

ABC Committee Meeting Minutes

for March 29, 2025 12:30-2:00 pm ET US

Meeting ID: 875 8291 3615 Passcode: ABC2022

Upcoming goal of 2025 ABC: Delegate led conference – ensuring *growth* and rotation of service strengthening meeting planning without burnout

Intro

- 1. Serenity Prayer -Start Recording**
- 2. Introductions** Present: Kaz, Marcus, Marion, Charlie, Dove, William
- 3. Readings**

Commitment to Service, Concept III

Group Conscience

Limit comments to 2 min

One comment per Agenda Item

Those that have not spoken are given priority

Request volunteer to act as timer

Active working Committee members discuss and vote (3 meetings in last 2 months)

4. Review and Approval of Agenda: Approved as written

5. Approval of Minutes March 15th: Approved as written

6. Minutes of Business Agenda

1) Preparation for ABC

A) ABC Agenda

a) Report from Agenda Working Group -

Rough Outline of Agenda item times and priority

General acceptance of Approximate times and likely priorities (Day1, Day 2, possible Spillover) as presented from Agenda Planning Group.

It is likely the WSO Board will not bring forward at this time a motion on reaffirmation and acceptance of the motion passed at the February QDM.

Charlie and Marion from Sustainability Committee to provide a more concrete proposal for their motions, consolidating the presentations for the motions that will be submitted by Sustainability, to save ABC Agenda time and present this at the next agenda working session on next Thursday.

Rough Draft of 2025 ABC Agenda

Link shared the Draft Agenda now only contains the basic required items with no Motions more work will be done at the 4/10 Agenda Working Group meeting after final results of Ballot Proposals are known. And will be brought back to this Committee.

b) Best process to prioritize Agenda Items?

Marcus H.] 10:23:14

sent to Agenda Working Group

B) Delegate Portal/Guidebook

Discussion: This is a proposal for replacing the old delegate handbook document with something new, more accesable and more easily updated

Colloquial language was used in the proposal and a suggestion was made to replace that with two items: 1 “what to expect,” and 2 “how to prepare”.

A question was raised about how this proposal was actually different from the ongoing website redesign and a comment was made that it seems to be in conflict with that new design and that it seemed to be a duplication of effort.

It was suggested that this proposal be integrated and coordinated with the new website redesign.

Marcus and Charlie will work with Jim R and Mary Jo to inform them on the ideas from this meeting and how to integrate this into the website.

C) Positions

a) Status of request for paid secretary- not known at this time.

b) Conference Facilitators – at present Carmen B, William G-B, Marcus H

c) Professional parliamentarian-

For delegate (member?)training, he has Sat May 10 (day and evening), he can do an hour or 1.5 hours with q and a, twice for global inclusion.

Do we have other Asks? Meetings with?

Discussion: Comments on whether or not “straw”/non-binding poles/votes were in the OPPM. That Robert’s rules are modified by the OPPM and our Past Practice. We have used “straw”/non-binding poles/votes in the past. General consensus that we need to use “straw”/non-binding poles/votes. That we need to communicate this to the Parliamentarian either through a meeting or through a clearly written communication.

2) Delegate engagement - request for volunteers to setup Buddy System elicited no volunteers.

Motion to extend 15 minutes passed.

3) Slack - 2025-2026 Delegate Information Channel and a 2025-2026 Delegate Discussion Channel

Discussion: It was agreed there was a need for a description and/or guidelines for each new channel, but it was agreed there was insufficient time to create such instructions/guidelines.

There was a suggestion that discussion postings in the new information channel would be moved to the new discussion channel, however it was agreed that this could not be implemented immediately;

Charlie agreed to draft and post a description for the two new channels, but not to address possible guidelines for the information channel. Opening the new channels will be postponed or delayed until Tuesday at least until descriptions of the channels are written.

Prayer lead out in thankfulness