

2026 ABC Proposal 24

Yes	72%	93	Proposal - 24 Submitted by BPC (Ballot Prep Committee)	1
No	28%	37		
Abstain/No Opinion		23		
<p>Issue: We move to adjust the timeline for the ballot process: beginning with the 2027-2028 ballot season, the Call for Proposals will be issued at the Annual Business Conference (ABC); publication of voting results shall occur no later than the end of the year. The Ballot Prep Committee (BPC) shall be authorized to adjust the timeline between start and finish of the ballot process to meet the needs of the fellowship.</p>				

Background: The current timeline as outlined in the Operating Policies & Procedures Motion (OPPM) stipulates that the ballot process begins on August 1 with the Call for Proposals and ends on April 3 of the following year with publication of ballot voting results (OPPM, see Ballot Preparation Committee section). It was developed when delegates met only once a year, at the ABC. This motion adapts the existing process to make use of and consider additional Delegate Meetings now being held.

Resources/Implementation: If this motion passes, the OPPM or other process documentation governing conference operations will be updated to reflect this new timeline for the ballot process. The current OPPM further stipulates that proposals receiving an affirmative vote of at least 66.7% shall be added to the agenda of the ABC. By ensuring ballot voting is completed four weeks before the January delegate meeting, this motion, if adopted, would create a window for inclusion of these proposals on the agenda of the Delegate Meeting for preview and initial discussion. This will give delegates an opportunity to consult with their groups and return to the ABC with an informed decision about these proposals. As agenda planning mechanisms for the new delegate meetings are considered, an additional motion may arise to ensure proposals voted on to the ABC agenda by December are also included in the agenda for the January delegate meeting.

WSO Analysis:
Factors to consider:

- The purpose of the Ballot Prep Committee (BPC) is to oversee 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.
- The current ballot timeline places a significant portion of the review, editing, and preparation work in the final month of the year, when WSO is completing budget planning and many volunteers have end-of-year commitments.
- When the number of proposals is high, such as the 34 submitted this year, the volume of work required during this period increases.

Resources (for more background information)
[Ballot Prep Committee webpage](#)
[Operating Policies & Procedures Manual](#)

Optional Comments: Comments that only referred to a group's internal voting percentages were not included.)

- a) Finally a proposal worth discussing.
- b) consistent with the updated meeting schedule, and provides better voting process.
- c) "Yes, I support BPC and the BPC rationale. This has been an ongoing challenge. A few years ago, the timeline was extended. That has still been difficult for the BPC.
- d) We support BPC and the BPC rationale. This has been an ongoing challenge. A few years ago, the timeline was extended. That has still been difficult for the BPC. Voting should be completed by the end of January, not by the end of December. WILL NEED TO AMEND AT THE ABC!
- e) We found that the BPC's request is perfectly reasonable
- f) This proposal would make it easier for the delegates to have more time to discuss issues with their groups before the ABC.
- g) When the number of proposals is high, such as the 34 submitted this year, the volume of work required during this period increases.
- h) We think this would place too much strain on groups and delegates at the end of the year. Better for the votes to be closer to the conference. And it would be confusing for meetings to change the ballot voting time. Also, we do not like the wording of this proposal which would allow the ballot prep committee to adjust the timeline as needed. too much strain on groups and delegates at the end of the year. Better for the votes to be closer to the conference. And it would be confusing for meetings to change the ballot voting time. Also, we do not like the wording of this proposal which would allow the ballot prep committee to adjust the timeline as needed.
- i) Our group supports this proposal from the BPC to adjust the ballot process timeline based on their experience to best meet the needs of the Fellowship.
- j) "We are abstaining on all proposals. Our members found 1) the volume of proposals overwhelming; 2) some content confusing and duplicated; 3) no path to understand organization roles. Given this, we do not feel we have the specific knowledge or time required to vote with confidence."
- k) Needs definition. Felt insufficient information to take informed vote.
- l) Sounds like it may be a good improvement.
- m) Due to time constraint, the group followed a process of selection rather than going every single proposal in detail. This one was not chosen for discussion.
- n) The group was overwhelmed with finding time to discuss 29 proposals and chose not to discuss this proposal.
- o) Read Optional Comment - Proposal 1 (As a group, we did not have enough time to decide due to how late we learned about the proposals and also the high number of actual proposals.)
- p) The Ballot Process, leading to 29 Proposals, needs to be quickly repaired.
- q) Adjust for new considerations presented/made by Delegates. Provide information when received