

**2010 Annual Business Conference
of
Adult Children of Alcoholics**

April 23-25, 2010

**UUMC "Great Hall"
2915 E 5th Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA**

DELEGATE PACKET

April 23, 2010
Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA

To the Delegates and Visitors of the 2010 ABC,

Since 1983, trusted servants of our fellowship have come together each year to discuss the business and direction of ACA. The first business conference established a singular mission for the conference: to bring unity and consistency to the Adult Children of Alcoholics fellowship. This mission will continue to guide us this weekend as we discuss the feasibility and potential effects of four proposed items of new business.

The minutes of our early Annual Business Conferences provide an invaluable fellowship history and serve to remind us of the importance of decisions made here. In addition to formalizing the ABC mission, the first conference also appointed a five member committee to study all aspects of ACA's identity and primary purpose. The written reports of that committee in 1984, 1986 and 1987, became the ACA Identity Papers we know today. Those early ABC reports remain foundational literature of the ACA program, and as you will hear from our ACA Handbook Committee, were translated this year by ACA members in Russia.

Past ABC minutes allow us to observe the incorporation of the ACA World Service Organization, the opening of the central office, and the ongoing discussion of sponsorship, literature development, and policies and procedures of the ACA service structure. Unfortunately, by the mid-1990s, conference minutes also record declining ABC participation, declining fellowship revenues, and in 1994, plans to close the ACA WSO office. The rapid increase and decrease of early ACA membership is mentioned here as perspective for the annual reports to be presented at this year's ABC. It may well be that future conference organizers look back at the current period as the re-birth of the ACA fellowship, marked this time by more steady and sustained membership growth.

As many of you know, the World Services Office of Adult Children of Alcoholics was re-opened in February of last year and is presently shipping about 1,500 ACA Fellowship Texts and Workbooks each month. As a result, in the last year, fellowship revenues from literature sales topped \$200,000 for the first time in our history. Seventh Tradition contributions from registered meetings has also grown. Last year 113 groups contributed more than \$17,000 to help ACA WSO carry the message of recovery around the world.

And that message is indeed reaching adult children around the world. Translations of ACA literature are underway in multiple countries. The WSO Outreach Committee has noted increased information requests from individuals both inside and outside the United States. Likewise, ACA's Webmaster has reported increased world-wide meeting registrations as well as traffic to the ACA website from visitors around the globe.

Statistics for the 2010 ABC are equally exciting. This year, 107 groups voiced their opinions by returning a Group Conscience Survey ballot. These 107 ballots are a 70% increase from ballots returned last year, and may be the first time since the early 1990's that more than 100 ACA groups have participated in the ABC process. Ballots were returned from face-to-face meetings, telephone meetings, and Intergroups in 30 US states, and 9 other countries. The number of voting delegates pre-registered to attend this year's ABC is also up 100% from last year.

These are indeed exciting times for our fellowship, and I have been honored to be a part of our 28th Annual Business Conference. I thank everyone who took the time and made the effort to participate in the 2010 ABC, either by proposing business, submitting a group conscience vote, or making the journey to Tulsa to be a part of the fellowship's decision making process. And as we conduct our business this weekend, may we be ever mindful of the fellowship we serve.

Sincerely,

Rachele V. , 2010 ACA Annual Business Conference Committee Chair

AGENDA

Friday, April 23

- 4:30 pm Great Hall opens- (pizza and beverages available)
* pick up delegate packets and name tags
* meet other ACA Group Representatives and ACA World Service Organization Trustees
- 6:00 pm Opening of the 2010 Annual Business Conference of Adult Children of Alcoholics
* Welcome and announcements
* Open with the Serenity Prayer
* Read the ACA Tradition 1 meditation
* Review ABC purpose and role (OPPM Sec. XIX.A. and Concepts 6, 7, and 8)
- 6:30 pm Read the ACA Commitment to Service
* Recognize ACA Group Representatives in attendance
* Introduce ACA World Service Organization staff, Board of Trustees, and committee members in attendance
* Recognize other guests
* Elect 2010 ABC Chairperson
- 7:00 pm Overview of the 12 Traditions of Adult Children of Alcoholics- Omer G.
- 7:30 pm Presentation of the ACA World Service Organization Annual Report- Josie E.
* Presentation of ACA WSO Committee Reports (Treasury, Literature, Handbook, Outreach, Hospitals and Institutions, OPPM, Web/Database, and 2009 ABC)
- 9:00 pm Close with the Serenity Prayer

Saturday, April 24

- 8:30 am Great Hall opens- (coffee and muffins available)
- 9:00 am Welcome and announcements
* Open with the Serenity Prayer
* Read the ACA Tradition 2 meditation
* Read the 12 Concepts of ACA
- 9:30 am Presentation of newly elected officers of the ACA WSO Board of Trustees
* Ratification of the 2010 ACA WSO Board of Trustees
- 10:00 am Presentation of Group Conscience Survey ballot totals- Rachele V.
* Begin discussion and voting on approved ballot items
- 12:00 (Noon) Lunch break (numerous fast-food eateries available nearby)
- 1:30 pm Continue discussion and voting on approved ballot items
- 4:00 pm "ACA Unity and Consistency": discussion of ACA's singleness of purpose and fellowship message
- 5:30 pm Close of business for the 2010 ACA Annual Business Conference
* Close with the Serenity Prayer
- 6:00 pm Dinner together at a local restaurant
- 8:00 pm Entertainment options to be determined

Sunday, April 25

- 8:30 am Great Hall opens- (coffee and muffins available)
- 9:00 am Review of ACA World Service Organization goals for 2010
*discussion of ACA WSO service opportunities
- 10:00 am In-person meeting of the Adult Children of Alcoholics WSO Board of Trustees
*Review 2010 ABC motions for possible action
* Elect Committee Chairs
* Elect 2011 ABC Committee Chair and present proposed 2011 ABC locations
* Conclude general business
- 12:00 (Noon) Lunch break (for those staying)
- 2:00 pm Regular ACA meeting of the Tulsa "Original Workbook Group" (15th and Indianapolis)

READINGS

Serenity Prayer

God, Grant Me the Serenity to Accept the Things I Cannot Change
the Courage to Change the Things I Can,
and the Wisdom to Know the Difference.

Tradition One Meditation

Higher Power. I am your trusted servant seeking to support my ACA group and its primary purpose. Please remind me that the life of my program and my own recovery depends upon my willingness to put the group's welfare above my own will. Help me recognize unity.

Tradition Two Meditation

Higher Power. I understand that you make your voice heard in a group conscience. I ask you to remind me that the life of my program and, therefore, my own recovery depends upon my willingness to put the group's welfare above my own will. Where I disagree with the common view of my fellows in service, allow me to state my case honestly and respectfully. Allow me to listen to and consider the views of others. May I state my view and support all group decisions, including the ones I might disagree with. Your will, not mine, be done.

ANNUAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE: PURPOSE AND ROLE

ACA WSO Operating Policy and Procedures Manual (OPPM)

Section XIX. ANNUAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE *Rev. Motion No. 09149604*

A. Brief History and Purpose

In 1983, the Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) Business Conference (BC) was organized by the Central Service Board, located in Los Angeles, California.

The Conference Purpose was: To bring unity and consistency to the Adult Children of Alcoholics. Toward this end, [it was] to establish guidelines for service and communication links within ACA.

ACA Concept XI

On behalf of ACA as a whole, our Annual Business Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Annual Business Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters would be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the World Service Organization when they act among themselves as the World Service Organization of Adult Children of Alcoholics.

ACA Concept XII

The Annual Business Conference recognizes that the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Adult Children of Alcoholics. It is further understood that our World Service Organization relies upon the force of tradition and the power of the ACA purse for its final effectiveness.

ACA Concept VIII

The Trustees of the World Service Organization act in this primary capacity: with respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs.

The Suggested Commitment to Service

I perform service so that my program will be available for myself, and through those efforts, others may benefit. I will perform service and practice my recovery by:

- 1) Affirming that the true power of our program rests in the membership of the meetings and is expressed through our Higher Power and through group conscience.
- 2) Confirming that our process is one of inclusion and not exclusion; showing special sensitivity to the viewpoint of the minority in the process of formulating the group conscience so that any decision is reflective of the spirit of the group and not merely the vote of the majority.
- 3) Placing principles before personalities.
- 4) Keeping myself fit for service by working my recovery as a member of the program.
- 5) Striving to facilitate the sharing of experience, strength, and hope at all levels: meetings, Intergrups, Regional committees, service boards, and World Services.
- 6) Accepting the different forms and levels of service and allowing those around me to each function according to their own abilities.
- 7) Remaining willing to forgive myself and others for not performing perfectly.
- 8) Being willing to surrender the position in which I serve in the interest of unity and to provide the opportunity for others to serve; to avoid problems of money, property, and prestige; and to avoid losing my own recovery through the use of service to act out my old behavior, especially in taking care of others, controlling, rescuing, being a victim, etc.
- 9) Remembering I am a trusted servant; I do not govern.

Signed _____ Date _____



Adult Children of Alcoholics

Twelve Traditions Overview

ACA Annual Business Conference
April 23, 2010
Tulsa, Okla., USA

Introduction: **ACA Fellowship Text, Chapter 19-- The Twelve Traditions of ACA**

Adult Children of Alcoholics has the Twelve Steps of ACA, so why do we also need Twelve Traditions? It is commonly believed that the Twelve Steps provide direction for the individual member, while the Twelve Traditions provide comparable guidance to ACA groups and the service structure. The ACA Traditions outline fellowship unity, group autonomy, and the ultimate authority of ACA – a loving God – as expressed in our group conscience. The Traditions offer wisdom on being self-supporting as a fellowship and on avoiding promotion when attracting new members. There is also guidance on the use of special workers who help make Twelfth Step work possible.

The ACA Traditions frame our leadership style in the language of being a trusted servant. We avoid a style of governance or authority over another. When asked to serve, we lead by example rather than by directive. The Twelve Traditions guarantee simplicity in our primary purpose and in membership requirements for ACA. There is only one requirement for ACA membership – desire. The primary purpose is to carry the ACA message to other adult children. Anonymity coming from love underlines all of the Traditions and our group conduct. With the Twelve Traditions, we sustain ACA groups that allow the ACA Solution of reparenting one's self to emerge and thrive.

The ACA Twelve Traditions

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on ACA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for membership in ACA is a desire to recover from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family.
4. Each group is autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or ACA as a whole. We cooperate with all other Twelve-Step programs.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the adult child who still suffers.
6. An ACA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the ACA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every ACA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Adult Children of Alcoholics should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. ACA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Adult Children of Alcoholics has no opinion on outside issues; hence the ACA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Quick Guide to the ACA Traditions (Traditions Overview)

Tradition 1 – *group and fellowship unity* – Group members must practice ACA principles so that the group can survive because it is difficult to recover without an ACA support group. We need each other.

Tradition 2 – *group conscience; non-governance; how we make decisions*. “Our group conscience is a spiritual method by which a Higher Power is expressed in our discussions and our decisions.” ACA Fellowship Text – Page 501.

Tradition 3 – *desire -- only requirement for ACA membership*. Addiction model. It takes desire to recover from the effects of the alcoholism/family dysfunction, i.e., (Laundry List). There is also inclusiveness built into this single membership requirement.

Tradition 4 -- *group autonomy (except)* – Each ACA group conducts its own affairs without interference except when to do so affects ACA as a whole. ACA groups have guaranteed freedom but there are limits on group autonomy.

Tradition 5 -- *primary purpose – carry the ACA message*. Doing one thing well. ACA groups avoid entangling the fellowship with other causes no matter how noble.

Tradition 6 – *non affiliation with outside entities* – Cooperation does not mean affiliation. We strengthen ACA identity by keeping a boundary with other programs or causes. The individual is free to join other causes but ACA must remain committed to its primary purpose.

Tradition 7 – *ACA is fully self-supporting – And fund flow* -- We pay our own way to be responsible for our own affairs and to carry our message. And we remain independent of outside pressures/influences.

Tradition 8 – *nonprofessional*. Giving back to ACA what was given to us for free. Sponsorship, service work and carrying the message (Step 12) are free. At the same time, we pay special workers their rightful wages.

Tradition 9 – *no rigid organization, but we have service boards or committees responsible to those they serve*. Benign anarchy that works.

Tradition 10 -- *no opinion on outside issues/avoid controversy*. No one speaks for ACA.

Tradition 11 – *public relations -- personal anonymity and attraction rather than promotion*. We avoid giving our full name (and picture) at the level of press radio, film, TV. We attract new members by our good works and promise of anonymity.

Tradition 12 -- *Anonymity -- principles before personalities*. ACA principles of unity, honesty, compassion, trust and boundaries come first. We need each other.

Twelve Concepts of Adult Children of Alcoholics

Concept I

The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for ACA World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.

Concept II

Authority for the active maintenance of our world services is hereby delegated to the actual voice, the effective conscience for our whole fellowship.

Concept III

As a means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relationship between the ACA meetings, the ACA WSO Board of Trustees, and its staff and committees, and thus ensuring their effective leadership, it is herein suggested that we endow each of these elements of service with the traditional Right of Decision.

The right of decision as defined herein refers to:

- 1) the right and responsibility of each trusted servant to speak and vote his/her own conscience, in the absence of any contrary mandate, on any issue regardless of the level of service;*
- 2) the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and the Commitment to Service will be followed by trusted servants in decision making;*
- 3) delegates to the Annual Business Conference are trusted servants and therefore equally guided by the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and the Commitment to Service;*
- 4) standard practice that decisions made by subcommittees are subject to the authority of the service body which creates its mission and defines its parameters.*

Concept IV

Throughout our structure, we maintain at all responsible levels a traditional Right of Participation.

Concept V

Throughout our structure, a Right of Petition prevails, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of grievances will be carefully considered.

Concept VI

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Concept VIII

The Trustees of the World Service Organization act in this primary capacity: with respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs.

Concept IX

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are, at all levels, indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization.

Concept X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority - the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description, or by the Operating Policy and Procedures Manual and bylaws.

Concept XI

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for ACA's World Service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate trustees, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

Concept XII

In all its proceedings, Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization shall observe the spirit of the ACA Twelve Traditions, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no WSO action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the WSO may act for the service of Adult Children of Alcoholics, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the fellowship of Adult Children of Alcoholics which it serves, the WSO itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

George S. (elected to the ACA WSO Board of Trustees- October 2009)

"I was introduced to ACA by two therapists when the 'Big Red Book' was released four years ago. After recognizing the necessity of this very vital program in my life I've been an active program member working on my recovery and now the 12th Step work which involves carrying the ACA message to those seeking relief from the adverse effects of a traumatic childhood. I was elected to the Board in 2009.

As the Hospitals & Institutions committee Chair and a newly elected vice-chairperson I'm currently working on an H&I pamphlet that discusses protocol and how members might safely proceed when taking the ACA message to the institutional settings where adult children may find themselves.

In general, I share about the ACA program with just about every and anyone who'll listen."

Group Conscience Survey Ballot Count

All items received the 2/3 majority support required for discussion and consideration by delegates in attendance at the 2010 ABC

	Group #	Item 1 (workshop)	Item 2 (pamphlet)	Item 3 (committee)	Item 4 (inventory)
1	p	NM016	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	e	PA064	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	p	WI077	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	p	FL103	No	Yes	Yes
5	e	DE004	No	Yes	Yes
6	e	WI045	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	e	TEL006	No	No	Yes
8	p	FL132	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	e	SC017	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	e	AZ077	Yes	No	No
11	e	MN126	Yes	Yes	Yes
12	e	NY053	Yes	Yes	Yes
13	e	MA023	Yes	Yes	Yes
14	p	NY071	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	p	MI119	Yes	Yes	No
16	e	WY003	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	p	CA1007	Yes	Yes	Yes
18	p	MI077	Yes	Yes	Yes
19	e	ISR001	Yes	Yes	Yes
20	e	IL191	No	Yes	No
21	p	TX082	Yes	Yes	Yes
22	p	IL171	Yes	Yes	Yes
23	p	CA1003	Yes	Yes	Yes
24	p	NH001	Yes	Yes	Yes
25	e	CAN294	Yes	Yes	Yes
26	e	IL195	Yes	Yes	Yes
27	e	GA024	Yes	Yes	Yes
28	p	CA994	Yes	Yes	Yes
29	p	CA946	Yes	Yes	Yes
30	p	CA725	Yes	Yes	No
31	p	HI010	Yes	Yes	Yes
32	p	AZ054	Yes	Yes	No
33	p	CA959	Yes	Yes	Yes
34	e	AK015	Yes	Yes	Yes
35	p	MI115	Yes	Yes	Yes
36	e	AZ065	No	Yes	Yes
37	p	CAN141	Yes	Yes	Yes
38	p	CA825	Yes	Yes	Yes
39	p	IL005	Yes	Yes	Yes
40	e	CAN299	Yes	Yes	Yes
41	e	WI067	Yes	Yes	Yes
42	e	WI076	Yes	Yes	Yes

Group Conscience Survey Ballot Count

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43	p	TX073	Yes	Yes	No
44	e	DEN044	No	Yes	Yes
45	p	OK001	Yes	Yes	Yes
46	p	WA144	Yes	Yes	Yes
47	e	WI075	Yes	Yes	Yes
48	e	WI061	Yes	Yes	Yes
49	p	OK019	Yes	Yes	Yes
50	p	AUS042	Yes	Yes	Yes
51	p	CT073	Yes	Yes	Yes
52	e	IL193	Yes	Yes	Yes
53	p	AUS047	Yes	Yes	Yes
54	p	CA865	Yes	Yes	Yes
55	p	IG065	Yes	Yes	Yes
56	e	TEL001	No	No	Yes
57	e	IN065	Yes	Yes	Yes
58	e	DEN004	Yes	Yes	Yes
59	p	CAN174	Yes	Yes	Yes
60	p	JAP006	Yes	Yes	Yes
61	e	MI108	Yes	Yes	No
62	e	DEN053	Yes	Yes	Yes
63	e	CA829	Yes	Yes	Yes
64	p	NC041	Yes	Yes	Yes
65	p	NC045	Yes	Yes	Yes
66	e	IRE007	Yes	Yes	Yes
67	p	OK020	Yes	Yes	Yes
68	e	NY082	Yes	Yes	No
69	e	OR085	Yes	Yes	Yes
70	e	PA082	Yes	Yes	Yes
71	e	AUS049	Yes	Yes	Yes
72	e	CA915	No	No	Yes
73	e	CA1006	No	No	Yes
74	e	NOR017	Yes	Yes	Yes
75	p	PA076	Yes	Yes	Yes
76	p	MD032	Yes	Yes	Yes
77	e	NET002	Yes	Yes	Yes
78	e	DEN061	Yes	Yes	Yes
79	p	MI076	Yes	Yes	Yes
80	e	DEN049	Yes	Yes	Yes
81	e	CA612	Yes	Yes	Yes
82	e	DEN038	Yes	Yes	Yes
83	p	CT072	Yes	Yes	Yes
84	p	IL071	Yes	Yes	Yes

Group Conscience Survey Ballot Count

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		Group #	Item 1 (workshop)	Item 2 (pamphlet)	Item 3 (committee)	Item 4 (inventory)
85	e	SPA021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
86	e	TX077	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
87	e	IG040	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
88	p	MT018	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
89	p	CT051	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
90	e	MI061	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
91	e	PA041	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
92	e	IL004	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
93	e	PA078	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
94	p	AZ073	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
95	p	CAN099	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
96	e	AZ087	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
97	p	UT012	Yes	Yes	Yes	
98	e	HI016	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
99	e	HI013	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
100	e	MN045	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
101	p	AZ078	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
102	p	VA080	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
103	p	CA477	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
104	p	MN124	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
105	p	OH046	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
106	e	TX081	No	No	Yes	Yes
107	e	MA030	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

TOTALS

56	online ballots
51	paper ballots

Item 1 (workshop)	Item 2 (pamphlet)	Item 3 (committee)	Item 4 (inventory)
Yes: 97 (90.7%)	Yes: 99 (92.5%)	Yes: 99 (92.5%)	Yes: 98 (91.5%)
No: 10 (9.3%)	No: 8 (7.5%)	No: 7 (6.5%)	No: 8 (7.5%)
Abstain: 0 (0%)	Abstain: 0 (0%)	Abstain: 1 (1%)	Abstain: 1 (1%)

Proposed Business of the 2010 Annual Business Conference

Item 1	Submitted by: ACA Meeting IL193 (Downers Grove, IL)
Issue:	We make a motion for a Sponsorship Workshop to be created with guidelines on how to be a sponsor or co-sponsor and a sponsee.
History/Reasoning:	We need to be able to share our experience, strength and hope through sponsorship. It would be valuable to the membership to have a workshop showing how to.
Argument in Favor:	For the health and well being of our fellowship
ACA WSO's "cost and impact" statement:	WSO believes this action could be accomplished at minimal cost to the fellowship, as funds become available and as committee workloads permit.
GCS Ballot Count:	90.7% YES; 9.3% NO

Comments:

AZ065- We discussed this item in our meeting and feel it is not necessary as adequate guidelines for Sponsorship already exist in the Fellowship Text (beginning on pg 389).

IG040- Maybe this item is already covered by other items on the agenda and by stuff that already exists, maybe not. We trust the ABC to make that determination, and vote that the item be left of the agenda.

Item 2	Submitted by: ACA Meeting IL005 (Hinsdale, IL)
Issue:	We make a motion to have a Sponsorship pamphlet created by the WSO and made available for membership distribution.
History/Reasoning:	The pamphlet available now is out dated and does not reflect the language from the ACA big book (fellowship text).
Argument in Favor:	It would be helpful for the membership to have something small enough to share with members unfamiliar with sponsorship, for members interested in becoming a sponsor, for members who are looking for a sponsor.
ACA WSO's "cost and impact" statement:	At the 2009 ABC, delegates unanimously approved a motion to develop a more comprehensive pamphlet on ACA sponsorship. The ACA WSO Literature Committee has undertaken this task.
GCS Ballot Count:	92.5% YES; 7.5% NO

Comments:

JAP006- Although there was this WSO statement, our group thought it would be better to share the process of the ACA WSO Literature Committee's task. (Same comment for Item 3).

AZ065- We recognize that this was approved at the last ABC, but would like it to receive a higher priority this year. Jess from our group is also volunteering to help a committee in drafting such a pamphlet.

IG040- We believe this item is already covered by item 3, and vote that it be removed from the agenda.

Proposed Business of the 2010 Annual Business Conference

Item 3	Submitted by: ACA Meeting WI077 (Milwaukee, WI)
Issue:	Our group makes a motion that a Sponsorship Committee be formed with the purpose of increasing the Sponsorship concept within the ACA/ACOA community including developing pamphlets for guidance in this area of recovery.
History/Reasoning:	I was deeply involved in ACOA about 18 years ago and at that time there was a lack of sponsorship focus. I was fortunate to find my first Sponsor in an ACOA meeting. The fact that, at least in the area I live in, there is still little ACOA sponsorship, is troubling. AA was basically Bill & Bob working one on one. This seems to be the basis of sponsorship. It worked then and I see this relationship working everyday in the recovery community.
Argument in Favor:	I have 24 four years in AA. My sponsor in AA has 43 years. I have five sponsees who are doing wonderful, and some of them have sponsees. I don't think this would be possible without the focus AA puts on sponsorship. It is difficult enough for a newcomer to find direction and understanding for working through the 12 Steps & Traditions to achieve some serenity and peace of mind. Without a Sponsor it was impossible for me. Sponsorship seems to be of great importance in recovery.
ACA WSO's "cost and impact" statement:	At the 2009 ABC, delegates unanimously approved a motion to develop a more comprehensive pamphlet on ACA sponsorship. The ACA WSO Literature Committee has undertaken this task.
Ballot Vote:	92.5% YES; 6.5% NO; 1% ABSTAINED

IL071- This one should incorporate Items 1 and 2.

AZ065- While we support the idea, we recognize guidance on Sponsorship already exists in the Fellowship Text; any proposals/updates from this committee would need to be in line with that Fellowship Text guidance. As with item 2010/02, Jess from our group is volunteering to help in this committee.

IG040- It is important that this be done, and we vote to keep this item on the agenda.

Item 4	Submitted by: ACA Meeting IL005 (Hinsdale, IL)
Issue:	We propose having an ACA/ACOA group inventory document created.
History/Reasoning:	We do not have one.
Argument in Favor:	We do not have this important tool to maintain a healthy meeting environment.
ACA WSO's "cost and impact" statement:	WSO believes this action could be accomplished at minimal cost to the fellowship, as funds become available and as committee workloads permit.
Ballot Vote:	91.5% YES; 7.5% NO; 1% ABSTAINED

AZ054- Can this issue be clarified?

IL071- What is a group inventory document? What does it do? Is this micromanaging?

CAN099- This motion has the support of our group conscience, with the proviso that it be better clarified/ better explained (most of us had no idea what a 'group inventory document' is).

UT012- What is it?

AZ078- Can add too much. Monitor it in a meeting.

AZ065- We were unsure what was meant by a "group inventory document". We decided it probably meant a check list of items to be done in starting or running a meeting. We felt that such guidance would be appropriate for inclusion in the New Meeting Packet (and may already be there).

IG040- it is important that this be done, and we vote to keep this item on the agenda.