



The Ballot Preparation Committee (BPC)

Member of the Policy and Structure Collaboration Committee

Board Teleconference Report, for May 2023

Chair: Jim R

Members: Mary Jo L

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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

- The publication of the Ballot results (Apr 13)
- Committee Report to the ABC Delegation (May 6)

Highlights from the Ballot Prep Committee Annual Report:

We propose a major shift in the manner in which new ideas and suggestions arrive and are processed at the World Service Organization.

The current Proposal Process was established before Zoom was even a thing. It was in place before we had Slack. Before the Blue website. When ABC Registration could still be conducted by mail. Like with a postage stamp. It's time for a change.

Besides, the process has already changed. Presently, running side by side with the Proposal Process are the Quarterly Delegate Meetings. At those business meetings, a "proposal" could possibly be offered by a delegate in the form of a "floor motion", for consideration. We suggest making the Quarterly meetings part of a quicker and more Delegate-responsive process, instead of spreading the endeavor over the course of 9 months.

The ABC/Quarterly delegation is poised to take on more responsibility for the functioning of the WSO business meetings. More members could be involved. New processes could be considered. Contemporary technologies could be utilized to help the system function better.

A Floor Motion at the ABC

In conjunction with our report, a floor motion was offered to get some type of feedback from the delegation

On behalf of the Ballot Preparation Committee, we recommend that the Ballot Proposal Process is suspended for one year while the committee is reorganized and the delegates are tasked with developing a new process, as well as looking at other fellowship models for receiving fellowship input in partnership with the ABC Study Group (Mary Jo L.- IL712)

The Floor motion was discussed on the second day of the ABC. A transcript of the Question and Answer/Comment discussion will be available in the Minutes of the meeting.

After two rounds of voting, the statement, 'I am in favor of this motion as presented and want it sent to Worldwide Voting', passed with 56.16% of the vote. Since the motion did not receive 60% approval it did **not** go to a worldwide online vote and was referred to the board for further study.

We have since submitted a proposal to the Board outlining our perceptions of the journey ahead. In a meeting with the Board we explored a hybrid method of receiving proposals and mentoring an interested portion of the Delegation as to new processes with potential.

For The Month Ahead

Here are some of our tasks ahead:

- Continue to explore a transition plan with the Board, the ABC Committee and interested Delegates, to include a hybrid Ballot process.
- Fashion an announcement to the Fellowship outlining new proposal procedures. To be published on August 1st.

Last call, for being a member of this Committee, please email us at bpc@adultchildren.org.

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