

MINUTES FOR ABC STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 2025, 5:00 PM Eastern US Time

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- I. OPEN MEETING (5:00 to 5:05)
- a. Chair of the Month (Charlie) opens meeting
 - b. Serenity Prayer
 - c. Roll Call of Subcommittee Members X=Present; ☐=Absent)

x	Bill D		Josh W	x	Marcus H	x	William G-B
x	Carole C	x	Kaz S	x	Marion M		
x	Charlie H	x	Kelle J	x	Mary Jo L		
	Dove H		Ken R	x	Pam M		
x	Jim M		Laura L		Sue V		

- d. Introduction of Guests

II. REVIEW AGENDA (5:05 to 5:10)

- a. Motions to Amend Agenda
- b. Motion to Approve Agenda Bill / Pam ; No objections or abstentions
- c. Section Timer: Kelle until 6 pm
- d. Share Timer 2:00: Marcus
- e. Note Taker? Charlie

III. READINGS: [ACA TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE](#)

IV. MINUTES:

- a. ASSESS STATUS OF RECENT MEETING MINUTES; APPROVE AS READY. (5:11 to 5:15) Chair note: I don't believe the April 1 minutes are drafted. Charlie moves to table (Bill second); No objections or abstentions.
- b. UPDATED HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF APRIL 1 (ACTIONS AND SUBSEQUENT SLACK TRAFFIC) AND 8 (Resource for reading & reference; no action on this is needed)
 - i. 4/8: Continued to discuss Composition section.
 - ii. 4/8: Discussed possible resource document to supplement the ABC Study report. Authorized Bill to do additional resource and bring back a draft document.
 - iii. 4/1 Meeting: Unanimously voted to suspend rule (for one meeting) that dedicates 75 percent of time to Charter composition
 - iv. 4/1 Meeting: Reviewed and revised ABC report line by line and voted unanimously to approve.
 - v. Slack: After an additional period to review minor cleanup edits, the report was sent to the ABC/QDM Committee on April 5, the deadline for submitting ABC reports.
 - vi. Slack: There was a request to include a comparison document in the annual report. The discussion was resolved without a motion, and the document was not included in the report.

- vii. Slack: There was a follow-up request to add time to the 4/8 agenda to submit the comparison document as a supplementary supporting document for the ABC delegate handbook.

V. OLD OR TIME-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

- a. Motion to Submit Comparison Document as an ABC Resource Document (5:15-5:25)
Note: While a motion to extend this section must be entertained, the chair requests an up or down vote by 5:25 so that we can move on to Charter composition.

BACKGROUND: BILL REQUESTED SUBMITTING A SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCE DOCUMENT REGARDING CONFERENCE COMPOSITION, IN ADDITION TO THE ABC CHARTER STUDY'S REPORT TO THE 2025 ABC.

Action: Direct Bill to develop a document and bring back.

- b. Sustainability Study report. No report tonight, as the study group has not met since the 4/1 ABC Charter meeting
- c. Resume Drafting Conference Charter (5:25-6:25)
Finished through #14
Tabled #15 until after all others...
re-[START w/ #16](#) [is linked]

ACTION: Focused on questions relating to whether there should be some maximum of trustees, paid staff, and committee chairs in relation to Conference quorum, while noting that a significant percent of our Charter Study group does not agree that any of those categories should be granted voting status. Generally, there was agreement that there should be a maximum percentage (some felt 0 should be the maximum).

VI. NO ACTION TAKEN

- d. Discuss Charlie's [Report from 2017](#) [is linked] *Note: The chair suggests tabling as the time urgency of this is not clear.*
- e. Consideration of the ABC Study and/or Sustainability Study group as separate committee(s), possibly to involve direct discussion w/ Sustainability Study, and with ABC/QDM Committee. *Note: The chair suggests tabling until after the May 2025 ABC. Reviewing the committee structure in relation to the various ABC studies is now part of our goals for 2025-26.*

VII. CLOSING

- a. Motion to adjourn

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- f. What does the ABC (Charter) Study group mean by use of the terms "Conference decision" or "Conference final vote"? Do either or both of those terms mean the Fellowship **as a whole** has no role whatsoever in the intended process?
- g. POSSIBLE motion: to include a description in the Adult Children of Alcoholics charter to spell out the meaning of the inverted pyramid, a (possibly revised) graphic of the ACA inverted pyramid, and how, going forward, the internal service structure works in ACA in accordance with Tradition 9.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

VII. ADJOURNMENT (**6 : 30**) Motion: Seconded:

ACA Serenity Prayer