

*World Service Conference April 23 – May 2, 2010*

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*Report Summary*

Friday, April 23, 2010

Long Day – Uneventful flight – easy evening settling in and meeting other RD and RDAs. Used time to review CAR and CAT, conference agenda, and touch base with our World Service contact Junior B. from Argentina.

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Attended WB Open Forum – Q&A was had during this time to help review what has been occurring during this cycle. We gained a valuable overview of NAWS, WSO activities, and role of WB members. We toured the WSO and attended a luncheon allowing participants additional opportunity to network and discuss upcoming issues.

Evening was given over to workshops, recovery meeting, and a comedy show that was one of the most identifiable emotional moments in my recovery. The WSO and the WB preparation and planning for the Conference were clearly evident. Friday evening allowed us the chance to reflect on our own recovery, our participation in service, and what our roles would be for the rest of the week as trusted servants in leadership roles that are critical to maintaining the Fellowship's information conduit and carrying the message to the addicts that still suffer not only in our rooms, but yet to come.

Sunday, April 25, 2010

First Things First – 30<sup>th</sup> World Service Conference. During the morning session from 9:00 – 10:30 we formally introduced ourselves to the Conference participants and recited the SP in Conference participants' languages. It is a tradition and it is moving to identify with other addicts from around the world. It reinforced the reality that this fellowship is a worldwide fellowship and will require a proactive approach to allow NA to continue to carry the message and fulfill the primary purpose.

Part Two of the morning session from 11:00 – 12:30 addressed Our Vision, Our Future 2010-2012. Time was spent work shopping community building. We participated in writing our recovery life experiences that if we wanted could be shared and possibly used in the "The Journey Continues" chapter "Living Clean."

The afternoon session from 2:00 – 3:30 was given over to Navigating the WSC: Orientation. We reviewed the agenda and deadlines for the week. We reviewed rules of procedures that would be used during the business sessions, talked about roll call, how not to affect votes, and how to get recognized. The floor was opened to a general Q&A.

**Afternoon session continued from 4:00 to 5:30. We discussed how to best conduct processes for the capturing of the voice of the fellowship. This included the review and input and approval processes. We also conducted a discussion of the Fellowship's plans to conduct a new literature survey to gauge the needs and priorities of the fellowship.**

**WSC Morning Session (9am)**

**Monday, April 26, 2010**

Opened with MOS, JFT (Self Acceptance – IP #19), and Worker's Service Prayer.

Video of past conferences – Love is All You Need

9-10:30 WBC Forum – Video from Norway – It's Been A long Time

Discussion focused on issues related to anonymity as it pertains to our members' use of the Internet. Emphasis was on social networking sites that have created new opportunities and challenges. The question was how we help each other navigate this medium. This issue has really become a focus of discussion as a result of video cameras and picture taking. Ron took a picture of people taking pictures at an event and introduced the discussion based upon the principle of anonymity. The other Ron from the WB spoke briefly about a video he made when in Honduras and to make sure that the people of Honduras got a chance to see the video he posted it on FaceBook. Regardless of his asking people if it was o'k – he never asked if it was o'k to post it on FaceBook – the result was the question: Are we violating a person's anonymity? What about the Traditions, especially 11 and 12?

Open Discussion included the following points:

How are we breaking anonymity if it is only a picture and there is nothing in the picture related to NA, such as banners and/or posters?

What about the issue of an addict that becomes the focus of the media and the only picture available is one found on an NA posting, this can result in bad press for the fellowship.

In the Spanish speaking countries of South America when they read the Traditions, they add to the end of Tradition 11 "... we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films, and the Internet. This not necessarily taken as a joke any longer, as it was when it first started.

The reality of the issue is faster than our response and that is the nature of the technological and human aspects when the two come together.

Is this really an issue of Traditions or is it really just a matter of legality?

Do we need to pay particular attention this day to the young people coming to the fellowship? Technology is their medium. We came to NA because it was anonymous and no one had to know.

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How are we going to address this, especially since these young people are looking to us for experience, strength, and hope?

What about the issue of Google? How many of us have been accessed via this search engine by perspective employers, current employers, and or other agencies for whatever purpose the agencies are doing what they do?

This advent of technology is leading us to a new horizon. We need to be mindful of our pyramid – it is 4 sided – God, Self, Service, and Society. We speak about being productive members of society and the lie is dead – once an addict always an addict. NA is now a worldwide fellowship. Our governments are aware of the Fellowship. Our societal institutions are aware of the Fellowship. In all actuality, we are becoming an institution in our societies. We can either embrace the technology or neutralize its use in our service structure. If we attempt to neutralize the technology will that not keep us in the past? Are we leading technology or is it leading us? Do we want to be proactive or reactive? Can we actually regulate its use? It is now and we definitely need a mechanism to facilitate its use. We need to provide guidance – not put our heads in the sand.

### 11 -12:30 Service System Part I

Focus was to familiarize everyone with the proposals contained in the service system report. The goal of the first session was to make sure everyone had a basic understanding of the ideas contained in the material. Our target was to emphasize how we will carry our ideas throughout the next two years . Exchange of information will be the focus.

What to expect from this:

- Overview of Service System Project
- Basic grasp of models and options
- A sense of how we got here

Origin of the Project

- Ongoing challenges at local levels
- IDTs have helped identify challenges, but more needed to be done
- Current structure developed years ago (1998) WB believes that resulted in a disconnect  
From the Project Plan at WSC 2008

1. Develop a vision for all NA service efforts
2. Provide framed options and recommendations for discussion by the conference and the fellowship

**See attachment: “What a Healthy Service System Looks Like”**

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### Central question for the project

- How can we build a system of service within NA that is driven by unity of purpose, and that allows for flexibility in meeting the diverse service needs and goals of our NA communities?

The above question is the spring board for proposed Service System models.

### What needs must be met by the service system?

- Public understands who/what NA is
- Fellowship grounded in Principles

### Service System

- Functions – the What
- Roles – the Who
- Variables – Internal/External factors the service system must adjust to (Accommodate) No rigid system can respond to such an array of variables flexibility is a necessity. Here is where the WB referenced the fish bone model due to the structure challenge that might be experienced by the people of the fellowship

### Foundational Principles of the Models

- Purpose driven
- Group focused
- Defined by geopolitical boundaries
- Flexible

### Model One

In this model, delegates to WSC come from the geopolitical unit.

Group Support Unit here is where we learn to get along –“play nicely”

Local Service Unit – main component providing service. Plan driven and service driven.

Geopolitical Unit – this unit corresponds to commonly understood external boundaries, such as country, province, or state, in order to simplify some of our service provisions and our interactions.

Zones – outside the delegation stream

Model Two - major difference would be seating – seating would be based upon the zone. This unit is gathering delegates from the GPU.

### Attendance at the WSC 2010

#### RD

- US -67
- Canada – 5
- Non US- 39
- Non-seated – 2
- Total: 113

RDA

- US -66
- Canada – 5
- Non US -15
- Non-seated – 1
- Total: 87

**Option One** – Illustrates the possibility for two tracks for local service: one track for delegation and another for group support

**Option Two** – provides for intermediate bodies where needed due to density and in some case the intermediate body may be outside the delegation stream.

**Option Three** – Local Service Assembly

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What about a large geographic area with a small population? Ex: Wyoming

Is there a direct connection to Resolution A from 1998? Ans: Some similarities, but no direct connection.

What will happen to areas and regions will they be absorbed/enveloped within a service unit? Ans: No discussion has involved implementation. That would be the next step if the Fellowship thought these ideas/models to be a good idea.

BoB B. Our question focuses on the Concepts – 4<sup>th</sup>, 6, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. Are we not creating a more complex bureaucracy? Ans: That is all in the eyes of the beholder. You need to point out the new levels of service these models create. Regardless, we need to create a better process.

Are the forums going to remain the same or go to a more geopolitical model? Ans: None answer - responded by talking of function.

How do these models respond to the training that we believe is vital for the RDAs? Ans: This was addressed briefly, but it will be discussed again in depth at a later time.

If the Zones are not supposed to be another level of service then how do these models provide for not creating new levels of service? Ans: This needs to be addressed in the smaller discussion groups. Remember, there are two sides to every coin. Some want the Zones to be another level of service and then there are those that don't. This is factual.

**Note there were many other points that were raised concerning the models and options and not one was apparently in favor of what was being proposed for our review. We were reminded that there will be further discussion later on in small groups. The discussion regarding the service structure is just truly beginning.**

**WSC Afternoon Session**

**Monday, April 26, 2010**

WSC 2010 Opening Business Session – Discussion of Old Business Motions

Consensus-Based Decision Making

Consensus is based on the belief that each person has part of the truth and no one person has all of it... The struggle will be in the area of combining Robert's Rules of Order and Consensus Based Processes. The co facilitator used the story of the body and which organ was in charge.

**Old Business – note that the following includes discussion of motions that commenced at 2:00 p.m. prior to official roll call and votes that commenced at 7:10 p.m.**

**Roll Call 111 Regions present 56 simple majority and 76 for 2/3rds**

Discussion on motions to be addressed:

1<sup>st</sup> – Motion 15 To approve the 2008 Minutes. Move for a straw poll called motion 15 verbal carried. Minutes strongly approved.

Vote: Unanimous Consent

Motion 1 – Approval of new vision statement. Straw poll called. Verbal straw poll resulted in strong support – very weak no. It was asked if there was any change from what was originally provided in the CAR. The answer was it is the same.

Vote: WNY – YEA **Adopted by unanimous consent**

Motion 2 – Approval of draft contained in Add. A, Money Matters: Self Support in NA to replace existing IPs #24 Hey! What's the Basket For? And # 25 Self-Support: Principle and Practice. Straw poll called and result was strong support with weak opposition. Bob asked why this was not put out there as WB approved literature for reading at meetings. Answer was to avoid similar experienced in the past when WB had put material out there in that fashion. This pamphlet is not just about money, it is also about raising awareness concerning our responsibilities developing and using resources effectively.

Vote: WNY – YEA Voice Vote: I's carry **Motion carries**

Motion 3 Approval of draft contained in Add. B, Funding NA Services, as a Conference Approved pamphlet. Straw poll result strong support with weak opposition. Update of # of meetings falls under general housekeeping and will not require continuous approval each time #s are changed.

Vote: WNY – YEA Voice Vote: I's carry **Motion carries**

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Motion 4 – To approve the revisions to “In times of Illness” contained in Add. C. Straw poll resulted in strong support and no opposition/or discussion.

Vote: WNY – YEA **Adopted by unanimous consent.**

Motion 5 – Direct NAWS to produce and add to the inventory a purple decades clean and granite decade clean tag in English only. It is noted that this motion will impact Motion 6 if it passes since it is virtually the same. Straw poll result limited support. It was stated, regardless of English only, this would not limit WSO from printing in other languages. If this is the case then what is the point of writing the motion as it is written. It is to be noted that as a copy right issue this is a non issue since the Fellowship and any part of it has the right to reproduce any copy righted materials without permission or fear of prosecution.

Vote: WNY – NEA Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated.**

Motion 6 – To add purple key tags for multiple decades clean time to the NAWS inventory. Straw poll result limited support.

Vote: WNY – NEA Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated.**

Motion 7 – To add a Spanish (Castilian) Line Numbered Large Print Basic Text, in the current edition, to NAWS inventory. Amended motion so that it reads 6<sup>th</sup> Edition and removes the word Castilian. Straw poll result shows weak support and not much stronger opposed. Maker of the motion stated that it was made to help promote unity in his Region.

Vote: WNY – NEA Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated**

Motion 8 – The World Board is directed to develop a project plan for the presentation to WSC 2012 for a Traditions Working Guide. Straw poll result significant support as well as significant opposition.

Vote: WNY – NEA Called the Question: 2/3<sup>rd</sup> carried the Question. Verbal Vote: **Motion carries**

Motion 9 – To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for presentation to the WSC 2012, to revise *Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts*, by replacing the thirteen quotes (and meditation passages if necessary) that were taken from the Fifth Edition Basic Text and *Youth and Recovery* with current fellowship approved NA literature. Straw poll result limited support.

Vote: WNY – NEA if called to floor. Motion was not called to the floor

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Motion 10 – The World Board will post on the NAWS Website the motions that pertain to the Conference Approval Track at the same time the Conference Approval Track is sent out to Conference participants. Straw poll result limited support.

Vote: WNY – NEA Verbal Vote: Motion defeated

Standing count called: YEA – 43 NEA – 64 Abstain – 1 Present – 3 **Motion defeated**

Motion 11 – The World Board will post on na.org all recovery literature workgroup meeting records in English within 30 days of any workgroup meeting. The WB will also link these postings to any project resources: such as the projects discussion board, or similar resource. This post will include the project’s timeline schedule of work group meetings. The WB will also post their meeting schedule and have the discretion to post an overview of the literature development process or any other additional information. Straw poll result limited support. This motion deals specifically with what is called a charge. A charge is an internal document a basic outline of parameters by which the work group performs its task. Furthermore the workgroup is a tactic used by the WB to accomplish projects. It is not a group subject to the Fellowship. It is specifically responsible to the WB only. WB member Craig referenced the 5<sup>th</sup> Concept and project management- these two run parallel and work. The process requires accountability, task assignment, and at the appropriate point the Fellowship’s input after the start of an approved project.

Vote: WNY – NEA Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated**

Motion 12 – To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, “No more than two informational pamphlets or one in book-length piece will be out for Fellowship review and input at the same.” See Motion 17. Straw poll result limited support.

Vote: WNY – NEA Called forward Motion 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated**

Motion 13 – To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, “Review and input periods will be at least six months for informational pamphlets and booklets and at least one year for book length pieces of literature. See Motion 18. Straw poll result limited support.

Vote: WNY – NEA Called forward Motion 18 Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated**

Motion 14 – To require a 180-day review period for Fellowship Approved, Conference Approved, or World Board Approved material. See Motion 19. Straw poll result limited support.

Vote: WNY – NEA Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated**

Motion 15 – Approved at the start of the business sessio

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Motion 16 – To amend motion 7 in the CAR by replacing language on page 38, paragraph 3, with the following: “To add a Spanish line numbered large print numbered Basic Text, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, to NAWS inventory.” This motion was addressed and accepted prior to strw poll of Motion 7.

Vote: WNY –NEA Verbal Vote: **Amendment carried**

Motion 17 – To commit Motion 12 to the World Board. Intent: In the spirit of consensus –based procedures, we like this idea to live as a possibility, rather than a motion. Straw poll result yeas and neas were pretty balanced.

Vote: WNY – NEA Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated**

Motion 18 – To commit Motion 13 to the World Board. Intent: In the spirit of consensus –based procedures, we like this idea to live as a possibility, rather than a motion. Straw poll result yeas and neas were equally balanced. Many RD/RDAs spoke to time management and procrastination. Bob once again raised the point it is not a matter of procrastination it is a matter of time management planning, and organization. You know how we are doing it in WNY. It works if you work it.

Vote: WNY – NEA Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated.**

Motion 19 – To commit Motion 14 to the World Board. Intent: In the spirit of consensus –based procedures, we like this idea to live as a possibility, rather than a motion. Straw poll result some support.

Vote: WNY – NEA Verbal Vote: **Motion defeated**

Motion 20 – To recognize Malta Region as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close WSC 2010. Intent: That this community geographically isolated can bring its voice to the WSC. **This motion was placed under New Business session’s agenda to be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010.**

Recessed @ 8:15. This was a very long and demanding session requiring focused critical thinking for the purpose of clear concise communication.

Opened w/MOS, Prayer, and Readings: JFT Meditation and We Do Recover

**9:00-10:30 Fellowship Development "OUR VISION, OUR FUTURE"**

During this session our focus was on NAWS fellowship development events from this conference cycle, including workshops, zonal forum meetings, conventions, and learning days. (It is to be noted that in an effort to support NA communities workshops have been held all over the world and for some communities these were the first NAWS activities.

What is fellowship development? A good example is what is taking place now – the WSC, but there are so many other examples and that is what we will be looking at this session. It even includes PR, but we will address PR Thursday.

Look at our vision statement and the banner. At one time it had a very simple border today look at how it has exploded. With this in mind we can include literature development and translations in fellowship development.

To show the growth of the Fellowship, maps were used to show how meetings have increased in number and along with that, regions. How in certain geographic locations NA began as it has often done in the past grew out of AA using their literature and substituting drugs for alcohol when necessary. The connection made through efforts of carrying our message resulted in linking communities in different geographic locals to promote unity. Example provided was Russia – 8 time zones and cultural divides resulted in the birth of 5 regions and this was achieved through cooperative efforts of members in Russia working with WS. Another example of fellowship development shared was the continent of Africa and how South Africa is leading the way with fellowship development. The WSO donated 5000 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Basic Texts to South Africa to help with fellowship development and literature development in Africa and conducted two workshops in South Africa – one in Cape Town and one in Johannesburg.

The overview continued with Latin America. The WSO attended one zone, 4 conventions (2008 Columbian Regional Convention – celebrating 25 years of NA in Columbia and Latin American Convention in 2009), and 2 service events ( Learning Day in Peru and zonal Workshop in Brazil in 2009). Currently NAWS is still working with LA continuing the efforts that began with Jimmy K in 1976 to translate all recovery literature.

Then we moved on to Asian-Pacific regions. NAWS attended 2 zones, 4 service events, 4 conventions, and 1 NAWS event. WSO worked on draft translation of the Basic Text in Chinese , attended Asia Pacific Forum in 2009 and the Asia Pacific Forum in Kolkata, India in 2009, and a NAWS event(Worldwide Workshop) in Japan. Note on Japan: the Fellowship has been in existence there for 28 years and just recently translated the Basic Text. As a result of the work in Japan – Japan has reached out to Korea. Now what clearer example of fellowship development do we need than this? The therapeutic value of one addict helping another – reaching out beyond one's own local.

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India has just completed its translation of the Basic Text. It only took 27 years to accomplish this task in Hindi. It should be noted that there are 25 different languages in India. So when one travels from one state in India it is like traveling to a foreign land. The language spoken in each state is very different. Thanks to the cooperative efforts involving WSO NA continues to grow in this sub continental region. India is one region. To help cut cost in production and shipping, NAWS is continuing efforts to establish production in India and set up distribution centers to ship to other locals in the geographic area.

Pakistan: 7 meetings in Karachi and here the Fellowship is just starting to take root. Here they are reaching out to learn more about NA and what a “real NA meeting is like.”

Middle East: 2 NAWS events and 1 convention. Just like in other geographic locations translation is a challenge. The challenge is getting our message to sound like our message in languages other than ours. Just think of this area of the world – Egypt to the west and Iran to the east. WSO - NAWS Workshop, Cairo, Egypt in 2010. Goal is to establish production and distribution center in Egypt.

Europe: 4 zonal forums, 1 service event, 1 world convention, and 1 NAWS event. The EDM in show of unity did not host its regional convention. Literature development in this area of the world is phenomenal. Upcoming Worldwide Workshop will be put on in Croatia in June 2010.

Once again the translation of our literature into languages other than English must be met. The true hurdle is not losing the message as we translate – this is costly and continues to be costly as more languages require the translation.

Canada: WSO attended 2 zonal events and 2 service events.

USA: WSO attended 17 zones, 16 service events, 4 conventions, and 3 NAWS events.

**“We are victims of our own success. And when our message is translated into others languages the message becomes theirs. Following up and following through is our challenge especially with carrying the message.” WBM-Becky**

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### Overview

- Items from the CAT
    - Issue discussion topics (IDT)
    - Bulletin Board Changes 10-12 Cycle
  - Living Clean Update
  - WSO Staff Intros
  - Current Financial Status
    - NAWS Acid Test
    - WCNA -33
  - Basic Text Index –Translated Versions
  - Translation Demand
  - NA way
  - Snapshot
  - WEBSITE Snapshot
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- Items from the CAT
  - Issue discussion topics (IDT)
    - Focus was placed on the literature topics being worked on
    - Our vision statement
    - Best practices
  - Bulletin Board Changes 10-12 Cycle
    - Ideas on how to make better use of board especially w/literature projects
    - Ideas on how to make better use for the purpose of communication
- Living Clean Update

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- See handout on received 1485 items of input
- This has been identified by many as an excellent piece – one all addicts are identifying with regardless of time
- WSO Staff Intros
  - NAWS has 5 physical offices, 2 of them are distribution centers only\* located in
    - USA – Chatsworth, California (52 staff)
    - Canada\* - Mississauga (2staff)
    - Belgium – Brussels (2 staff)
    - Iran – Tehran (5 staff)
    - India\* - Bangalore (1 contractor)
- Current Financial Status (see March Report Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition)
  - NAWS Acid Test -compares assets to accounts receivable combine the two numbers for a total of quick assets then take what you owe (invoices in system owed + occurred payroll expense) take a quick ratio of what is owed to what is owned and if it is greater than one it is very good. WSO currently has a 10:1 ratio
  - See cash basis sheet for book entries that effect the value of the corporation 9this involves amortizations and depreciation items included in the budge
  - Translations
    - Ever increasing demand w/constantly reducing resources
      - Translators want to be paid in Euros not US dollars – Euros cost us more
    - Money isn't the only need to accomplish translations
      - Local translation committees need to be stable. Instability contributes to increased time factor and therefore increased costs
    - Alternate Methods
      - Such as translations that use less text but more graphic such as cartoons for places where reading literacy is very low
      - Use of CDs: audio again for those places with poor literacy
      - More use of electronic media – this is the nature of developing technology

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- NA Way
  - We are asking the Fellowship to move toward e-copies. The mailing of this literature is costly (About a \$1 per copy distribution cost).
  - NAWS is looking at how to improve the e- version by incorporating links
- WCNA -33
- Basic Text Index –Translated Versions
- Translation Demand
- NA Way Snapshot
- WEBSITE Snapshot (see the Website Snapshot March 2010 HO) The WSO is paying particularly close attention to the number of hits for the Basic Text and income regarding purchases.
- Public Relations
  - Major Challenges: Medical field is not recognizing the disease of addiction. NA approach to recovery is being challenged. The pharmaceuticals industry is offering a pill to overcome addiction. We need to be available to challenge the misconceptions that NA doesn't work and is not out dated or antiquated.

## *Q & A*

- ❖ Does WS O have a plan in place to respond to the economic downturn? Ans: Yes, a 5 step Strategic Plan that includes the worst case – closing down completely and only providing literature.
- ❖ Do we have an estimate of how many members there are in NA that we give when asked by outside agencies? Ans: Yes, at this time over 600,000.
- ❖ Have any considerations been given to charging for a subscription? Ans: Yes

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- ❖ At this time we have finances to cover 70 days. Would you say our goal of one year is realistic?  
Ans: We have worked off reserve for the last 3 years and it will be a little bit before we can get to that year reserve.
- ❖ How do we know what phase to prepare for? Ans: There are Percentage figures and if we hit those percentages it triggers the Board to respond with next phase strategy.
- ❖ Is there a way for Regions to get a list of subscribers? Ans: I want to be clear that we have app. 27000 group subscriptions. It is hard to remove a group from the data base. This is an ongoing dilemma. We need your continuing assistance.
- ❖ Do you have a copy of the 5 point strategic plan for response to the economic crisis? Ans: Yes, it is an internal document, but I don't see why we couldn't provide copies to you. (WNY)
- ❖ Have you given consideration to PSAs? Ans: No. When we said no to CNNs request to give our opinion on the legalization of marijuana they lost interest in us. Also, PSAs are not being given away – they are not as free as they once were. (WNY)
- ❖ Question was asked that related to PR – it wasn't clear. Ans: Response was clear. We do not have a one size fits all approach and this is because of the unique needs of our NA communities.
- ❖ When free literature is given away is the figure based on cost to produce or revenue lost when sold? Ans: It is based on both and is included in the spread sheets as both.
- ❖ NA WAY magazine questions revolved around what could be done to decrease the # of copies being sent out to those no longer part of. The WB response was we are mandated by our by laws to make a decision regarding what has to be done, but we are asking you the Fellowship to direct us and hopefully it will not have to been in the form of a motion. At this point we are not even considering stop the distribution of the publication.
- ❖ WB is considering the purchase of a building. Is this actually feasible. Ans: At this time it is under consideration because lease vs mortgage payment now is an issue, when previously it was not because of low lease dollars paid out.
- ❖ A consideration of World Convention, why is Europe left out of the rotation until 2020? Ans: We are obliged to provide a rotation that takes us to Latin American and elsewhere before we return to Europe.
- ❖ What or how are we going to do to protect our fellowship in response to what our medical field and drug manufacturers are doing? Ans: Our philosophy is under attack. What we need to do is make sure we are present where these contradictions are being put out there. I would hope that eventually we will be able to work with advocates in the field to help present NA as a viable option to jails, institutions, and death. We need to step to azure the availability and consistency of our message.

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- ❖ As a result of the number of downloads last year for the Basic Text, has the WB given consideration to charging per download? Ans: Yes, but this is not an option we are focused on at this time. If the number of downloads increase and revenue from literature purchases decreases than this will be a viable option and one that will be seriously considered.
- ❖ What about the member subscriptions numbering 27000 at this time, will they be eliminated? Ans: 1<sup>st</sup> things 1<sup>st</sup> – we are going to deal with the group subscriptions then the member. We are first going to seek your direction.
- ❖ What can we do, when we send money in the form of a donation to WSO to get them to keep and use the funds, when donated for a specific purpose and WSO sends its back? Ans: We are continuing to deal with this issue, but the problem still resides in what is a unique problem of restricted funds. We do not want to go back to the days of the H&I can.
- ❖ Are there any policies in place for former participants to be removed from the data base for mailings? Ans: This question is important and requires a response after it has been included in discussion. These individuals are important to the fellowship because more often than not they stay involved and their input is important. Therefore if their input is to continue to contribute wouldn't it be smart to keep them informed by continuing to make available to them the information.
- ❖ When might the book **Living Clean** be ready? Ans: 2012.
- ❖ If you considered publishing the NA WAY less times in a year? Ans: Yes, this is one of the considerations.
- ❖ What is the process to select the World Convention in Latin America? Ans: Sometime after the end of May 2010 WSO will be sending a company to assess the countries requesting they be considered for the 2015 World Convention. If your community wants to be considered then just send us your wish to be considered.
- ❖ How much are the expenses monthly for the WSO? Ans: Approx \$26000 daily multiply that by the days in a month \$780,000.
- ❖ What is the point of a 90 day review and input and a 1 year approval? Ans: Only advantage is we are responding to the request of the fellowship.
- ❖ How can we go away from motion driven agenda to consensus driven discussion body? I am asking the Board to show me how to do that. Ans: We have been doing it. It may be slow but we are moving in that direction. It's just doing it that way and getting comfortable with it.

#### **4:30 – 6:00 Afternoon Session Continued**

The Human Resource Panel Nominations Process: Here the HRP gave an overview of the process and nominations – open positions. These included nine World Board positions, two Human Resource Panel positions, and two WSC Co facilitator positions.

World Pool members must have submitted a Candidate Profile Report (CPR) and have 8 years clean – 612 were eligible out over 1600 on file and 80 were interested – submitted application to the process.

After blind scoring those with the highest scores are asked to move on to the next stage – Interviews and reference checks. Once this stage is completed the final stage is the final interview stage. (See attached handout on the process.) All nominees are selected by consensus of the entire HRP.

WSC 2010 Nominees

WB – 17 nominees for 9 openings

HRP – 3 nominees for 2 seats

CoFac – 4 nominees for 2 seats

After the overview session where the process was explained the floor was open to a Q &A session. These questions and answers are included in this report. See the attachment.

A major issue was raised due to the scoring and profile related to AA vs NA sponsorship and the points awarded. How is it that a candidate can make it through the process with a sponsor in AA before a person with an NA sponsor? And, if this is not an issue why is it asked on the profile and scored in the process? There was a divide in the body and the HRP really did not respond. It is a matter of decision – a personal decision. They provided several examples of where available sponsorship was limited for a number of reasons resulting in necessitating AA sponsorship.

Also raised was the variable of education and how this might create an unlevel playing field when selecting candidates based upon scored points. The HRP stated that education is only 1% of the total points awarded in the process. It must be noted that it is life experience that is the marker and a person with limited education but has run a business, etc would be awarded significant points in this category; there by leveling the field.

It was also brought up by an RD that a candidate should be present so that they can be asked questions. Yes this is an expense, but it is an expense that we might consider worthy of review.

Again this was a demanding and worthwhile day. Its emphasis was fellowship development, HRP report, and RD sharing aimed at discussing regional reports, HRP –candidate profiles, and communication and apathy issues.

**Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

**Morning session from 9:00 – 10:30 work shopped the importance of scanning. The fellowship brought in a professional consultant to conduct this training session. The environmental scan process is a process of looking at what is happening in communities, both in and out of NA, see what factors are affecting our services and the work we are doing. The use of scanning contributes to effective decision making about priorities we set and projects we carry out. It would be a great tool to employ in WNY.**

**Part two of the morning session from 11:00 – 12:30 was focused on effective leadership and communication. The dissemination of information is an important role of a leader and many ideas were shared about how to improve the flow of information.**

**Offsite Lunch and Meeting 12:30 – 5:30 – this time was critically important because it provided a very necessary break in the middle of a very demanding work week. It allowed for a spiritual retreat, socializing, and physical activity. Its value should not be understated. It allowed for community building between the Conference participants, who over the next several days would be involved in long demanding sessions.**

**Our Zonal meeting was held immediately after the afternoon session starting at 6:15 and closing after 11:00 p.m. It was a long session focused primarily on review CPRs. There was a lot of discussion involving the application of 12/12/12 as we consider candidates for service positions and how each would complete a service puzzle – complimenting each other and enhancing our Fellowship's service structure through the service they would be doing together. It was very much a discussion reinforcing the "We" concept of the Fellowship.**

**Morning Session 9 – 10:30**

**Thursday, April 29, 2010**

**Opened meeting w/MOS, Just for Today Meditation, and the PR reading.**

**During this session updates were provided some about PR activities over the last cycle and a look ahead to what is to come. These PR efforts include an update from the Spain campaign, regional activities, and the 2009 membership survey.**

Membership Survey provided at this session is just a sample of what is to come. The pamphlet will be completed by the end of May and go to final print.

Shown was a PSA that any NA group can use. Just go to [na.org](http://na.org) and go to the Resource page link. It is a simple, clear, and concise message to the public.

### Growth of Public Relations Efforts

- 2002 – NAWS PR Roundtables marked the beginning of public relations efforts
  
- 2006 – Public Relations handbook – resource for local service communities; growth throughout the fellowship as evidenced by Regional Reports. It is accessible online and is downloadable. It is also available in Spanish. It is referred to as the “Cook Book” because of the first four chapters really includes a how to approach. If we plan concerning the audience we want to reach, train those who are carrying the message, carry the message, and then follow up. This is an example of developing NA through PR. It is highly recommended that Regional PR efforts include the use of local PSA efforts.
  - Example of efforts: PR effort at the Iowa State Fair – exposure to more than a million people. Should WNY consider once again the Erie County Fair?
  - Shark Coast Are Billboard of Florida
  - Trauma Conferences – expose to service providers in various fields outside of the fellowship
  - Counseling Conferences – CAADAC Northern Cali. Referenced here was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition
  - Correctional Conference – tool for such a conference as this is “Reaching Out” This speaks volumes due to the evidence inside that the program works.
  - Alcohol & Drug Conferences – such as those found in Latin America ie Brazil
  - National Institute of Rural Medicine Conference
  - Australian Phoneline Poster currently preparing to present this to their countries Parliament
  - GLBT Pride Festival Minnesota PR efforts here went from 0% to over 150% active efforts resulting in 103 trusted servants joining up with PR in one year
  - Egypt Membership Survey – here they provide the survey information to the government resulting doors being opened to NA
  - PSA hot off the press from South Africa – check it out on na.org. It will be available to all of on the Shared Resource site (Staying stopped one day at a time)
  - Pens will be available at na.org for local committees.

## **WCNA 33**

**Amor sin  
fronteras**

**Love Without Borders**

WB member, Michael, from Spain who resides in Spain asked us to think of the impact such an event has on a local, especially when more than 3000 people from all over come to place to celebrate recovery. The impact is beyond description, but the impact on the community cannot be left without reference to what positives result from how we impact society as a whole. We are certainly a part of.

By bringing the convention to Spain we brought NA to Spain. It is no longer hidden in the background of our society. Now there are PR efforts including billboards and posters. The consequences are seen below:

“Helping More People Every Day”

- Hotline calls have tripled
- 10 new meetings in identified cities
- Proyecto Hombre, largest treatment center in Spain, has begun to refer patients to NA

In Spain we are a respectful community of recovering addicts. The door is now open to recovery in Spain.

All these things are possible because addicts somewhere put a dollar in the basket. Many may think that Barcelona was a lost. No it was a gift. It wasn't about the money. It was about fellowship development. It was about the love. Only time will tell the results of this event, but look what has already been revealed. This convention will reveal so much more. It is beyond our wildest dreams.

Note: This wasn't the first NA services used an outside agency to help plan a convention. It was done to help increase the positive exposure for NA. Yes, it was expensive. This community existed for over 20 years. In that 20 years there were hurdles that NA was unable to get over. Because of the addicts and committed trusted servants in Spain it was time to put in place a comprehensive strategy to address PR effectively and this required a professional PR group. NA entered into a contract lasting 14 months and the strategic plan was implemented. This convention was viewed as the simplest ever and has resulted in nothing but statistical numbers that support such an event. Keep it simple and focused on recovery not the extracurricular activities such as comedy and dances. The money supposedly lost was actually gained through the Public Relations company's effort saving the fellowship over 150 thousand Euros. The bottom line we take some time to arrive at as we examine the effectiveness the planned strategy. The analysis has yet been done. The total spent on this effort is about 60 thousand Euros. That still leaves approximately 90 thousand Euros to offset the expenses of the Convention.

Time Square electronic billboard owners have approached NAWS and offered the billboard at \$25,000 vs \$120,000 for a month's 30 sec run once every hour resulting in 13032spots in one month.

Can we as a fellowship that is becoming increasingly more credible handle such an offer's results if we say yes? Can our fellowship handle it? Can our committees – PI, Phoneline, and H&I handle the increase of contacts? And what will happen if we say no when offers such as Time Square come our way again? We need to be ready and we need our locals to prepare.

**Membership Survey (This survey will be available with finalized #s after May 2010.)**

- Women 's # decreasing
- We are getting older in recovery
- We are staying clean and serene longer
- Average age drug free getting older
- Opiates predominant drug of choice
- Drug Used Regularly – Alcohol
- Sponsorship increase
- Service Commitments Held increasing
- Import of 1<sup>st</sup> mtg. still the strongest response
- Mtg. Att. increased
- Import Influences NA Literature shown
- Top 12 Influences shown
- Top 10 Influence to Stay shown
- Family Members in 12 Step (1<sup>st</sup> time asked)
- Before coming to NA – Quality of Life Questions (1<sup>st</sup> time asked)
- Currently Taking Meds 40.5 indicated taking some type of med
- Mental Health/Clean Time – Taking mental health med is decreasing
- Medical Maintenance
- We are getting older and require meds. This number is increasing.

*The passion of our trusted servants cannot be denied. Their dedication to fellowship development and their professionalism is allowing this fellowship to become an accepted institution in our societies. Proving the lie is dead – once an addict always an addict. Jim L.*

**Morning Session continued 11:00 -1:00 p.m.**

**Elections and Approval of Budget**

During this session we participated in elections carrying what we believed would be our Region's conscience concerning those nominated to service positions at the NAWS- this included World Board members, HRP, and co facilitators. The process of coming to a consensus involved lengthy discussion, talking with nominees when the opportunity presented itself, review of candidate profiles, and meeting with the NEZF members to review and discuss at length each candidate and any other information deemed significant to the decision making process. It should be noted that this is not a simple task. It is one that requires conviction –courage, understanding and application of the 12, 12, and 12, as well as fellowship development as it is related to our service structure and each position's responsibilities. It is with this in mind Bob and I would like to acknowledge your faith in us as trusted servants and thank the Region for allowing us the privilege to represent the WNY – its addicts – those seeking recovery and those yet to find recovery.

**Roll Call and Election Process (WNY votes are included in this section's bulleted items.)**

- Stand and be recognized when called. Stay standing until packet is received from staff member
- 3 ballots on different paper will be provided
- Each ballot has a number to make sure that duplicate ballots are not turned in. There is no way to tie a ballot to a voter.
- Mark the box next to individual voted for: Those underlined were elected to positions for which they were nominated
  - Up to 4 co-facilitators
    - WNY Voted: Mike Hart of Central Cali. and Jack Hovenier of Washington/West Idaho
  - Up to 3 HRP
    - WNY Voted: Pat Pate,Jr of Arkansas and Mark Williams of Alabama/ NW Florida
  - Up to 17 World Board member
    - WNY Voted: Mindy Atkins of Show Me Region, Mary Banner of Lone Star Region, Ron Blake of Australia, Mahmoud Chervandeh of Iran, Irene Crawley of Ireland, Piet de Boer of Sweden, Mukam Harzenski – Deutsch of NJ, Ron Miller of Florida, Erik Rogers of Hawaii, Laura Rogue of Costa Rica, and Bill Ryan of Arizona. Inigo Calonji Unceta of Spain
- Return ballots with CPRs or vote for Region will not be accepted
- Once all ballots have been collected, the HRP will take ballots to secure location for tabulation

*Note Roll Call and Vote took less than 35 minutes total. This time did not include the tabulation. Organization and preparation saves time.*

**New Business: Motions 24 -30**

**Consensus – Based Decision Making**

**Straw Poll – Questions – Verbal Vote (Roll Call Number: 127 64 needed for majority 85 for 2/3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Motion to change the order of business was called and seconded. All motions requiring translations have been moved to Friday's agenda allowing RD/RDAs to discuss the proposed changes and the impact of each. This moves Motion 25 to Friday's agenda. This will include motions 25, 29, and 30.**

Motion 24: To approve the Fellowship Issue Discussions project plan for the 2010-2012 NA World Services, Inc. Budget. Straw Poll: Strong support.

Vote: WNY – Yea Verbal Vote: Adopted by Unanimous consent

Motion 25: To approve the PR project plan for inclusion in the 2010-2012 NA World Services, Inc. budget. Straw Poll: Strong support

Motion 56: Is meant to amend Motion 25 to read: This material would be conference approved. Straw Poll: Minimal support.

Vote: Motion 25: WNY – Yea **Motion was vote on in later business.**

Motion 26: To reaffirm the Service System project plan for inclusion in the 2010-2012 NA World Services, Inc. budget. Straw Poll: Strong support.

Vote: WNY – Yea **Verbal Vote: Adopted by unanimous consent**

Motion 27: To re-affirm the "Living Clean –the Journey Continues" project plan for inclusion in the 2010-2012 NA World Services, Inc. budget. Straw Poll: Strong support.

Vote: WNY – YEA **Verbal Vote: Adopted by unanimous consent**

Motion 28: To approve the Leadership Orientation Material project plan for inclusion in the 2010-2012 NA World Services, Inc. budget. Straw Poll: Strong support.

Vote: WNY – YEA Verbal Vote: Adopted by voice vote Is have the vote

Motion 29: To approve the Service Material project plan for inclusion in the 2010-2012 NA World Services, Inc. budget. Straw Poll: Strong support.

Vote: WNY – YEA

Motion 30: To Adopt the 2010-2012 NA World Services, Inc. budget. Straw Poll: Strong support.

Vote: WNY- Yea **Verbal Vote: Passes**

**Afternoon Session 2:30 – 4:00**

**World Board Conference Forum**

**The Internet and Related Issues**

This session presented the opportunity to talk about some ways that areas, regions, and NAWS can make use of the Internet to support the groups and to carry the NA message. It was a session that allowed participants to share their ideas and ask questions about issues related to the internet.

An hour and a half was dedicated to this discussion and the major issue addressed was security - anonymity. Reference to the Traditions was a constant- we learn about Traditions when we break Traditions. Mark from the WB used the analogy of an old world map and stated: "We don't know what's out there until we sail over the edge."

Many RD/RDAs shared on how they use the internet from effective use of Facebook to Tweeting, from posting to blogs to e-blasting, and much more, but the bottom line was the need for expertise and how many regions have now created a new service position that of web servant. We need to remember NA existed before Facebook and Facebook isn't going to save NA. Facebook may be free but it is not the answer to fiscal responsibility. It is just another means of communication – another social network.

**4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Session Self Support Round Tables**

Focus of this session was on the following:

How do we change our culture so that our members connect the value of their contributions to the services to the group, area , regions, zones, and worldwide fellowship?

"When all levels of our service structure receive direct financial support from the group, the bonds of mutual responsibility are strengthened between them. " 11<sup>th</sup> Concept Essay

- Two Themes
  - Intention of addicts contributing: Is it one of charity or consumerism?
  - What the bottle necks?

We can fulfill what we aspire to achieve with our vision statement only by changing our culture to one that supports each other and needed services.

We need to change the view of the spiritual principle of money – the culture of money. Money is not a negative thing. It is practical – it is spiritual and ties into the vision statement.

**We must remember - it's all about carrying the message.**

9:00 – 12:30 Session

Friday, April 30, 2010

**Service System Part II**

**Topic of Workshop Discussion: Models proposed for new service structure and their implications. How can we have a discussion and how to have discussion fellowship wide over the next two years? What excites you about the proposals? What concerns you about the proposals? What challenges do we face as a fellowship in discussing these models? What needs to be stress to show the benefit? Further discussion revealed the need to respond to issues already under discussion; such as, “How do we address these models with apathy, communication, and insufficient resources both human and financial?”**

**World Board will be sending us copies of the session’s round table discussion.**

**2:00 -??? Afternoon Session through Saturday (New Business session actually ended Saturday morning at 3:15 a.m.) The following is a combination of Friday’s business session and Saturday’s business session.**

**New Business – Motions of the CAT continued and those brought to the floor at the Conference. Two straw polls will be conducted one prior to que and one following. Motions called to floor for Verbal Vote based on a roll call 123 will require a 82 for 2/3rds and a 62 for simple majority.**

Motion 25: To approve the PR project plan for inclusion in the 2010-2012 NA World Services, Inc. budget. Straw Poll: Strong support

Motion 56: Is meant to amend Motion 25 to read: This material would be conference approved. Straw Poll: Minimal support. Straw Poll: Strong opposition

Opened to Que Motion 25: 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Strong support Motion 56: Strong opposition

Vote: Motion 25: WNY – Yea **Verbal Vote: Passes**

Motion 29: To approve the Service Material project plan for inclusion in the 2010-2012 NA World Services, Inc. budget. Straw Poll: Strong support.

Motion 55: Amendment to Motion 29: No support

Opened to Que

Vote: WNY – Yea **Verbal Vote: Passes**

Motion 31: To recognize Denmark as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010. Straw Poll: Strong support

No Que

Vote: WNY – Yea **Verbal Vote: Passes**

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Motion 32: To recognize Lithuania as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010. Straw Poll: Strong support

No Que

Vote: WNY – Yea **Verbal Vote: Passes**

Motion 33: To place a moratorium on the current Criteria for the Recognition of New Conference Participants from A Guide to World Services in NA until WSC 2012. ~~The World Board will continue to make recommendations to the conference in 2010 and 2012 concerning regions that did not result from a division of a conference seated community. No regions will be considered for seating at the WSC 2012.~~ Straw Poll: Neither strong support nor strong opposition

Opened to Que We participated in the que and presented the voice of WNY based upon Conference 2008 Motion 20 and the 7<sup>th</sup> Concept. We cannot support this moratorium. Note this also reveals that the WB has not come up with a plan for seating new conference participants and requires us to ask: Did WB propose this motion because of the possibility of new service system structure. Intentionally or not is there an alternate agenda that is not being given over to transparency. 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Strong support and opposition.

Vote: WNY – Nea Verbal Vote: 2/3 rd required Yea - 80 Nea - 40 Abs – 1 Present – 1 **Motion failed.** Appeal the Facilitator failed. **Vote stands.**

Motion 34: To remove the following language about *The NA Way Magazine*, indicated by strike through, from page 18 of the 2008 A Guide to World Services in NA.

The World Service Office publishes *The NA Way Magazine*: our fellowship's international journal. The magazine provides both a forum for sharing about NA recovery, unity, and service, as well as information ABOUT WORLD SERVICES. ~~Produced in English, The NA Way is translated into primary languages not spoken in Narcotics Anonymous. The magazine is distributed four (4) times a year, at no cost to subscribers, to every trusted servant and NA group contact address in the WSO database, as well as any member who asks to be included in the mailing list.~~ The magazine is edited by WSO staff and an editorial board appointed by World Board. Straw Poll: Strong support

Opened to Que Vote: WNY – Nea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Strong support **Verbal Vote: Passes**

Motion 35: To change the following language for the Local Support Committee of WCNA, indicated by underline and strike-through, from page 39 of the 2008 A Guide to World Services in NA. Straw Poll: Strong support.

No Que Vote: WNY – Nea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Strong support **Verbal Vote: Passes**

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Motion 37: To amend GWSNA page 38 and 39, WCNA Workgroup, by adding the language “only the World Board members assigned to WCNA workgroup will be reimbursed for travel and expenses to the world convention.” Straw Poll: Strong opposition

Opened to Que Vote: WNY – Nea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Strong Opposition **Verbal Vote: Not called to floor**

Motion 38: To develop a plan of sending an H&I (which means Hospitals and Institutions, by the way) Panel to the translators booth and help those two guys. Ruled out of Order

Motion 39: To limit the World Board responses on motions in the Conference Agenda Report to the same word count as the regional rationale. Straw Poll: Limited support

Opened to Que Vote: WNY – Nea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Limited support **Verbal Vote: Failed**

Friendly Amendment: World Board responses and regional rationale are limited to 1000 words. The friendly amendment is seconded and will require 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote in New Business to be approved change to Motion 39. Straw Poll: No clear division between the Yeas and Neas. 2nd Straw Poll: Vocally Even

Maker of motion attempted to amend the motion and this was ruled as a substitute motion allowed by Robert’s Rule. Motion although not written was seconded then request for written version requested before accepting the substitute requiring a second. Verbal Vote to replace failed. Return to original motion

Opened to 3 pros and 3 cons Vote: WNY – Nea **Verbal Vote: Failed**

Motion 45: To direct the World Board to discontinue the practice of publishing recommendations – to adopt, not to adopt, commit, etc., on motions in the Conference Agenda Report. To amend GWSNA, page 14, paragraph 1 indicated by strike through of the following: ~~The World Board also includes a recommendation in order to provide the fellowship with as much information as possible when considering the idea.~~ Straw Poll: Limited support

Open to Que Vote: WNY – Nea It needs to be noted that there was lengthy discussion that was an attempt to move toward consensus based decision making and commit the motion to the Board for one cycle. 2nd Straw Poll Hand Count: Motion failed. **Verbal Vote: Not called to floor**

Motion 40: To designate motions from the Conference Approval Track material as old business and to delegate language in GWSNA, page 9, paragraph 3 and strike the following by strike through: ~~...items contained in the Conference Approval Track including the budget and project plans for the next cycle, seating of new regions, and approval of service material as well as ...~~ Straw Poll: Limited support (When it comes to the floor for a vote it will require a 2/3rds vote.

Opened to Que Vote: WNY - Nea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Some support **Verbal Vote: Not called to floor**

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Motion 20: To recognize Malta Region as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010. Straw Poll: Strong opposition

Move to Commit to World Board Seconded **Verbal Vote: Failed**

Opened to Que Vote: WNY – Yea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Strong Opposition **Verbal Vote: Failed**

Motion 21: At the close of the WSC the WB will provide each conference participant an “electronic copy” of the other conference participant email addresses that can easily be merged with a database program such as Microsoft Access or similar database programs. This list will also be updated every 90days by NAWS staff and included with the conference report mailing and made available to any conference participant upon request. Straw Poll: Strong opposition

Opened to que Vote: WNY – Nea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Strong opposition **Verbal Vote: Not called to floor**

Motion22: To put back the language that was removed from the GWSNA 2006-2008 on page 54 – WSC Rules of Order “standing rules”1, G, last paragraph. “Any conference participant has the right to ask the conference to consider if an item is conference business or if it should be returned to each group for each group for a “Group Conscience” vote. The conference then has to decide if the issue requires the efforts of the NA groups. Straw Poll: Limited support

Opened to Que Vote: WNY – Nea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Limited support **Verbal Vote: Not called to floor**

Motion 23: To amend GWSNA Addendum D WSC Rules #5 to read, “When a motion has been introduced and seconded it will be displayed and then posted on the NAWS discussion board so that it is visible to all members of the fellowship. Straw Poll: Limited support

Maker of motion moves to amend and change language to replace motion with regional proposal and strike and seconded. Motion was seconded. Motion to commit to WB seconded.

Call the Question: 2/3 Motion to commit failed. Return to original motion required.

Opened to Que Vote: WNY – Nea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Limited support **Verbal Vote: Failed**

Motion 36: In addition to the NAWS Annual Report NAWS will create a separate profit and loss statement for all future world conventions. This report will be event specific and will include all expenses for NAWS staff and the World Board to attend events. Straw Poll: Limited support

Opened to Que Vote: WNY – Yea 2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: limited support **Verbal Vote: Failed**

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Motion 41: To change the language in the GWSNA on page 16 and 25 from “eight (8)” to “six (6)” as listed. Straw Poll: Some support

Opened to Que      Vote: WNY – Yea    Submitted to WB as simple house cleaning    no motion required.  
Called to floor      **Verbal Vote: Failed**

Motion 42: To include a section about the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) in the Guide to Local Service. The position will include things such As information about the six guidelines included in the NA Intellectual Property Bulletin 4 and guidelines for proper use of the NA trademark and symbol as originally suggested. Straw Poll not required - World Board is already in the process of doing this.

Motion 43: To remove the following language from the “Approval Process for Recovery Literature,” indicated by strike through from page 36 of the 2008 GWSNA: ~~The approval form of book length pieces will be available for one year prior to the conference where it is being considered.~~ Straw Poll: Strong support.

No Que                      Vote: WNY – Yea      2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll not required      **Verbal Vote: Passed**

Motion 44: A free internet connection will always be provided in the conference room at the WSC for all conference participants. Straw Poll: Limited support

Opened to Que    Vote: WNY – Nea    2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Very limited support    **Verbal Vote: Not called to floor**

Motion 46 To change the language about the length of term for Co facilitators indicated by underline and strike-through, from pages 23 and 25 of the 2008 -2010 A Guide to World Services in NA. See Guide. Purpose of motion is to rotate off for purpose mentoring. If the motion passes it will become effective in 2012 and new co facilitators will determine who serves the 2 year term Straw Poll: Very strong support

Opened to Que              Vote: WNY – Yea      2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Strong support      **Verbal Vote: Passed**

Motion 47: That the WB undertake an evaluation of the efficacy of discontinuing the Human Resource Panel and replacing their functions with a process for the WB to forward direct nominations for prospective WB members or Conference Co Facilitators to WSC. The Board will submit a recommendation on this issue for possible action at WSC 2012. Straw Poll: Some support

World Board request Conference commits the motion to the WB for consideration and action in lieu of the motion being brought to the floor. Straw Poll: Strong support

Open to Que    Vote: WNY – Nea    2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Limited support    **Verbal Vote: Not called to floor**

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Motion 54: To allow any WB, HRP, or Co-Facilitator nominee to have five minutes of time prior to the election process to verbally qualify themselves to the Conference delegates by personal appearance, video, phone, or other technology that can be used to do so. Straw Poll: Some support

Open to Que                      Vote: WNY – Nea                      2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: very limited support

Straw Poll: Limited support to commit t the WB                      2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: strongly opposed

**Verbal Vote: Failed**

Motion 48: To immediately cease production of IP 27 for *The Parents or Guardians of Young People*.

This motion would require a 2/3rds vote to pass. Straw Poll: Very limited support.

(129,426 copies of IP27 sold and 303,724 Youth IPs sold during 2008-2009)

Open to Que                      Vote: WNY – Nea                      2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: extremely limited support

Motion 49: That any motions that substantially change the service structure or change the basic make – up of the conference be presented at the WSC for discussion and then be made a ~~in~~the CAR motion sent back to groups and require a 2/3 majority to pass. (Maker of motion requested the Conference accept additional language as identified by underline and strike-through.)

Straw Poll: Limited support      Vote: WNY - Yea                      2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Limited support

Co Facilitator was compelled to rule this motion out of order because of the Motion 26 Service Project Plan already presented and voted on and passed in previous business. Due to points raised during discussion the motion was considered possibly not out of order and that if it was it would have to be ruled out of order when called to the floor.

Called to Roll Call Vote: Failed

Opened to Que      Vote: WNY – Yea                      2<sup>nd</sup> Straw Poll: Some support      **Verbal Vote: Failed**

Motion50: To add a brief description of the conference approval track (CAT) in future editions of the GWSNA, to be listed under the World Service Conference Publications heading (Page 13-14 of the GWSNA). Straw Poll: World Board doesn't believe this requires a motion because they will do it. This was considered an act of confidence and the motion was not discussed further.

Motion 51: That bilingualism i.e., a working familiarity with a language additional to English, is made by the WB one selection criteria for members of workgroups developing new literature. Straw Poll:Withdraw – maker of motion will not call the motion to the floor. No discussion.

Motion 52: We move that the WB, using WSC participants, develop a plan to implement a Consensus Based Decision Making process that, among other things, would eliminate the use of motions at the WSC. Straw Poll: World Board recommends the Conference commits to WB. Strong support

**Motion to Commit was seconded – Passes by unanimous consent.**

No Que      Vote: WNY – Nea      Straw Poll: Strong support on original motion.

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Motion 53: To direct the WB to post and/or send to RDs a copy of the minutes of the WB meetings within a timely manner after they meet. This practice to start at the close of WSC 2010. Straw Poll: Strongly opposed. **Not called to floor.**

Motion 55: to amend Motion 29 (approve the service material project plan) with the following change: the last sentence in the purpose and the scope would read "Resource material would be used to produce a conference approved handbook." Straw Poll: No Support see Motion 29. **Not called to floor.**

Motion 56: To amend Motion 25 (the Public Relations project plan) with the following change; the last sentence of paragraph two would be replaced with "This material would be conference approved." Straw Poll: Strong opposition see Motion 25. **Not called to floor.**

Motion to Adjourn 2: 51 a.m. passed and business session officially ended at 3:15 a.m.

**Saturday, May 1, 2010**

**WSC Processes:** this session commenced at 10:00 a.m. and focused on what went well and how to improve the Conference. It should be note that the 2008 -2010 cycle was the first time WSO tried direct World Board member/RD interactions. The discussion involved sharing on how it worked for the RDs and if it should be continued in the conference cycle ahead.

The following is an overview of the discussion and straw polls taken during the session and it is to be noted that this session was conducted as a consensus based decision making session. It went smoothly , involved questions and answer, straw polls to determine consensus. Please refer to the attached copy of session notes as provided by World.

**Report result of cooperative efforts of BoB B. and Jim L.**

*Yours in Service,  
Jim L.and Bob B.*