

## Minutes: ABC AWC Study Subcommittee - 23 2Feb17

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*Our mandate was established by a motion from the 2022 ABC, which states:  
...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.*

We met on Friday, February 17th at 5:00 pm, Eastern.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86308923438>

Meeting ID: 863 0892 3438

Passcode: 90755

Opened our meeting with the **ACA Serenity Prayer**

Note our participants: -

Minutes from the last meeting, Feb 7th, are posted on our Slack channel.

**Motion to Accept the Minutes.**

Decisions/Motions from the last meeting, needing approval:

**NO MOTIONS** were carried at the last meeting, although we did edit the progress report for the Quarterly Meeting.

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### NOTE

The original agenda is included below.

Given the fact that we decided to turn to the Delegation at the Quarterly Meeting for direction on how to proceed with this study, continuing with most of our work was imprudent, since it hinged on a Delegate response. Instead, we returned to our Report for the Quarterly meeting an to clarify our statements. Two requests of the Delegates are identified:

- Were they in agreement with our interest in continuing the Study, given that the findings for the ABC will only be preliminary?
- Do they agree that a Conference Charter would be beneficial for the organization and would the Delegation want our group to shepherd it's creation?

With the Report reviewed and with clarity around our requests of the Delegates we were ready to advance to the Quarterly, which was meeting the very next day on the 18th. The agenda for that meeting afforded us only minutes to present our Report. And as it turned out, the Delegates had not received the original version.

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## *The Original Agenda for our Meeting:*

### Recent Business:

1. Breaking down the Outline\*, almost by sentence, so that participants may choose items which they feel are important to address. With a survey sampling, we prioritize the items to discuss - first... second... etc. We will talk about the issues, one item at a time, at subsequent meetings arriving at some type of conclusion. And we will have a document on our Drive where participants can add their comments and ideas.

\*The link is here - [W 23 1 8 OUTLINE: Issues for ABC Study.docx](#)

2. Results of the Survey. The selections were tabulated. We chose for shared interest among participants, as well as offering each person an opportunity to discuss they're top priority. The results are here - [W ABC\\_AWC Study - TOP Priorities.docx](#) . After we complete the initial discussions we will reassess and develop subsequent priorities.

Discussion: Are there any comments about the process or product? **TABLED until we get a response from the Quarterly Meeting**

### New Business:

Taken one at a time, we will have focused discussions of the OUTLINE issues. After going through the issues, we may choose to review our decisions.

1. Should this subcommittee address restructuring of the annual conference within the current service structure, only, or should it include identifying needed changes in the service structure?

Discussion: **TABLED until we get a response from the Quarterly Meeting**

2. What should be the scope of this subcommittee's study?

*[ABC Practices / WSO Service Structure / ABC Charter / Other 12-Step Comparisons]*

Discussion: **TABLED until we get a response from the Quarterly Meeting**

3. **How can this subcommittee attract more and diverse fellowship views to participate in the study?**

### Discussion:

4. ACA 's conference does not yet have a conference charter.

*[Should this subcommittee develop a recommendation for a charter?]*

Discussion: **TABLED until we get a response from the Quarterly Meeting**

NOTE: There were dozens more items in the original OUTLINE and we will work our way through them over the coming months.

Are there any parting words?

The meeting will end with the Serenity Prayer.