on the Basic 5 Needs and the six essential recovery tasks be made open for discussion within ACA, in order to have it approved and integrated as part of the official fellowship (conference approved) literature.**

**Motion Carried 15 yes, 7 no (22)**

Submitted by The Bronx, NY (NY084), Fridays 7 p.m., brought forward to motion by

**Al: That the WSO develop a piece of literature further elaborating the materials briefly described in the first pages of the first chapter of the Fellowship Text concerning the other Laundry Lists and its implications for Adult Children recovery.**

**Motion Carried unanimously (26)**

#### **Proposal 2014-16**

Submitted by Madison, WI (WI076), 10:30, brought forward to motion by Marsha:

**To include in the 25 QUESTIONS, AM I AN ADULT CHILD trifold, how someone who was raised in a home with mental illness can grow up to have some of the same issues an adult child of an alcoholic has.**

**Motion Carried (25 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain) (27)**

#### **Proposal 2014-19**

Submitted by Grover Beach, CA (IG#076), 1st Saturday at 3:45 p.m., brought forward to motion by Phyllis

**Move to have Hospitals & Institutions Chair and/or committee develop and publish guidelines as a brochure for Intergroup use when contacting jails, hospitals, community mental health professionals, halfway houses, shelters, and prisons. This includes, but is not limited to, information about ACA, ACA literature, educational presentations, programs, and/or materials, volunteer speakers, and initial meeting leaders to be used to begin meetings where none exists.**

**Motion Failed (9 yes, 13 no, 0 abstain) (22)**

2015

**Proposal 2015-4** Submitted by Central Coast Intergroup (IG076) Move to have WSO upload all trifolds in unalterable PDF forms in all available translations so members worldwide can download them for free. **Motion Carried: 102 Yes, 20 No, 6 No Opinion (128)**

**Proposal 2015-9** Submitted by Polish Intergroup (IG602) We propose that ACA WSO will change the rules of printing and publishing of the translations of ACA fellowship text and Yellow Workbook so it will be allowed to print the translated books in the home countries (without limitation to one-time printing) in the case when costs of printing in the foreign country are significantly lower than printing in the US and shipping to the country of translation language. This is the case of Poland, where printing and publishing of the book is much cheaper than in USA. Of course the income from selling the translated books will still go to the purposes of ACA WSO. **Motion carried: 106 Yes, 14 No, 8 No Opinion (128)**

**Proposal 2015-13** Submitted by United Kingdom Intergroup (IG530) That the 2 Trifolds, ” 25 Questions, am I an Adult Child “, and ” ACA Sponsorship: Fellow Travelers” should be provided free by download from the ACA Website. **Motion Carried: 102 Yes, 20 No, 5 No Opinion (127)**

**2016, Delray Beach, Florida**

**No report of proposals on website**

**2017, San Diego**

**Proposal 3 – Passed** – We propose that the WSO create a workbook on “Becoming Your Own Loving Parent.” Activities, questions, and tools will be drawn from chapter 8, related parts of the BRB and ACA member suggestions.

**Proposal 4 – Passed** – We propose that the WSO revise BRB Chapter 11 and the sponsorship pamphlet for clarity and consistency.

**Proposal 5 – Failed** – We propose that the WSO of ACA, and the Fellowship of ACA, “go to any lengths” to adopt the 12 Steps of Tony A.

**Proposal 10 – Passed** – We propose change on p. 13 of BRB from “refrain from all prescription medication *use*” to “refrain from all prescription medication *misuse*.”

**Proposal 11 – Failed** – We propose that this additional sentence should be added directly after the sentence in the previous proposal: “We also recommend that the adult child guards against the misuse of any other substances or processes to self soothe the pain of a dysfunctional childhood (eg, work, food, gambling, sex, relationships, shopping, internet use, exercise.)”

**Proposal 12 – Passed** – We propose that “anti prescription medication use” comments, rather than a “misuse of prescription medication” comments, be removed anywhere the sentiment is expressed in ACA/DF official literature or amended to make it clear that misuse is the issue.

**Proposal 15 – Passed** – We propose that the fellowship would consider changing the first statement in The “Laundry List” to read as: “These are characteristics we seem to have in common due to being brought up in an alcoholic *or otherwise* dysfunctional household.”

**Proposal 16 – Failed** – We propose that ACA/WSO open up discussion among our fellowship to introduce Tony A’s ACOA 12 Steps to our membership as conference approved material.

2018, Toronto, Canada

### Literature Motions:

1. That the conference approve the pamphlet *Finding Emotional Sobriety* as conference-approved literature. **Motion passed.**
2. That the delegates declare “*Ready! Set! Go!*” to be conference-approved literature, beginning a 4 to 6 month process of fellowship review and resulting revisions. **Motion passed.**
3. Motion that the term dysfunctional families be incorporated more into Website, literature, books, etc. This **motion was postponed** because it needed more time. Discussion: This is better done through the literature committee. There is a lot of support for the spirit of the motion, but anything requiring a change throughout the literature is difficult.

### 2019 Sweden

2019-Literature Committee motion: that the delegates approve a proposed meeting safety card drafted by the Addressing Predatory Behavior working group.

Action: After extensive discussion, ABC delegates approved the following motion—that the Addressing Predatory Behavior working group convene at least two open discussion sessions, available to all volunteers, and revise proposed literature about victimizing behavior inside and outside ACA meetings. Following WSO board approval, the revised literature will be made available to the fellowship by September 2019, so that groups can test it and provide feedback to WSO. The working group and Literature Committee will incorporate fellowship suggestions as needed, and bring a final document back to the 2020 ABC for Conference approval.

### 2020 ABC Floor Motions

We propose that we direct the literature committee to create and distribute educational resource(s) that assist adult children with establishing healthy and safe boundaries. This was similar to a proposal on the ballot already and will not be considered as a floor motion  
Proposal 3 – ACA Preamble – Moved to breakout session Breakout room 1  
Proposal 4 – Literature Copyright Release Options - Declined – Note that the Literature committee reported that they expect to have an updated release form in the next few months.  
Proposal 6 – Literature for situations in which individuals or groups have not followed the traditions or principles of ACA Moved to breakout room Breakout room 3  
Proposal 8 – Additional Boundary Resources - Moved to breakout room Breakout room 2  
Proposal 9 - ACA beginners meeting handbook – Motion failed to proceed. This proposal was turned into a motion and originally passed. After a minority opinion there was a revote and the Yes votes went below 60% and the motion stopped.  
Proposal 10 – daily reparenting reader Passed  
Proposal 13- The "Alcoholic/Dysfunctional Families" part of the title on the cover of the Big Red Book

Declined to Board’s Motion that already addresses this for BRB and other literature

The results of the breakout rooms from the previous day were presented to the conference. The summary of actions is: 1. Proposal 3 - The ACA Preamble will be sent back to the Service

Network with comments so they can make updates and get more fellowship feedback. The passed motion is to send the Preamble back to the Service Network Committee for wordsmithing, with our workgroup's thoughts.

2. A motion on Proposal 8 around healthy boundaries passed and will be sent to the Literature committee. The passed motion is We move that we direct the literature committee to create educational resource(s) that assist adult children with establishing healthy safe boundaries.

3. The following Floor motion was accepted as time critical and passed, To create a committee to address fellowship safety for the immediate and continued purpose of providing guidance and resources to meetings transitioning between in-person and virtual meetings and addressing fellowship safety issues within all formats and venues during the current coronavirus pandemic and thereafter.

## Summary 2021 Ballot Proposals

Appendix A – Summary of 2021 ABC Motions 1 - We propose that in future printings of Chapter 19 in the BRB, the second personal share under TRADITION THREE (p. 503) either be deleted entirely, or be edited to remove any reference to the speaker's dislike of gay people. Passed - Friendly amendment passes to remove the idea of rework, in favor of simply dropping the passage entirely. Friendly-amended version reads We propose that in future printings of Chapter 19 in the BRB, the second personal share under TRADITION THREE (p. 503) be deleted entirely Passed - Friendly amendment passes to remove the idea of rework, in favor of simply dropping the passage entirely. Friendly-amended version reads We propose that in future printings of Chapter 19 in the BRB, the second personal share under TRADITION THREE (p. 503) be deleted entirely

2 - We propose that WSO add page numbers to the Kindle edition of the Big Red Book that correspond to the pages in the print edition. deferred to recent Board Motion - Motion (Charlie, Sharon Seconded): To revise or develop Amazon Kindle editions of ACA literature so that they correspond to the same page in hard copy publications.

We propose that WSO develops a 12 & 12 (similar to the AA 12 & 12) book with each Step and Tradition condensed to something that could be read in 15 – 20 minutes, in a format designed to be used as the basis for the common Step/Tradition/Topic/Share meeting cycle, but not limited to just this use. Did not pass

9 - We propose that a Topic book that covers the very unique and specific challenges that ACA deals with be developed. Ideally this would be in a format that each individual topic could be read in 15 – 20 minutes, so can be used as the content of a topic meeting. Referred to the Board - This was not discussed at the ABC due to time constraints 10 –

We propose that a pamphlet/trifold be developed to outline/describe the significant differences between the ACA fellowship and other 12-step programs. Specifically that: . . . Referred to the Board –

**2021 4** We propose that WSO assemble a committee—comprised (wholly or in part) by transgender, nonbinary, gender-fluid, and/or other gender non-conforming ACAs—to determine whether and how to make future printings of the BRB more gender inclusive.

**2021-7** We propose that WSO produce a version of the BRB and other literature where the level of language is aimed at junior high-school level rather than university-grade English, so that the content is more easily understandable to people for whom English is a second language, rather than their mother tongue.

Referred to Board without discussion:

- assemble team to work on gender inclusive language
- produce jr. HS level BRB
- write a topic book of 15 minutes per topic

**2021-6 .**

**Final Motion passed:** We move that a new literature subcommittee begin planning a revised edition of the Big Red Book, with new testimonials and updated content, to be more inclusive of all experience of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion/spirituality, and a broader range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.

2022 ABC, Online

[The following two proposals were not sent to a vote because delegates voted there was no form of the proposal that they would approve as a motion.]

Proposal 2022 – 1 Submitted by: CA1312 Issue: We propose that, upon signing WSO's 2020 revised copyright release, any (non-religious, non- treatment facility) pre-2006 anonymous ACA/ACoA Twelve-Step program materials may be put up for direct fellowship review on the ACA Literature page of [adultchildren.org](http://adultchildren.org) for a period of three years, subject only to Literature Committee vetting for compliance with the ACA Twelve Traditions.

Proposal 2022 – 3 Submitted by: MA063 Issue: We propose that the ACA draft "Founder Tony A's Guide to Lifelong Recovery" based on the written and spoken words of ACA founder Tony A. The book will familiarize readers with his practices for working the twelve ACA steps. It will invite members to learn about and reflect upon their own experiences in light of Tony A's insights. The book's topics, readings, and questions will be structured for use at meetings and to promote fruitful sharing.

