MINUTES FOR ABC STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

3 September 2024, 5:00 PM Eastern US Time

These minutes were approved at the 10 September 2024 meeting.

I. OPEN MEETING

a. Silent Meditation/Serenity Prayer

b. Roll Call of Subcommittee Members

Present for Roll Call: Bradford H, Jim M, Dove H, Marion M, Kelle J, Marcus H, Kaz S, Bill D. **Joining Later**: Sue V, Josh W, Charlie H, and Carole C.

c. Introduction of Guests

Ken R

II. REVIEW AGENDA

Motion to Approve Agenda

Bill D moved, Dove H seconded, to approve draft agenda. Motion adopted without objection.

III. READING

ACA Twelve Concepts for World Service

Read by Bill D

IV. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 20 AUGUST 2024 MEETING

Motion to approve by Kaz S, seconded by Kelle J, adopted without objection.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 27 AUGUST 2024 MEEETING

Motion to approve by Kaz S, seconded by Kelle J, adopted without objection.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Report from Sustainability Study Group

Oral report presented by Josh W and Marion M. Text of report posted in Slack channel follows:

For the ElectionBuddy results -- see the below charts (and underlying Excel if you care to dig into it)

(The first chart was provided by Brad L, which I validated; the second chart is a different way of slicing the same underlying data that I created) The two ways of doing it support each other and tell the same take-away story: the 2 topics that rise to the top are

- *How to make the Conference be more Delegate-driven and Delegate-organized?*
- *Educational forum to understand the importance or impact when delegates self organize and how it works in other 12 step organizations*

b. Report on Open Slack Channel for This Subcommittee

Bradford H reported that a request for approval has been submitted to the ABC Committee. Marcus H confirmed that it will be on their next meeting agenda.

c. Discussion/Vote on Draft Membership and Participation Policies

Motion to approve by Kaz S, seconded by Kelle J. Dove H asked a question that was answered by Kelle J. Bill D objected to placing any restraints on membership in this subcommittee. Marcus H expressed concerns. Kaz S expressed concerns. Bradford H shared a section of the OPPM on the topic. Charlie offered comments. Josh offered comments. Kelle offered comments. Carole offered comments. Marcus offered more comments. Sue V offered comments about the importance of being able to make informed decisions. Marion offered comments about members not being prepared by reading the available information before the meeting. Bill D asked a question that was answered by Kelle J. Bradford H commented that these are guidelines with provisions for exceptions. Josh expressed a desire for firm boundaries. Bradford H expressed an opinion that members should be trusted to decide for themselves whether they are prepared to make an informed decision. Josh reiterated that the boundaries should be "spelled out". Kelle J offered comments. Charlie offered further comments supporting explicit boundaries such as the absence of specific time limits. Carole C offered further comments. Kelle offered further comments.

Motion to amend by Josh W, seconded by Marcus, to change "50%" to "3 out of the last six". Following brief discussion, this motion was adopted.

Motion to amend by Josh W, seconded by Bill D, to insert 3 minutes for timed comments.

> Kaz moved to amend Josh's motion by changing the 3 minutes to 2 to 3 minutes. This motion was seconded by Bill D. During discussion, Sue offered a comment. Charlie reiterated his opinion of the value of specific time limits. Marcus offered further comments supporting the absence of specific time limits. Carole agreed with Marcus and Sue. Following discussion and vote, Kaz's motion to amend Josh's motion failed.
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> Charlie moved to amend Josh's motion from 3 minutes to 2 minutes. Charlie's motion failed for lack of a second.

The Chair asked if there was further discussion on Josh's motion to insert 3 minutes for time limits. Hearing none, the Chair called for debate on Josh's motion. Bradford H offered debate against the motion. Kelle offered debate against the motion. Charlie offered further suggestions for improvement of the policy. Bradford H reminded all members that we were in debate, not further discussion. Motion failed. Marion abstained.

Marcus moved to insert a provision that first time speakers on the topic or in the meeting would be given priority to speak over others. Kelle asked a question that was answered by Marcus. Motion failed. Bill and Marion abstained.

Marcus expressed concern about the term "round-robin". Sue expressed support for a better term than round-robin. Kaz moved to delete "a round-robin style for", seconded by Carole C. Charlie offered comments. Sue offered comments. Carole offered comments. Kelle offered comments.

At the invitation of the Chair, a motion to table this item was made, seconded, and passed.

VII. CONTINUE REVIEW OF [AA CONCEPTS](), RESUMING AT NUMBER 19
This agenda item was not considered due to time constraints.

VIII. RESUME DRAFTING CHARTER SECTION 2, PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE, PROVISION 2.04
This agenda item was not considered due to time constraints.

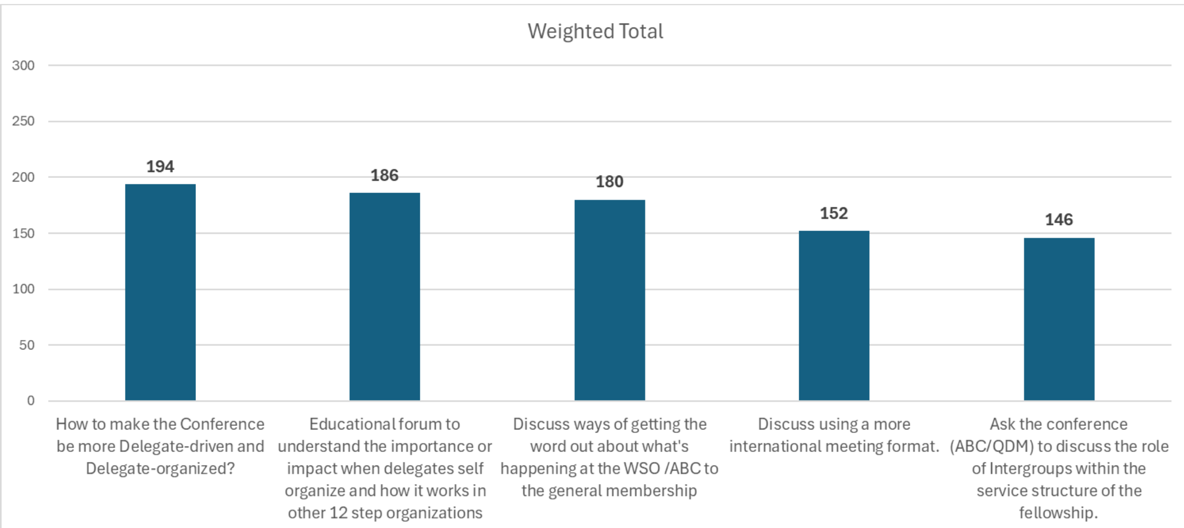
IX. BEGIN DRAFTING CHARTER SECTION 3, COMPOSITION OF THE CONFERENCE
This agenda item was not considered due to time constraints.

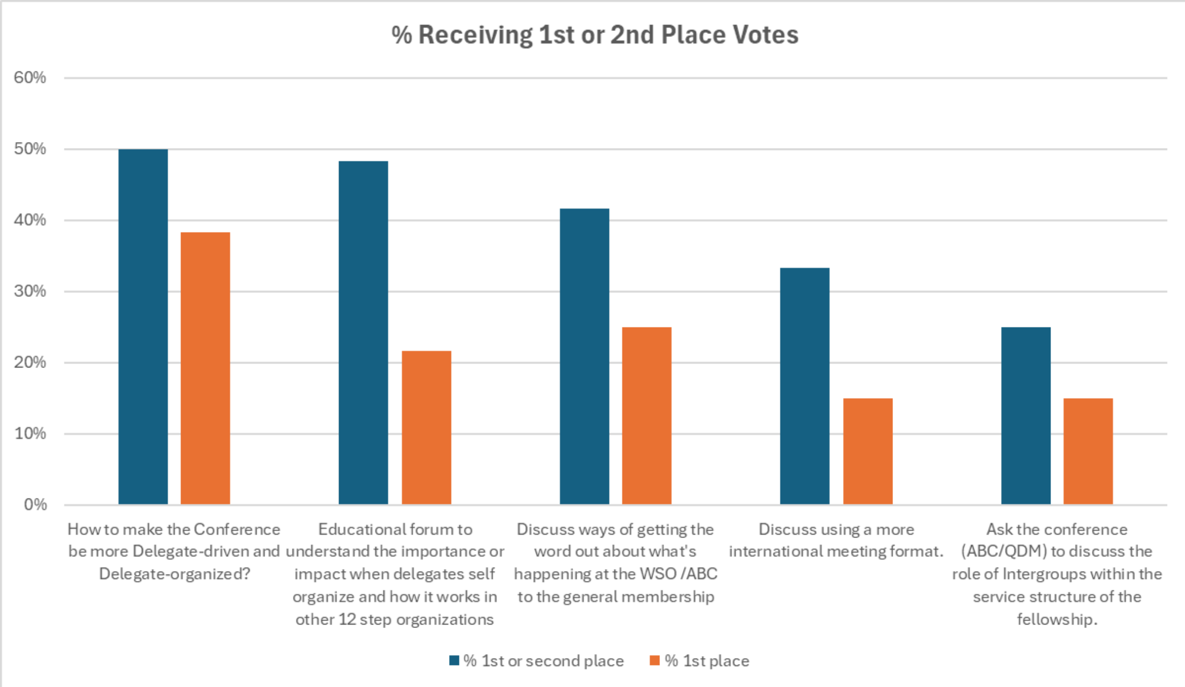
X. NEW BUSINESS

a. Requests for Future Agenda Items
No requests were offered.

XI. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn by Kelle, seconded by Kaz, passed without objection, at about 6:25 PM Eastern US Time.

a. ACA Serenity Prayer





Link to: Raw Data ElectionBuddy Spreadsheet