

Considerations for Submission of a Motion/IFD to the 2024 ABM Agenda

The CCC (Conference Charter Committee) and the ARS (Agenda Review Subcommittee) request that you respect the ABM Agenda Submission Process by submitting all Motions/IFDs in a timely manner.

Please submit a Motion/IFD no later than **April 10, 2024**, the suggested date or, if possible, before. There are advantages to submitting a Motion/IFD by the suggested date including:

- 1. The ARS or others can help the Submitter revise a Motion/IFD, if required.**
- 2. The ARS and CCC can assist the Submitter in having a Motion/IFD placed on the ABM Agenda Second Version.**
- 3. Conference Committees can submit comments on Motions/IFDs to be placed on the ABM Agenda Third Version.**
- 4. Delegates and other Conference members have the opportunity to fully review the Motions/IFDs prior to the ABM.**

Alternatively, submitting a Motion/IFD after the suggested submission due date or submitting a Motion/IFD just prior to the 7:00 p.m. deadline at the start of the ABM creates several disadvantages, including:

- 1. The Fellowship will not be able to provide comments regarding the Motion/IFD prior to the ABM and an informed group conscience will not be possible.**
- 2. Places an undue burden on members of the ARS and the CCC who are preparing the ABM Agenda Fourth Version for the ABM for distribution the next morning.**
- 3. A 'last minute submission' does not provide time for revision thus jeopardizing the chance of the Motion/IFD being placed on the ABM Agenda Fourth Version.**

The submission deadline for the third version of the ABM Agenda is **June 9, 2024**. All submissions will continue to be accepted for review until the 7:00 pm deadline, **August 8, 2024** (Central Time Zone). Please note, for items submitted close to the 7:00 PM deadline, there is little or no time for the ARS to complete the ARS process and those items may not be accepted onto the Agenda Fourth Version as a result.

In the spirit of fellowship, please be considerate of the service work of others and know we appreciate your participation in the ABM Agenda Submission Process.

Respectfully submitted by:

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