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Special Report — ABC 2016

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## 2016 ABC & Inaugural AWC Hugely Successful!

The 2016 Annual Business Conference (ABC) and the inaugural ACA World Convention (AWC) were planned and held in Delray Beach, Florida in April. Over 260 delegates and members attended the three-day event and were afforded the opportunity to hear three keynote speakers, attend six workshops, and participate in ACA meetings and other activities.

When the dust settled, there were a lot of happy faces rejuvenated by the fun-packed weekend of recovery and service.

The committee has already begun planning for the 2017 event and has sent out a survey to everyone who attended the 2016 ABC / AWC seeking input on ways to make the event better.

The survey responses received are guiding the planning for the 2017 ABC / AWC. The guidelines and application for bidding to host the 2017 ABC / AWC were prepared and made available to the membership in June.



2016 ABC / WAC Table Centerpiece

Bill D., ACA Board member and 2016 ABC / AWC Host Planning Committee Chair, will chair this committee for the coming year.

If you would like to be a part of the committee that facilitates the Annual Business Conference and ACA World Convention, please send your contact info to:

[mpschair@adultchildren.org](mailto:mpschair@adultchildren.org)

## About the ACA ComLINE

The *ComLine* is published quarterly by Adult Children of Alcoholics® World Service Organization, with one free report of the Annual Business Conference (ABC). The *ComLine* is intended as a communication line from WSO to the fellowship of ACA around the world, and as a forum for the fellowship to share recovery. The *ComLine* slogan is "Experience, Strength, and Hope." The opinions expressed are those of the individuals writing the articles and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the ACA fellowship or WSO.

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# 2016 ACA WSO Annual Business Conference Agenda Items

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| 2016 ACA WSO Annual Business Conference Agenda  | Seventh Tradition Contributions for 2015 by <i>Mary Jo L.</i>   | 2016 ABC Board of Trustees Chair Annual Report by <i>Larry A.</i>                      |
| The Twelve Traditions of ACA  | 2016 ABC Literature Committee Annual Report by <i>Larry A.</i>  | 2016 ABC Intergroup Liaison Subcommittee Annual Report by <i>Bonnie K-M.</i>           |
| The Suggested Commitment to Service   | 2016 ABC Signal Hill Distribution Center Annual Report by <i>Kristina O., Kim M., Trudy B., &amp; Gloria D.</i> | Robert's Rules of Order (from <a href="http://robertsrules.org">robertsrules.org</a> ) |
| The Problem   | 2016 ABC Member & Public Service (MPS) Annual Report by <i>Bill D.</i>  | ACA WSO Book of Motions for 2015 – Motions from the ACA WSO Teleconferences            |
| The Solution  | 2016 ABC Hospitals and Institutions (H & I) Annual Report by <i>Joan B.</i>                                     | ACA WSO Book of Motions for 2016 – Motions from the ACA WSO Teleconferences            |
| The Twelve Concepts of ACA World Service  | 2016 ABC European Committee Annual Report by <i>Majbrit M.</i>  | Ballot Items for the 2016 ABC Agenda   |
| 2015 ABC Meeting Minutes  | 2016 ABC Executive Committee Annual Report by <i>Majbrit M.</i>   | Operating Policy and Procedures Manual (OPPM)  |
| 2016 ACA WSO Board of Trustees Statements of Purpose by <i>Larry A., Martin C., Mary Jo L., Majbrit M., and Ines Z.</i> |   | ACA WSO By-laws  |
| 2016 ACA WSO New Board of Trustees Statements of Purpose by <i>Bill D. &amp; Jeffrey F.</i>                             |   | ACA ComLine Copyright Release Form 🐾   |
| Process for Accepting Committee and Caucus Reports  |   |  |
| 2016 ABC Treasurer's Annual Report by <i>Mary Jo L.</i>   |   |  |

## Ballot Items for the 2016 ABC Agenda

As a member of ACA, you have probably heard a lot about ballot proposals. Several years ago, active ACA groups were sent an email pertaining to items to be voted on by the members of individual ACA groups. Those results were then submitted back to the WSO by the deadline of September 15, 2016. The results were totaled and those that received a two-thirds “pass” were taken to the ABC and voted on.

One of the past ballot proposals requested adding more questions after Step 5 in the *ACA Twelve Step Workbook*. Individual ACA groups voted, it was passed at the ABC and now the project is in the queue for the added questions to become a reality.

At the ABC in Marina Delray Beach in April, there were 23 ballot proposals ranging from lowering the price of the *Cross Talk* Booklet, to whether or not ACA books should all

have an eBook version. One proposal addressed the actual production cost of literature vs. price of literature, and then came the discussion of the high cost of shipping books overseas. Another was for updating the Operating Policy and Procedures Manual and how often. Then came the request for the WSO Board to develop a flowchart of functional hierarchy and communication between WSO officers, committee chairs, subcommittee chairs, and special workers, as well as job descriptions for all positions.

If you're interested, take a look at the ballot proposal summary at [http://www.repository.adultchildren.org/images/Delegates\\_packet\\_2016\\_4\\_14\\_16\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.repository.adultchildren.org/images/Delegates_packet_2016_4_14_16_FINAL.pdf). You might just have an idea that could turn into a ballot proposal. The *ACA Big Red Book* began as a ballot proposal, as did *Strengthening My Recovery*. You might even want to step into service to help turn these ideas into a reality! 🐾

# 2017 Conference and Convention Update

Imagine meeting ACA members just like yourself from around the world for a three-day weekend of business, fellowship, and fun as they gather for the 2017 ACA Annual Business Conference (ABC) and ACA World Convention (AWC) on the 4th weekend of April 2017. The jointly-held events are for all adult children, from group members to those who serve the fellowship. It is an opportunity to get to know one another, participate in workshops and meetings, do service, and to have fun.

## The ABC

The ABC is a business meeting attended by group and intergroup representatives, committee chairs, and WSO Board members. Since the mid-1980s, ABC participants have met annually to review and conduct the official business of the World Service Organization on the first two days of the weekend. The bulk of the business is spent reviewing the annual reports of the Board and the various

committees, while taking up any new matters brought forward by the groups or committees. Any member may attend the business meeting, but only registered Delegates and Board Members may vote on the issues.

## The 2nd Annual AWC

In conjunction with the ABC, the ACA World Convention (AWC) is also held. The AWC is the fellowship's convention that provides for speakers, workshops, meetings, and social activities starting on Saturday and ending Sunday afternoon. The purpose of the convention is to enhance the recovery of attendees. It is also meant to be an opportunity for our inner children to play together in fellowship in a totally safe environment. The first time an AWC was held was in 2016.

## Service Can Be Simple

The Annual Business Conference and ACA World Convention are unique opportunities to be of service to the worldwide fellowship. There is always a need for volunteers to help with the many duties of hosting events like these. Once the host city is announced in the fourth quarter *ComLine* in October, anyone who wants to assist the local host committee can contact either the ABC Committee or the host committee and offer to volunteer. Volunteers who meet certain minimum requirements receive a t-shirt and free registration to the convention.

If you are interested in learning more, please visit <http://repository.adultchildren.org/committee-abc> or simply send an email to [abc@adultchildren.org](mailto:abc@adultchildren.org). We will happily answer your questions or put you in touch with the host committee. 🙌




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## Looking Ahead to 2018 ABC/AWC Outside the U.S.A.

The 2018 Annual Business Conference and ACA World Convention are slated to be held outside the United States. Due to complexities of coordinating an event like this outside the country, the ABC Committee will begin planning this year for the 2018 ABC

rather than waiting until after the 2017 event. Further announcements will be available in the fourth quarter *ComLine* and on the ACA website Fellowship Alerts at [adultchildren.org/news](http://adultchildren.org/news). 🙌

# ACA Seeking Proposals for Public Service Announcement

Adult Children of Alcoholics is starting the process of creating a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for television, internet, and radio. Ultimately, we need the development and production of a 1-2 minute graphic-based PSA editable to a 30-second spot.

The contractor is expected to shoot, edit, and finalize — in an appropriate format for television, internet, and radio — one audio/video PSA. The PSA should appeal to a broad cross-section. Adults are the primary audience and younger viewers are a secondary audience. It should be designed to: 1) Increase awareness of ACA's focus. 2) Encourage attendance at an ACA group in their local community. 3) Create incentive to go to the ACA website for more information.

Films will be shot in English, but Spanish, Danish, Finnish, Russian, Chinese, etc. voice-overs may be used for future editions of the same project to deepen connectivity in the non-English speaking community. Voice-over translations will be provided. Contractor/s may be hired to film the PSA and may submit a proposal. The PSA will focus on: 1) the effects on the children of familial alcohol, drugs, abuse and neglect, 2) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and 3) on the benefits of attending ACA groups for support.

## Proposal

1. Please include your name and contact information of the filmmaker with your resume and/or bio.

2. Include the name, contact information of any key crew, if any, with a resume or and/or bio.
3. Include 3-5 professional references.
4. Also, include a detailed budget breakdown and draft schedule for the PSA.
5. Include a brief description of concept content (500 words or less) for PSA by the filmmaker; as little as one sentence, but no more than one page.
6. Optional: casting commitments can be included if available, not required.
7. One to three media samples or a reel; total content should not exceed twenty minutes.

## Submission Process

Electronic submittal of proposal is preferred; YouTube or vimeo are acceptable; files can be sent directly by email if size permits or will be coordinated through online file sharing.

Please submit a complete proposal, 1-3 media samples, and quote for services.

To see the full Request for Proposal, go to: [adultchildren.org/resources-rfp](http://adultchildren.org/resources-rfp).

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# ACA WSO, Inc. Seeking Full-Time General Manager

Adult Children of Alcoholics® World Service Organization, Inc. (WSO) is a Twelve Step non-profit whose primary purpose is to carry the message of recovery to all who suffer from the effects of being raised in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional environment. WSO is a connection between these individuals, ACA meetings, our Intergroups, and our Regions.

Salary commensurate with experience and other qualifications. Range: \$65,000 to \$70,000 per year. Benefits package to be negotiated.

If you have previous experience and are interested in utilizing your skills, please don't delay. To apply, both business/professional and Twelve Step resumes are required. To obtain a Twelve Step resume form, please send email to [applications@adultchildren.org](mailto:applications@adultchildren.org).

Resumes and a cover letter should be emailed to [applications@adultchildren.org](mailto:applications@adultchildren.org). For serious candidates, the full job description appears at [www.repository.adultchildren.org/aca-seek-gm](http://www.repository.adultchildren.org/aca-seek-gm). ♿



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