

## Ballot Preparation Committee (BPC) December 2023 Report

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## **Purpose**

The BPC oversees the Proposal and Ballot process – educating the fellowship, calling for proposals, offering feedback, drafting analysis with the Board, encouraging translations, compiling a Ballot, eliciting the vote and comments, and tallying and announcing the results.

## Recent Activity, of Note

The Committee faced the task of responding to the groups that submitted proposals. In some instances groups with very similar proposals combined their entries into one. In other cases, proposals were withdrawn. Sometimes groups were asked to edit the language of the proposal for comprehension and clarity. Throughout the process proposals were scrutinized for global significance, adherence to our Traditions and Concepts and for legal concerns.

The Ballot will contain 12 proposals.

Presently, an analysis from WSO is being fashioned in response to each of the proposals. And, translation teams are offering their service in translating the Proposals into non-English languages. Both of these activities were begun as each proposal worked it's way through the process as opposed to waiting for all discussions with the submitting groups to be completed before moving forward.

A schedule for the subsequent activities for the Ballot Prep Committee is being finalized, including:

- Announcing the coming Ballot and process in mid-January
- Publishing the Ballot in late January
- Voting, beginning in early February
- Town Hall presentations (2 dates) from some of the submitting groups in mid-February
- The Vote closing in mid-April with the results published a few days later

Special commendation is offered for the incredible amount of work done by Mary Jo and Karin and the rest of the team.