

Minutes ABC Committee Meeting

for August 16, 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: Carmen, Mary Jo, Laura, Pam, William G-B, Marion M, Dove, Marcus, Kaz, Courbet (guest), Alex (guest)

3. Readings

A. Commitment to service

B. Concept VIII

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 a timer and a note taker

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

4. Review and Approval of Agenda

Approved as Amended to include

“10) Sustainability Liaison (5 min)” and Conference “Book of Motions” added to 7) Delegate portal for September

5. Approval of Minutes for 7/5 /25 ([Link](#)), 8/2/25 ([Link](#)) meetings (10 min)

Approved as written 7/5/25 Minutes

Approved as written 8/2/25 Minutes with addition of Kaz listed as present

6. Business Agenda

1) Volunteer support/succession planning (15 min)

- a) Report on a project for statistics on fellowship participation in info/ballot/delegate meetings

Motion: That we approve for the Data Gathering Sub-committee the Purpose Statement: "To gather data and maintain a central repository of statistical information related to our conference business meetings. This includes, but is not limited to attendance, voting, representation and ballot participation."

Maker: Mary Jo Second: Kaz

Passed: Unanimous- 8 Yes , 0 No

- b) Trusted Servant Positions and Qualifications – Tabled until full document available

2) Report back from Motions Working Group (15 mins)

- a) Appealing chair ruling

Motion: That we submit the following motion to the process for a vote before the ACA Conference to be included in Conference procedures Motion: *A Delegate may appeal the ruling of the Chair or Parliamentarian. The appeal must be seconded by another Delegate. The Chair or Parliamentarian, and the Delegate who appeals, will each have up to 90 seconds to voice their position. The Chair will then ask for a raised-hands poll of the Delegates to determine whether the decision of the Chair or Parliamentarian stands or not. If 60% or more wish to overrule the decision of the Chair or Parliamentarian it is overruled.*

Maker: Marion Second: Dove

Passed: 6 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention

Minority Opinion Request for Re-vote failed with 2 voting they would change their vote.

- b) Any conference related changes to the OPPM must be approved by the conference

Motion: Any changes to Conference related sections of the OPPM must be approved by the Conference.

Maker: Kaz Second: Mary Jo

Passed: Unanimous Consent

- c) Motion on Conference scheduling principles – Approved to go to the Delegates at a previous meeting, no changes or additions.

3) September agenda

- a) Survey to delegates -

Survey has gone out to Delegates and all Groups. Email will be sent a few days prior to closing reminding of the closing date. Also that any information on Agenda items will be available in Delegate Portal.

- b) Motions to Board or to be posted

Motion on restructuring of ABC Study Committee will need to go to the Board as well as Conference.

Motion : Rename the ABC Study Subcommittee to be the Charter Committee and make it an ad hoc committee similar to the Concepts Committee. It should report to the Board and the conference. The balance of what the ABC Study Subcommittee was tasked with is assigned to the ABC Sustainability Study. All 3 committees (ABC Committee, ABC Study, ABC Sustainability) have independently agreed to this change through group conscience.

Maker: Marion Second: Carmen

Passed: 8 Yes, 1 No

Motion: to extend the meeting 7 minutes. Passed by unanimous consent.

- c) Deadline for submitting reports and motions for this CBM

Motion: That September 3rd be established as the deadline for submitting motions and reports to be included for the CBM.

Maker: Kaz Second: Pam

Passed: Unanimous

4) By Unanimous Consent it was decided the ABC Committee would meet on Sat. 8/30 at 12:30pm EST.

Meeting adjourned 2:11pm EST

5) Agenda Planning Working Group Possible change to Sub-committee (10 min)

6) Delegate engagement (5 min)

7) Delegate portal for September (7 min)

Conference "Book of Motions"

8) Triaging POIs ([Link](#)) (5 min)

9) Survey from ABC (5 min)

10) Sustainability Liaison (5 min)

11) Ballot Prep suggestion for deadline for submitting motions for CBMs (5 min)

Prayer lead out in thankfulness