

BPC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

Committee
Ballot Prep Committee (BPC)

Inception Date	Sunset Date
May 2016	

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Statement of Purpose
The Ballot Prep Committee (BPC) oversees the proposal process – educating the fellowship, calling for and developing proposals, encouraging translations, compiling a Ballot, encouraging the vote, and tallying and announcing the results. (https://acawso.org/bpc/)

Bullet list of committee activities since the last ABC
<p>Activities/Tasks completed as of April 16, 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administered the 2025-26 ballot process as outlined in Section XVI of the current OPPM (https://acawso.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/wso_oppm_rev_2025_11_05-v2-1.pdf), with timeline adjustments necessitated by the unusual volume of proposals received ● Submitted a proposal for the 2026 Ballot, adjusting the timeline for the ballot process that could take effect for the 2027/28 Ballot season. ● Provided the January 2026 CBM with a Ballot Process Update about the 2025-26 ballot process and received feedback from delegates. ● Hosted 2 Proposal Q&A Sessions to provide the fellowship with an opportunity to get questions answered by submitting groups. Recordings of these Q&A Sessions can be reviewed at BPC Page ACA WSO. ● Received 153 ballots (total). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 comments received from individual groups that they did not participate in ballot voting due to the large volume of proposals. <p>Activities/Tasks to be completed as of April 16, 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tally Ballot Voting Results (April 15 - April 18, 2026) ● Publish Ballot Voting Results and remit same to the ABC Committee for consideration in ABC agenda planning (April 18, 2026) ● Create presentation materials for requested time on the 2026 ABC agenda to discuss the overall Ballot Proposal process (May 16-17, 2026) ● Possible Presentation to Delegates on Proposal 2026-24 on Adjusting the Timeline of the Ballot Process, pending the Outcome of Ballot Voting, which Remains Unknown at the Time of Writing this Report.

Tasks Completed

Committee Goals for the 2025-26 Ballot Season were Achieved:

- ***Our primary goal is to execute the Ballot Process for the 2026 ABC.***

The committee successfully executed the ballot process for the 2025-26 ballot season. An unusually large number of proposals were received this season, and elements of the process needed to be adapted to effectively manage the resulting workload. Accordingly, the committee requested approval from the Board of Trustees for adaptations of the timeline as outlined in Section XVI of the current OPPM. Approval for this timeline adjustment was granted by the WSO Board of Trustees per Motion 2025_10_04, passed in October 2025 and documented in the 2025 Book of Motions.

In January 2026, the committee delivered an update to Delegates at the CBM regarding the large volume of proposals received and requested feedback and ideas for how best to navigate the resulting workload, both for the committee itself and for meetings participating in ballot voting.

Another necessary modification was the adaptation of the traditional Ballot Proposal Presentations (usually multiple sessions, in which submitting groups were invited to offer brief presentations on each proposal, followed by Q&A from meeting participants) to two Proposal Q&A Sessions, in which all submitting groups made themselves available to answer questions from participants on their proposals. Recordings of both sessions were made and can be reviewed at BPC Page | ACA WSO.

- ***Develop new strategies for increasing the number of BPC volunteers.***

The Committee added two new volunteers to its membership in the 2025-26 ballot season.

- ***Continue review of the Ballot process and prepare recommendations to be submitted to Delegates for consideration.***

The Committee submitted Proposal 2026-24 for adjusting the timeline for the ballot process in the 2025-26 ballot process for review by the fellowship. At the time of writing this report, the outcome of ballot voting on this proposal remains unknown. During the Ballot Process Update delivered at the CBM in January 2026, as well as during the Q&A Sessions in March 2026, the committee received feedback from the fellowship including different suggestions for modifying the ballot process, specifically with an eye to handling a larger volume of submissions. Based on the feedback received and the experience of the 2025-26 ballot process, the committee considered different approaches to modifying the ballot process for possible presentation to Delegates:

- Motion to consider the WSO's role vis-a-vis the fellowship as "directly responsible to those it serves" - as the reason behind why we received so many proposals in this year's ballot process
- Discussion about capping the number of proposals individual groups (meetings, Intergroups, and Regions) can submit in each year's ballot process at no more than three (3).
- Invite discussion by Delegates on the following aspects of the WSO Analysis:
 - Timing
 - Helpfulness
 - Benefit to the Fellowship
 - Pros and cons of allowing rebuttal by the submitting group

At this time, the committee has decided not to offer specific recommendations to the fellowship pending further discussion with Delegates.

During this ballot season, it became evident that the ballot process at times carried broader concerns and perspectives from across the fellowship. While this reflects a deep level of engagement and care for ACA as a whole, it also highlights the importance of continuing to strengthen communication

pathways where all voices—especially differing or minority perspectives—can be heard with respect and openness.

In alignment with Tradition 2, a well-informed group conscience depends on access to a full range of perspectives. When space is created for shared understanding, it supports more balanced and thoughtful decision-making. In turn, this strengthens Tradition 1, as unity grows from a fellowship where members feel heard, respected, and included.

The committee recognizes that fostering this kind of environment is a shared responsibility across all levels of service. With this in mind, the BPC will continue to focus on its role in supporting a ballot process that encourages clarity, participation, and trust—while remaining open to ongoing dialogue with Delegates and the broader fellowship.

Goals for the year ahead

- Execute the ballot process for the 2027 ABC
- Collaborate with ABC, Sustainability, and other Committees in developing Conference procedures
- Implement modifications directed by the 2026 ABC, based on ballot voting and ABC motions
- If the BPC ballot proposal is passed (including the minority opinion), prepare an implementation plan for the new timeline.
- Recruit volunteers for the committee and the committee Chair role.
- Continue review of the Ballot process and prepare recommendations to be submitted to Delegates for consideration.

WSO Website - Repository URL of meeting minutes / reports

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