

A Report to the Quarterly Meeting on Feb. 18, 2023

From the ABC/AWC Study Subcommittee

Feb.7, 2023

The Report includes **ratified motions** since the last Quarterly Meeting of Delegates and **requests for concurrence** with subcommittee recommendations.

*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.*

Motions of the ABC Study Subcommittee

ABC AWC Study Group - Steering Committee Meeting - 22 11Nov25

This meeting continued in the direction of our initial meetings. There was general discussion of the scope of the work before us and the process by which we would arrive at some conclusions.

ABC AWC Study Group - 22 12Dec 3

NOTE: This meeting was held as a 'meeting within a meeting'. We met during the regularly scheduled ABC/AWC Bi-monthly Committee meeting.

1. Elect a Chair of the ABC-AWC Study Group (consider process matters for conducting meetings and business)
2. Summarize the necessary timeline for Study Group deliverables
3. Discussion about separating ABC from AWC
4. Date for ABC (By-Laws say 4th week in April)
5. Addressing a date for the AWC

Minutes: ABC AWC Study Subcommittee - 22 12Dec16

DECISION: We will hold meetings twice per month, at 11:30 am eastern on the first Tuesdays of the month, and on the third Fridays at a time suggested by the Global Committee (and at 5:00 pm eastern for this January, as backup). We will be open to change this in 2 months (March). The vote was unanimous.

NOTE: For East Asia a good time for meetings could be between 9 and 11 pm eastern. Research needed.

DECISION: Motions adopted at meetings of this group will be enacted, contingent upon the approval of the subsequent meeting. Between those two meetings, any recordings, minutes and discussions about the motion would be encouraged on Slack. This will be reviewed in 3 months.

**This will be reviewed for language clarity to mean 'procedural' motions.*

DECISION: Establish a webpage

Our mandate requires that we invite participation and provide fellowship updates, both of which could be achieved with the use of a web page.

In keeping with the decision to utilize Slack as a place for discussion, we will explore the possibilities of establishing a public space on Slack, beyond our private channel.

No one objected to the idea of establishing a web page. The page will be established by consent.

Minutes: ABC AWC Study Subcommittee - 23 1Jan3

Decisions/Motions: All previous decisions were ratified in full.

MOTION: We move that the study of each, the ABC and the AWC, be separated into two independent studies, as two individual events, since requiring members interested in one study to have to participate in the other doesn't make any sense. *Upon passage of this motion, we ask that the ABC/AWC Standing Committee implement this motion to separate the studies.* Mary Jo L. Seconded by Marcin; Amended by Brad H

Vote was taken. Motion accepted unanimously. Will be offered for ratification on Friday.

- How does this impact the current Study group? Are we dissolved? Are we in limbo?
- Do we split our roles (John/Jim)? [Both of us interested in the ABC side]
- It's up to the ABC/AWC Committee to decide how the AWC side is organized.

NOTE: Brad H. offered to draft an outline for the next meeting identifying some of the issues we have discussed here. Discussion will continue.

Minutes: ABC AWC Study Subcommittee - 23 1Jan20

Motion: That we establish a public channel on Slack where people can ask questions and hopefully get a response. Jim R. Seconded by John R

All present are in favor of establishing a public channel (pending approval of the next meeting)

The motion from the last meeting, needing approval, was ratified

NOTE: Using the Outline created by Brad, by indicating preferences on Slack, the group will prioritize the various issues to be discussed. Additionally, we will develop a document on our Drive where participants can add their comments and ideas. We can talk about the issues, one item at a time, at subsequent meetings and arrive at some type of conclusions.

Requests of the Delegates

1. The work required to survey the entire fellowship and to report findings to the 2023 ABC could not be achieved in the few months from the formation of the

Subcommittee in October 2022 to the date of the 2023 ABC. Therefore, the Subcommittee recommends that the time for completion of the study be extended to the 2024 ABC. Do the delegates concur with this recommendation?

2. This subcommittee's work to date has focused entirely on the ABC and we recommended that the ABC/AWC Committee divide the study into two independent parts - the Annual Business Conference (ABC) and the ACA World Convention (AWC).
3. Some Twelve Step fellowships have a charter that describes the purpose, structure, and operation of their conference. This subcommittee believes that a similar document is needed for the ACA Conference. We recommend that the scope of our study be expanded to include researching and drafting a proposed Conference Charter. Do the delegates concur with this recommendation?