

WNYRSCNA RD Report

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Since the last meeting of this body, this RD has attended to the following service commitments:

- Reviewed, researched, engaged in dialogue specific to this Conference Cycle's WSC 2016 CAR/CAT Reports
 - Prepared, distributed, and collected CAR/CAT 2016 Tally Sheets
- Attended meeting of Buffalo Area Service (April 2016)
 - Focus: address the CAR and CAT Reports for WSC
 - Provided updated copies of CAR/CAT Tally Sheets
 - Collected CAR/CAT Tally Sheets
- Presented CAR/CAT Workshops in the areas of WNY per requests
- Attended required service events

All of the preceding was for the purpose of gaining input, so that the home groups and individual members of the Fellowship of the region of Western New York could if they so choose to do so participate in the review, discussion, and presentation of their conscience concerning the WSC 2016 CAR/CAT. As it was previously stated in the last RD report, the Fellowship remains in transition and a clear voice regarding the direction of the worldwide fellowship continues to be debated indicating the absence of a mandate from the Fellowship. In an attempt to address the apparent apathy or lack of effective communication at area service and home group levels, your regional delegates along with the RCMs of each area continued to spread the word about the 2016 WSC and the CAR/CAT Reports. The desire to be part of the process was revealed during the gathering of Western New York's conscience regarding the issues before the Fellowship this conference cycle. Although there still appears to be evidence of apathy and need for improved communication; as well as more effective delivery of services to the Western New York fellowship, the number of CAR/CAT Tally sheets gathered this cycle still confirm Western New York as a region that wants to be part of the process.

It should be noted that of the 210 home groups in the Western New York Region 65 groups submitted their conscience. This represents a 30% participation rate of the home groups. This is an 18% decrease from the 2014 WSC.

During the 2014 cycle this RD conducted an experiment intended to determine the accuracy and therefore validity of the gathering of home group conscience. Individual CAR/CAT Tally sheets were gathered from around the Region's area home group members. The number of individual tallies totaled 112. They were then tabulated and compared against the home group tally sheets. The comparison showed no statistical difference between the method for gathering conscience and that the individual voice of the participants represented the voice of the home groups. Those who individually participated revealed through self-disclosure that their participation involved discussion at the home group level. It was concluded that the intense manner by which tallies were collected contributed significantly to the increased rate of participation.

For the 2016 WSC cycle, this RD was not able to travel to all WNY Region's Area service meetings to present and collect CAR/CAT tallies, nor was he able to attend the multitude of home group business meetings in an attempt to obtain as many group consciences as reasonably possible. As a result, the Region saw an 18% decrease in tallies this cycle. It is clear that the

number of tallies collected and the RD/RDA participation at Area service meeting, home group business meetings, CAR/CAT Workshops are proportional.

It is with this in mind that the following is recommended. To truly gather the conscience of WNY home groups the Region coordinate the collection of tallies by attending and presenting CAR/CAT presentations at area service meetings in a three month period beginning in January following the posting of the CAR and February following the posting of the CAT with the third meeting preceding the WSC intended for the sole purpose of collecting the tallies.

This RD would like to thank all the trusted servants that engaged the home groups and the fellowship of WNY that remained open-minded and willing as we worked collaboratively and actively participated in shaping the new reality that lies before the Fellowship. The theme of the WSC, *Honesty, Trust, and Goodwill*, reinforced the importance of Unity. Our participation was reflected in our voice being carried to the WSC. Our participation along with the participation of the worldwide fellowship affected NA as a whole (4th Tradition). The 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th Concepts of NA; as well as, the 1st Tradition were the foundation upon which the Conference participants stood as we worked toward reaching a consensus regarding matters that would affect NA as a whole:

- Tradition 1 “Our common welfare should come first. Personal recovery depends on NA unity.”
- Concept 7 “All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body’s decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.”
- Concept 8 “Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.”
- Concept 9 “All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.”
- Concept 11 “NA funds are to be used to further the primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.”

In closing, the seeds of change that were planted in 2012 with discussion focused on the Fellowship transitioning from a service structure to a service system continues as we look to the future. Again there was a great deal of talk concerning seating and representation at the WSC – how will it be determined and what will it look like – were the foundation of many conversations. Will seating move toward representation based upon zones? Will aspect of the SSP resurface regarding zonal representation and representation based upon a nation, state, province model. These conversations were the very framework for the breakout sessions and workshops of the WSC: FIPT and NA Literature and the Future of the WSC. All of which were concluded with Moving Forward with a Common Vision. The changes that may take place can take place with our participation or without our participation. Regardless, if we as a region wish to be part of the process, then I leave you with a quote.

“It only happens with communication and collaboration.”
(Unknown)

Yours in service,
Jim L RD

PEACE BE THE JOURNEY

Addendum #1: RD Expense Report

Balance of expenditure prior to WSC 2016 totaled \$165.94. Additional expenses included for WSC 2016 included the following:

Baggage:	\$50.00
Mileage:	\$20.40
Food:	<u>\$100.00</u>
Subtotal:	\$170.40
Less balance:	<u>\$165.94</u>
Total:	\$4.46

World Board Forum

- I. MOS and Serenity Prayer
- II. Introductions and Orientation
- III. Q&A
 - A. Why are we not at the Ranch and why is the Conference Participant Board still closed?
 1. Even though the Conference voted to keep going to the Ranch, the cost became cost prohibitive.
 2. The Conference participants wanted to keep it closed due to lack of understanding that the board was actually a resource and its effectiveness as a resource had not yet been determined.
 - B. Is not the WB responsible to resolving FIPT issues and that the WB continues to ask the Fellowship to resolve the issue, therefore pitting member against member? A request was made through Facebook that this issue be placed on the agenda. Why was this issue not given a place on the agenda?
 1. First and foremost it was not presented through the proper means. The opportunity for this topic has been given attention and it is the hope of the WB that the opportunity for further discussion will be taken and resolution or direction be reached by the Conference.
 2. The question was rephrased by ABCD Region and it plainly asked why keep asking us to resolve the issue when it is you that must resolve the issue. The history of the lawsuit was given and even though the lawsuit decided the issue there are those that still wish to go in the direction contrary to the decision. The cost of another lawsuit can impact delivery of services – Fellowship Development and the WSC for example – since the cost would be estimated in the millions to solve an issue in the moment. What about those who come after? This is a basic economics decision of demand and supply as it relates to the issue of FIPT.
 - C. What about NAWS and Public Relations as it is related to a new pamphlet related to medication and professionals? Why were we not made aware of the IP (Information Pamphlet)?
 1. This was the responsibility of the RD team – the deadline for that piece was April 22. The input is a 90 day process and the input has not yet been processed.
 - D. What were the results of the literature survey?
 1. The deadline has been extended to today and the survey info will be crunched by Tuesday.

- E. What is the rumor about “shining star” program?
 - 1. This is related to figuring out those that possess the KSAs (Knowledge, Skills, and Attributes). The shining star is just a label and search for members of the Fellowship who possess certain qualities of leadership, strategic planning, and facilitation, along with understanding of business. It is not a myth.
- F. We have recognized that there is a need for utilizing our resources. Don’t we need to recognize that one of the resources that must be utilized more effectively is our use of time? This is an extremely important issue for the non-English speaking communities. May be there needs to be consideration given to a Conference every three years. Not looking for answer – just asking that time be viewed as a resource.
- G. Two questions: IP about findings meetings that are more tolerant of addicts in recovery on psychotropic meds and “shining stars.” These were not framed as questions but rather points.
 - 1. The IP and the language have been revised and the need is not to find shining stars but instead obtaining a voice from those that are quieter.
- H. Business Plan Workgroup – Is this a standing subcommittee and if so should the individuals on the committee be voted for?
 - 1. No this was a group of individuals that was put together to assist the WSB Director so that expert knowledge and skills could be shared. These individuals should be looked at as if they were an advisory board. Also, it is the WB that decides who sits on the workgroups.
- I. Is not what you just stated the opposite of what the Fellowship has been taught regarding the group being the entity that provides direction?
 - 1. Not everything the WB does needs to be disclosed regarding action of the WB even though we are directly answerable to the groups. Obtaining ESH (Experience, Strength, and Hope) from members of the Fellowship that can be used to help frame discussions and decision making is part of the responsibility of the Board. (This can be compared to an executive that puts together a cabinet. The cabinet members are not voted into their positions.)
- J. Every time there is a revision of literature, our translations continue to have the same mistakes. Why does this issue continue to go unresolved?
 - 1. Translations are difficult. The LTC (Local Translations Committee) addresses this issue and the Latin American contingent has the responsibility of addressing this issue. We must remember that it is the LTC that must address this continuing issue – please contact WSO so that we can forward this issue to the proper LTC.

- K. How does the WB use the World Pool? What is the process?
1. The Human Resource Panel looks for these individuals and vets the individuals in the pool and presents those that they find to the WB. Can someone sit in the pool and drown? You bet they can. It's about accuracy. It's about how the resume and questions adhere to what is asked for. In other words, can the individual follow directions?
- L. Concepts One and Three – focus delegation of authority needs to be remembered. As far as the IP for professionals - One comment regarding physicians making prescriptions. Prescribers are not always physicians and this is a critical point that needs to be addressed. Now for the question: What about considering a three year cycle for the conference? That question was not answered.
1. Have you looked at the WSC agenda packet? This is definitely covered in “Where do we go from here?”
- M. Rotation of Service – There seems to be a recycling of people at the world level when there are so many in the world pool. Why are we not using this resource more effectively? Is this RP acting on exclusion rather than inclusion?
1. There is a vetting process that all members go through regardless of whether or not they had been a member previously. Remember, it is the WSC participants that elect the individuals and it takes 60% of that body to fill a position. Actually it is WSC participants that cycle the individuals not the HRP.
- N. Concern over the budget – (lot of printing of non-authorized literature and digital version of our literature) JFT has decreased 40% last cycle. Request that the Regions don't take down literature posted. It is our responsibility to identify those that continue to post so that we can ask for them to take it down.
- O. What is the purpose of the BOD? What motivates you after you have been ridiculed and put down? Where do you see yourselves after five years?
1. The BOD was resolved over 20 years ago. To support and provide service to NA worldwide, provide fiduciary responsibility, ...
 2. The reality that NA will be needed in the future. It is very personal.
 3. In five years – elsewhere.
- P. We really haven't gotten an answer regarding the FIPT. We continue to set each member against each other. When are we going to stop giving individual opinions? Ex I consider those distributing illicit literature fucking thieves who are stealing from their families.
1. Since this was directed toward me (Frannie) the answer is no. I am not NA. I am Frannie and Frannie has many opinions on issues that affect NA. It is NA that has no opinion on outside issues not me.

- Q. FIPT – Since there is so much distribution of illicit literature in my region we can no longer self-fund and are currently having trouble paying our literature bill to the WSO. Can we find a legal way together to stop this? In Ecuador it will not cost more than 3 thousand. Can't we fix this together before it becomes a bigger problem in Ecuador and results in violence?
1. Again this will be addressed off the floor.
- R. PR pamphlet – related to medication and DRP. How is the confusion regarding this issue being addressed?
1. That was a member translation and there is much disagreement regarding the translation. The flavor of the week is MAT – Medically Assisted Treatment. It is difficult to stay on top of the language that is being used by professionals, but we are doing our best.

World Board Forum closed at 12 noon.

April 24, 2016 *First Things First – The 33rd World Service Conference* 9:00 am – 10:30 am

I. Introductions and Readings

A. Theme: Honesty, Trust, and Goodwill

1. House Keeping
2. Welcome new seated region: Quesquiyenna, PR
3. Welcome new delegates
4. Welcome veteran delegates
5. MOS for those we have lost (Bob Gray) and the Serenity Prayer in 27 languages

II. Navigating the WSC: Orientation

A. WOW!

1. The posting of the WB Forum has already taken place
2. Members have already received threats
3. Request was made to have the post removed – remember to respect every individual's confidentiality

B. Agenda and Evaluations Reviewed

1. Updates daily
2. Evaluations due Saturday
3. Ambitious Schedule
 - a. Breakout Sessions – collaborative
 - i. Sunday: The Needs of a Global Fellowship
 - ii. Tuesday: Large Group Discussion of previous session
 - iii. Wednesday: FIPT

- iv. Thursday Morning and Night: Survey and Strategic Plan
 - b. Same breakout rooms all week
 - c. No seating assignments
 - d. Gallery for non-participants Hidden Hills
 - e. Deadlines: Motions and nominations/resumes due by 6 pm Sunday
 - f. Preparation and Review are Keys to our success
- 4. Electronic Polling
 - a. Remotes are the only way to participate in polling
 - b. WSC Rules of Order
 - i. Remote is meant to take the place of voice and standing roll call vote
 - ii. Will be used for attendance (1 button present)
 - iii. Review of device use (Channel 41)
 - 1. Transmitting – green yes/red no
 - 2. Voting Buttons: 1-yes, 2 –no, 3- abstain, and 4- present not voting
 - 3. Cofacs announce outcome and display on screen
 - 4. Test run of the Polling Devices – lots of fun
 - i. Members are already blogging both in and out of the risers
 - ii. Discussion Queue – reviewed

Morning session ended at 12:30

Sunday, Afternoon Session: Honesty, Trust, & Goodwill: Needs of NA Today Breakout Session

Summary of Breakout Session

The focus of the session was placed on reviewing and prioritizing the Needs of NA mind map with an emphasis placed on Clarification, Changes, and/or Additions.

The session was divided into small group brainstorming and large group reporting. It concluded with the large group prioritization of the Needs of NA.

Business Sessions at WSC 2016

The WSC Co-facilitators walked the Conference participants through the process of the business.

ROLL CALL TAKEN to PRACTICE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

125 PARTICIPANTS 109 RDS 2 REGIONS NOT PRESENT

2nd PRACTICE RUN

112 RDS: 57 Simple Majority & 75 2/3rds Majority

3rd PRACTICE RUN MOCK VOTE

74 Yes 18 No 8 Abstaining 12 Present Not Voting

Session Outline

- ❖ Discussion & Decisions
- ❖ Tools & Methods:
 - Laminated Cards
 - Discussion Pool
 - Electronic System
 - Voting
 - Straw Polling
- ❖ Proposed New Processes
- ❖ Agreement on Proposed Queue Process
- ❖ Q&A

OVERVIEW

- ❖ Old/New Business Discussion & Proposals
- ❖ Basic Terms: Motions and Proposals
- ❖ Amendments are now called proposals
- ❖ Straw Polls: Asses where body stands; Use of 80/20 Rule
- ❖ Votes are formal
- ❖ Laminated Card: Purple Up to be added to the Queue and Upside Down to be removed. The co-facilitators will order the Queue based upon first time speakers being given priority. One portion of the Queue will be identified at a time in an attempt to hear from the minority not just those most eager.
- ❖ Business Processes Packet: See Handout
 - Phase One: Testing Consensus
 - Phase Two: Building Consensus
 - Business Discussion Process
 - Motion or Proposal read by Co-facilitator
 - Maker speaks to the motion or proposal
 - WB offers recommendation
 - Straw Poll is taken
 - 80/20 Rule is only to be used to end discussion or close the Queue
 - This can be challenged by participants – the challenge will stand only if there 80% counted
 - Voting – Who Vote When
 - Parliamentary Procedure
 - WSC Rules of Order (GWSNA, p 62) and Roberts Rules of Order
 - Formalize Decisions from Discussions
 - Discussions:
 - 3 pros 3 cons
 - Procedural Motions: (GWSNA, pp.63 – 66)
 - See back of Yellow cards for 5 Procedural Motions
- ❖ Background on Proposed Process
 - Motion 15 – 17 are for WSC 2016 only (See p. 4 of Business Process HO)

- ❖ Proposed Queueing Process: Un-order queue determined by Co-facilitators

Sunday Evening Session: Delegate Sharing – Spirit of Service

This session focused on serving with honesty, trust, goodwill, and unity; and asked participants to think and share about how to personally apply these principles during the WSC. Along with this focus, the session covered a variety of topics of interest to delegates. The session began with the following Small Group Set-Up Activity.

Question/Discussion: Thinking about your own service experience and the spiritual principles related to the WSC theme (honesty, trust, and goodwill), how will you personally and actively practice these principles this week to contribute to WSC unity?

Topics were distributed by handing out puzzle pieces with a different topic. The topics were commitment, humility, faith, balance, and unity. Small groups went to different breakout rooms to have small group sharing for ½ hour and then returned for large group sharing. The notes were gathered for report purposes and the overall consensus of the participants was that the delegate sharing experience was spiritually uplifting.

Evening Session Closed at 9:30 Time to Fellowship

Monday, April 25, 2016 Morning Session: Old Business Discussion & Proposal Decisions Opened with MOS and Readings (Mission and Vision of NA)

I. Roll Call

- A. Present 112 RD 75 2/3rds 57 Simple Majority 90 80% and 23 20% Rule
- B. Old Business Discussion and Proposal Decisions

II. Motion #18 Approve 2014 WSC Minutes (See p. 5 WSC 2016 Motion and Proposal List #1)

- A. Straw Poll: 106 Yes 0 No 5 Abs 1 PNV

III. Motion #15 To adopt for only 2016, Measuring Consensus and Introducing Motions and Proposals (See p. 4 WSC 2016 Motion and Proposal List #1)

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 102 Yes 7 No 2 Abs 0 PNV

1. What about the 9th Concept when considering cofacs selecting 2 to speak for the opposition? Note there is policy and procedure in effect that does not allow for friendly amendments to be made on the Conference floor, but Parliamentary procedure does allow for change if the maker of the motion is willing to accept the change. Also in the GWS p. 65 a participant can request that rules be suspended this must pass by 2/3rds majority. Each time WNY raised it card to be added to the Queue the queue was suspended.

- B. Second Straw Poll: 89 yes 21 No 2 Abs 0 PNV

1. Strong support move motion to Formal Old Business
2. Motion to accept a friendly amendment
 - i. Straw Poll: 50 Yes 60 No 2 Abs 0 PNV

- ii. Lack of support
- C. Third Straw Poll: 96 Yes 15 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 - 1. Strong Support – result procedure to be used during 2016 WSC only
- IV. **Motion #16 To adopt for WSC 2016 only, the following approaches for use in all business and business discussion & proposal decisions sessions: Managing Discussions (See p. 5 WSC 2016 Motion and Proposal List #1)**
 - A. Initial Straw Poll: 104 Yes 6 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 - 1. Consensus Support
 - B. Final Straw Poll: 108 Yes 3 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 - 2. Consensus Support – result procedure used during 2016 WSC only
- V. **Motion #17 To adopt for WSC 2016 only, the following changes to *A Guide to World Services*, page 10 (See p. 5 WSC 2016 Motion and Proposal List #1)**
 - A. Initial Straw Poll: 109 Yes 2 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 - 1. Consensus Support
 - B. Second Straw Poll: 102 Yes 4 No 4 Abs 0 PNV
 - 1. Consensus Support
 - C. Note: There is an error in the writing of the motion it should not read for WSC 2016 only and it should be in new business not old business.
- VI. **Motion #1: To approve the book contained in Addendum A, “Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions,” as Fellowship-approved recovery literature.**
 - A. Initial Straw Poll: 109 Yes 2 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 - B. Note this was a procedural error. The following proposal R should have been presented first. Therefore, Proposal R was presented to the Conference.
 - C. Final Straw Poll: 111 Yes 1 No 0 Abs 0 PNV
 - 1. Strong Support. According to the 80/20 Rule this motion passes.
- VII. **Proposal R: TO amend Motion 1 to change one word in the Introduction to Guiding Principles on page 63 of the 2016 CAR, 4th paragraph, 3rd sentence. What it now reads “Earlier programs of addicts, including some bearing the same name, did not practice Traditions and did not survive ,” would be changed to “Earlier programs for addicts including some bearing the same name, did not have Traditions and did not survive.”**
 - A. Initial Straw Poll: 50 Yes 59 No 2 Abs 1 PNV
 - 1. Lack of Support
 - 2. It was stated that at the History of NA presentation our predecessors did have available Traditions but chose not to adopt them at the time. Our Traditions were adopted later. There was debate regarding this interpretation. Also, the Spanish speaking contingent felt that Addendum A should had been received in translation allowing them to read and reach a conscious. This was not the case - no translation was available.
 - B. Second Straw Poll: 22 Yes 87 No 2 Abs 1 PNV
 - C. Final Straw Poll: 13 Yes 96 NO 3 Abs 0 PNV
 - 1. The proposal fails as a result of the 80/20 Rule and in formal business the original motion will be voted on without the proposed amendment.

VIII. Motion #2: To approve the following changes to the World Board External Guidelines contained in *A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA)*:

- **To change the size of the Board from up to 18 to up to 15 members.**
- **To remove the obligation for staggered terms if more than eight (8) members are elected at one time.**
- **To change the limitation from two consecutive terms to two terms in a lifetime.**

A. Initial Straw Poll: 99 Yes 11 No 1 Abs 1 PNV – this initial poll is discharged as a result of Proposal G passing

1. Bullet One: 97 Yes 13 No 0 Abs 1 PNV

i. Consensus Support

ii. Accepted as the final straw poll

iii. It was moved for motion to become effective at this WSC. The result was much discussion regarding changing rules of procedure on the fly just to get what we want when we want it without doing it the right way. The GWS should not be transcended or disregarded. This move was also equated with dope fiending. There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding regarding parliamentary, CBDM, and application of the GWS.

1. Straw poll: 85 Yes 24 No 1 Abs 2 PNV

a. Strong Support

2. Final Straw Poll: 45 Yes 59 No 3 Abs 4 PNV

a. Proposal failed to achieve 2/3rds

2. Bullet Two: 103 Yes 7 No 2 Abs 0 PNV

i. Consensus Support

ii. Final Poll: 100 Yes 7 No 3 Abs 2 PNV

1. Consensus Support

3. Bullet Three: 110 Yes 1 No 0 Abs 1 PNV

i. Consensus Support

ii. Accepted as Final Straw Poll

IX. Proposal V: To commit Motion 2 to WB for further clarification and submit at the WSC 2018 separated.

A. Initial Straw Poll: Yes No Abs PNV

B. Note Maker of Proposal is willing to withdraw if the motion is split. The proposal affecting this Motion will be re-arranged to address the split.

X. Proposal P: To amend Motion 2 to strike the words “up to “that precedes 15 members. The new sentence should read. “To change the size of the WB from up to 18 members to 15 members.

A. Initial Straw Poll: 20 Yes 86 No 5 Abs 1 PNV

B. Final Straw Poll: 7 Yes 103 No 1 Abs 1 PNV

1. Proposal Fails

- XI. Proposal G and N: To divide Motion 2 into 3 separate motions comprised of the 3 bullet points in Motion 2.**
- A. Initial Straw Poll: 50 Yes 56 No 1 Abs 5 PNV
1. Lack of Support
 2. Great deal of discussion addressed the splitting of the original motion
- B. Second Straw Poll: 66 Yes 42 No 0 Abs 4 PNV
1. Support for the Proposal
- C. Final Vote: 74 Yes 35 No 0 Abs 3 PNV
1. Passes by 2/3rd majority and Proposal N and V have been withdrawn. Result Motion #2 will now be divided according to its three bullets. Return to Motion 2 for record of the vote on each bullet.
- XII. Motion #3: That the NA World Board develop a project plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an informational pamphlet specifically about mental illness and recovery for consideration at the 2018 World Service Conference.**
- A. Initial Straw Poll: 87 Yes 21 No 3 Abs 0 PNV
- B. Final Straw Poll: 94 Yes 17 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
1. Consensus Support
- XIII. Motion #4: That all future approved World Board Minutes be posted on na.org for download.**
- A. Initial Straw Poll: 32 Yes 77 No 0 Abs 3 PNV
1. Strong Lack of Support
 - i. Again there is Proposal H that should had been considered in relation to Motion 4. Motion 4 is as follows.
- XIV. Proposal H: To change Motion 4 – To create a sign up list for members to automatically receive WB Minutes if they desire to do so. They can remove themselves from the list if they no longer wish to receive minutes.**
- A. Initial Straw Poll: 25 Yes 80 No 2 Abs 5 PNV
1. Strong Lack of Support
- B. Final Straw Poll: 25 Yes 80 No 2 Abs 3 PNV
1. Strong Lack of Support – proposal fails resulting in return to Motion 4 for Final Straw Poll.
 2. Final Straw Poll Motion 4: 29 Yes 81 No 0 Abs 2 PNV
 - i. Strong Lack of Support
- XV. Motion #5: That all Financial Reporting for the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous be provided in a detailed line item format and not in a summary as is currently available. This report will be posted on na.org and be downloadable.**
- A. Initial Straw Poll: 39 Yes 71 No 1 Abs 1 PNV
1. Lack of Support
- B. Final Straw Poll: 39 Yes 72 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
1. Lack of Support

XVI. Motion #6: That all face to face World Board meetings be open to any NA member on a space available basis; unless the topic(s) being discussed are required by law to be confidential.

A. Initial Straw Poll: 51 Yes 57 No 3 Abs 1 PNV

B. Final Straw Poll: 54 Yes 54 No 3 Abs 1 PNV

1. Lacks Support

2. Request was made by an RD Alt for a Roll Call Vote to clearly establish trust, but can only take place in Formal Business.

Dinner Break: 6:55 pm return for evening session at 8:25 pm

Evening Session

Straw Poll: Take a Standing Roll Call Vote for Motion #6: 18 Yes 89 No 1 Abs 2 PNV

XVII. Motion #7: That if there continues to be a WSC Participants Discussion Board on NA.org that it be made accessible to non-WSC participants: only for viewing, not posting.

A. Initial Straw Poll: 51 Yes 57 No 3 Abs 0 PNV

1. Lack of Support

B. Second Straw Poll: 50 Yes 56 No 3 Abs 1 PNV

1. Lack of Support

XVIII. Motion #8: To direct NAWS to produce a low-cost paperback English version of the Basic Text which contains only the first ten chapters called "Our Program."

A. Initial Straw Poll: 19 Yes 91 No 1 Abs 0 PNV

1. Consensus not in Support

B. Second Straw Poll: 15 Yes 93 No 1 Abs 0 PNV

1. Consensus not in Support

XIX. Motion #9: To direct the World Board to post a PDF version of all approved English and translated Basic Texts on na.org for free download.

A. Initial Straw Poll: 10 Yes 101 No 0 Abs 0 PNV

1. Consensus not in Support

B. Final Straw Poll: 8 Yes 103 No 1 Abs 0 PNV

1. Consensus not in Support

XX. Motion #10: To hold every other WSC outside the US and begin this rotation with WSC 2020 to be held in Moscow, Russia.

A. Initial Straw Poll: 8 Yes 103 No 1 Abs 0 PNV

1. Consensus not in Support

XXI. Proposal I: To change Motion 10 to: "To hold one WSC outside the US."

A. Initial Straw Poll: Yes No Abs PNV

B. Proposal Withdrawn by Maker

XXII. Proposal M: To change Motion 10 to strike “to be held in Moscow, Russia” and to replace with “to be held in an easily accessible location outside the United States.”

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 14 Yes 96 No 1 Abs 1 PNV
1. Consensus not in Support
- B. Final Straw Poll: 16 Yes 93 No 2 Abs 0 PNV
1. Proposal Fails

XXIII. Proposal J: To change Motion 10 to: “To host one WSC outside the US in 2020 or 2022 in a non-English speaking country. To allow bids in 2018 to host such an event and allow WSC 2018 to choose one region from the bids.”

- A. Initial Straw Poll: Yes No Abs PNV
- B. Withdrawn by the Maker
- C. Return to Motion #10 for Second Straw Poll
1. Final Straw Poll: 12 Yes 99 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
1. Motion Fails

XXIV. Motion 11: To allow a delegate from any Zonal Forum who requests it to be seated at the WSC as a non-voting participant. The expenses of attendance will be the responsibility of the Zonal Forum and not the WSC.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 45 Yes 64 No 2 Abs 1 PNV
1. Lack of Support
2. See Proposal S

XXV. Proposal S: Amend Motion 11 by substitution – To allow a delegate from any zonal forum with unseated regions/communities who requests to be seated at the 2018 WSC, as a voting participant. Each zone will determine its method of selecting their delegate. The expense of the attendance is met by NAWs (unless funding is declined) as per same policy applied to regional delegates.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 23 Yes 82 No 3 Abs 4 PNV
- B. Second Straw Poll: 26 Yes 82 No 0 Abs 4 PNV
1. Strong Lack of Support
2. Accepted as Final Straw Poll
3. Return to Motion #11 for Final Straw Poll
a. Second Straw Poll: 61 Yes 50 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
i. Support
b. Third Straw Poll: 60 Yes 49 No 1 Abs 1 PNV
i. Support

XXVI. Motion #12: That Narcotics Anonymous World Services add the following “What is NA Service” card as part of the Group Readings offered by the World service Office.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 35 Yes 75 No 2 Abs 0 PNV
- B. Move to Proposals T, Q and K

XXVII. Proposal T: To refer Motion 12 to the World Board for study.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: Yes No Abs PNV
- B. Maker withdraws the Proposals

XXVIII. Proposal Q: To amend Motion 12 by substitution – To direct the World Board to create a project plan to create a reading card about service to be included in the 2018 CAT.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 55 Yes 53 No 4 Abs 0 PNV
1. Lack of Support
- B. Second straw Poll: 29 Yes 81 No 2 Abs 0 PNV
1. Strong Lack of Support
2. Accepted as Final Straw Poll

XXIX. Proposal K: To amend Motion 12 by substitution – To create a workgroup to create a reading card about service; a project plan to be included in the 2018 CAT to create a reading card about service.

- A. Initial straw Poll: Yes No Abs PNV
B. Maker has withdrawn the Proposal

XXX. Proposal W: To amend Motion 12 to read: That Narcotics Anonymous World Services create a project plan to develop a “What is NA Service” card as part of group readings offered by World Service Office.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: Yes No Abs PNV
B. Maker withdraws the Proposal
C. Result return to Motion #12
1. Straw Poll: 20 Yes 91 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
i. Strong Lack of Support

XXXI. Motion #13: Each World Board member votes only in Elections and make motions in all sessions. The World Board has one collective vote (made by the Chairperson of the World Board) in new business sessions.

- A. Initial Straw Polls: 41 Yes 63 No 4 Abs 4 PNV
1. Lack of Support
- B. Second Straw Poll: 41 Yes 65 No 3 Abs 3 PNV
1. Lack of Support

XXXII. Motion #14: That the World Board or members of the World Board no longer make motions or proposals for decision at the WSC. The World Board may still forward ideas or work that regional delegates may present as a motion or proposal to the WSC for a decision.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 19 Yes 91 No 0 Abs 2 PNV
B. Due to no debate this was a Final Straw Poll.

**Evening Session ended at 12:45 am
Formal Old Business at 9:00 am**

**Tuesday, Morning Session
Formal Old Business**

- I. Opened With MOS and Readings**
- II. Roll Call**
 - A. 112 Delegates – 2/3rd 75 Simple Majority 57
- III. Motion #18: To approve 2014 World Board Conference Minutes**
 - A. No Discussion
 - B. Vote: 108 Yes 0 No 2 Abs 2 PNV
 1. Passes w/ simple majority
- IV. Motion #15: To adopt for WSC 2016 only, the following approaches for use in all business and business discussion and proposal decisions sessions... Measuring Consensus ... Introducing Motions and Proposals (pg. 4 of 2016 Motion & Proposal List)**
 - A. No Discussion
 - B. Vote: 105 Yes 7 No 0 Abs 0 PNV
 1. Passes w/2/3rd majority
- V. Motion #16: To adopt for WSC 2016 only, the following approaches for use in all business and business discussion and proposal decisions sessions...Managing Discussions(pg. 5 of 2016 Motion & Proposal List)**
 - A. No Discussion
 - B. Vote: 107 Yes 4 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 1. Passes w/2/3rd of majority
- VI. Motion #17: To adopt for 2016 only, the following changes to A Guide to World Service, page 10. (See notes in Old Business Discussion – this vote on Motion #17 is out of order and the Co-facilitators ruling has been challenged by Appeal the Facilitator)**
 - A. Appeal the Facilitator
 1. 103 Yes 7 No 2 Abs 0 PNV
 - B. Vote on Motion #17
 1. 103 Yes 52 No 2 Abs 1 PNV
 2. Passes w/2/3rd majority
- VII. Motion #1 To approve the book contained in Addendum A, *Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions...***
 - A. No Discussion
 - B. Vote: 110 Yes 1 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 1. Passes w/ 2/3rd majority
- VIII. Motion #2 To approve the following change to the World Board External Guidelines...To change the size from up to 18 to up to 15 members.**
 - A. No Discussion
 - B. Vote: 104 Yes 8 No 0 Abs 0 PNV

1. Passes with 2/3rd majority
- IX. Motion #2B – To remove staggered terms...**
- A. No Discussion
 - B. Vote: 106 Yes 6 No 0 Abs 0 PNV
 1. Passes with 2/3rd majority
- X. Motion #2C To change to no more than two terms in a life time.**
- A. No Discussion
 - B. Vote: Unanimous
 1. Passes with required 2/3rds
- XI. Motion #3 Develop project plan to create an informational pamphlet specifically about mental illness for consideration at the 2018 WSC.**
- A. Require a second and was seconded
 - B. Maker spoke to motion
 - C. WB provided rational for why it should not be supported (focus was on the pre WSC survey)
 - D. 3 pros and 3 cons
 - E. Vote: 93 Yes 17 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 1. Passes with the required simple majority
- XII. Motion #4 That all future WB minutes be posted for download.**
- A. Required a second and was seconded
 - B. Maker did not speak to the motion
 - C. WB provided same rational against the motion as in Old Business Discussion
 - D. **Vote:** 29 Yes 79 No 0 Abs 2 PNV
 1. Motion fails – did not achieve required 2/3rd majority
- XIII. Motion #5: That all Financial Reporting for the World Convention be provided in a detailed line item format....**
- A. Maker did not speak to the motion
 - B. WB repeated Old Business Discussion rational
 - C. No Discussion
 - D. Vote: 34 Yes 76 No 2 Abs 0 PNV
 1. Motion fails – did not reach required 2/3rds majority
- XIV. Motion #6: That all face to face WB meetings be open to any NA member....**
- A. Maker did not speak to the motion
 - B. WB repeated its Old Business Discussion rational
 - C. No Discussion
 - D. Yellow Card challenging 2/3rd vote
 - i. Vote: 66 Yes 40 No 4 Abs 2 PNV
 - ii. Decision of the Co-facilitators upheld
 - iii. Yellow Card challenging the Co-facilitator was raised based on the GWSNA again but not recognized

- iv. Appeal the Decision of Facilitator ruled out of order base on the polling of the Conference.
- v. Yellow Card – Appeal the decision of the Facilitator in light of new information presented by the delegate. Appeal denied because no new information was presented.
- vi. Yellow Card – Point of Information request but since there is no current policy the card is denied.
- vii. Yellow Card – Point of Information denied again due to no new information has been presented.
- viii. Yellow Card – This is actually dealing with Internal Guidelines for the WB - the GWSNA does not hold specific reference to guest meeting attendance and therefore this would influence policy and require 2/3rd majority
- E. Maker of Motion was given opportunity to speak to the motion and believes that the WB set the 2/3rds and that the co-facilitators are not being impartial. The fact that this is close concerns the speaker because it appears the WB does not even offer consideration by the WB at a later time.
- F. Yellow Card – Is this out of order? Allowing the maker to speak to the motion. Co-facilitator cut off the maker and acknowledged the error.
- G. 3 pros and 3 cons
 - i. Pro – This motion builds trust through transparency. This goes against the principles of NA.
 - ii. Yellow Card – Point of Information. Motion maker did not want this to be contentious. Referenced GWSNA and stated that new information from the Guide but this needs to be phrased in the form of a question and asked of the co-facilitators or another member. Card denied because this was not done.
 - iii. Pro – read from the introduction to GWSNA and referenced the 12 Concepts. This motion allows for transparency that should result in greater trust by providing a better mechanism for guidance... Final decision rest with the groups.
 - iv. Con – there are sessions in the public world that are closed to the public for legal reasons....
 - v. Con – Where is the efficiency that we are asking for? Why does the WB have a problem with this? Can't we work smarter and faster?
 - vi. Con – this motion will really only benefit the locality. This motion is based upon fear the opposite of faith and trust.
- H. Vote: 51 Yes 58 No 1 Abs 2 PNV
 - i. Motion fails – did not achieve required 2/3rd majority.
 - ii. Request for Standing Roll Call Vote
 - 1. Poll: 16 Yes 95 No 0 Abs 1 PNV
 - 2. Failed – did not reach simple majority

XV. Motion #8: To direct NAWS to produce a low-cost paperback English version of the Basic Text...

- A. Motion required a second and was seconded
- B. Maker did not speak to the motion
- C. WB repeated OB rational
- D. Discussion of Motion

- i. Spanish speaking participants informed the body that they received the motion that did not have the word English in its language. Does this not affect the vote? This means if we vote on this we are not voting on what was presented us in the CAR.
 - ii. Those in jail are reading the stories not the other chapters.
 - iii. Yellow Card – why are we not using the 80/20 Rule? Denied – those rules were adopted for Old Business Discussion not formal business. Co-facilitator was informed that her interpretation was in error and the 80/20 Rule can be applied.
- E. Vote: 14 Yes 95 No 1 Abs 1 PNV
- i. Motion failed – did not reach required 2/3rd majority

End Morning Session 12:45 pm

Return for Afternoon Session 2:45 pm

XVI. Motion #7: That if there continues to be a WSC Participants Board on NA.org that it be made accessible to non-participants; only viewing not postings.

- A. Motion required a second and was seconded
- B. Maker spoke to the motion repeating what was said in OB Discussion
- C. WB spoke to the motion repeating what was said in OB Discussion
- D. Yellow Card – request point of information regarding who closed the Discussion Board. Closed as a result of 5 year span and who was still able to access it. 2012 Conference asked if the Board could be flushed of past participants. It was closed pretty much based upon the 2 year cycle and has remained closed since.
- E. Year Card – request Point of Information: Who made the decision to close the Discussion Board in 2010? After 2010 is not our concern, who decided to close the Board? Response is that when the technology changed in 2010 it closed the Discussion Board and it has been closed since.
- F. Yellow Card – Point of Order. Error in the usage of Point of Information. Please enforce proper usage.
- G. Yellow Card – Point of Order. Co-facilitator misstated rule regarding Point of Information. Questions are to be directed to the co-facilitators who can then direct the question to another member as identified.
- H. Pro for the Motion stated the importance of the Board being open for “effective communication.” Also there are those of us that use that want it open. If you don’t use it why is it an issue for you?
- I. Con – why use our resources in this fashion when only 10 to 15 people make use of it.
- J. Request for friendly amendment moved and seconded - change language to read “for one Conference cycle.”
- K. Yellow Card – Point of Information: What is the threshold needed for the motion to pass if the friendly amendment is passed? Parliamentarian stated that it would be 2/3rd majority because it related to policy.
- L. Friendly Amendment Poll: 67 Yes 39 No 3 Abs 2 PNV
 - i. Accepted proposed Friendly Amendment
- M. Yellow Card challenging 2/3rd majority need for Motion to pass fails once again
- N. Pro – because my region had a 3 participant team and the Discussion Board was critical to my development and preparation for fulfilling the duties associated with my position.

I question the accuracy of the number of individuals using the board. Many may use it even though few may post to it.

- O. Yellow Card – Parliamentary Inquiry: If the body accepted the amended motion then it disposed of the motion. Ruled incorrect.
- P. Yellow Card – Challenging the decision of the Co-facilitators and the original challenge failed because this motion is creating policy.
- Q. Yellow Card – Point of Information: Is there a way to try this out on a trial basis No not through parliamentary procedure.
- R. Yellow Card – Appeal the Co-facilitator
 - i. Uphold Facilitator’s Decision that the motion requires 2/3rd support.
 - ii. Poll: 53 Yes 49 No 3 Abs 5 PNV
 - 1. Facilitator’s Decision Upheld
- S. Vote on Amended Motion: 59 Yes 50 No 1 Abs 1 PNV
 - i. Motion failed – did not achieve the required 2/3rds

XVII. Motion to Close Further Discussion on remaining motions.

- A. **Vote: 75 Yes 36 N0 1 Abs 0 PNV**

XVIII. Motion #9: To direct the WB to post a PDF version of all approved English and translated Basic Texts on na.org for free download.

- A. No vote due to strong opposition during OB Discussion

XIX. Motion #10: To hold every other WSC outside the US and to begin with 2020 WSC in Moscow, Russia.

- A. No vote due to strong opposition during OB Discussion

XX. Motion #11: To allow a delegate from any Zonal Forum who requests it to be seated at the WSC as a non-voting participant. The expense of the attendance will be the responsibility of the Zonal Forum and not the WSC. For one Conference cycle.

- A. Motion required a second and was seconded
- B. Yellow Cards were raised regarding Point of Information: What is the time and cycle in reference? What is meant by Zone? What Zonal Forum is being spoken of? One created tomorrow or just those that are in existence? Response is to change the language to currently existing Zonal forums.
- C. The motion is now amended according to item B response. And the amendment is called to vote.
 - i. Vote: 84 Yes 22 No 3 Abs 1 PNV
 - ii. Amendment accepted and motion called to vote.
 - iii. Vote: 72 Yes 35 No 3 Abs 1 PNV
 - 1. Failed – did not meet the 2/3rd required majority
 - iv. Yellow Card: Can this motion be voted on again? If so, how? Floor was given to the WB Chair who stated reason for moving forward - WSC agenda. Which is more important? It is the body’s decision.

- v. Yellow Card: Point of Inquiry: Why can't we have a new vote or roll call vote? It has been stated that the roll call vote should have been requested prior to the vote. Co-facilitators and Parliamentarian deliberated and ruled as follows: Prevailing side can ask for the revote and it must be seconded by the majority side. Done. 2/3rd required for the reconsider to pass.
 - 1. Vote to Reconsider: 81 Yes 22 No 1 Abs 3 PNV
 - a. Passes by 2/3rd
 - 2. Vote: 72 Yes 29 No 2 Abs 4 PNV
 - a. Motion passes by required 2/3rd
 - b. Yellow Card: Challenging the ruling based on vote to reconsider was debatable. The body decided previously that discussion and debate on motions and proposals are discontinued during Formal Old Business.

XXI. Motion #12: That Narcotics Anonymous World Services add the following “What is NA Service?” card as part of the Group Readings offered by the WSO.

- A. Motion required a second and was seconded
- B. WB response: Typically our reading cards come from pre-existing literature and we are in the process of reviewing the findings of the literature survey.
- C. Maker response: Used a reference to the Clarity Card statement that did not pass.
- D. Vote: 30 Yes 79 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 - i. Motion fails

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- A. Motion required second and was seconded.
- B. Maker stated she had spoken to the motion enough in OB Discussion.
- C. WB response stated it does not support this motion and the essay was in the CAR.
- D. Vote: 47 Yes 58 No 3 Abs 2 PNV
 - i. Motion fails –did not achieve required 2/3rds

XXIII. Motion #14: That the WB or members of the WB no longer make motions or proposals for decision at the WSC. The WB may still forward ideas or work that regional delegates may present as a motion or proposal to the WSC for a decision.

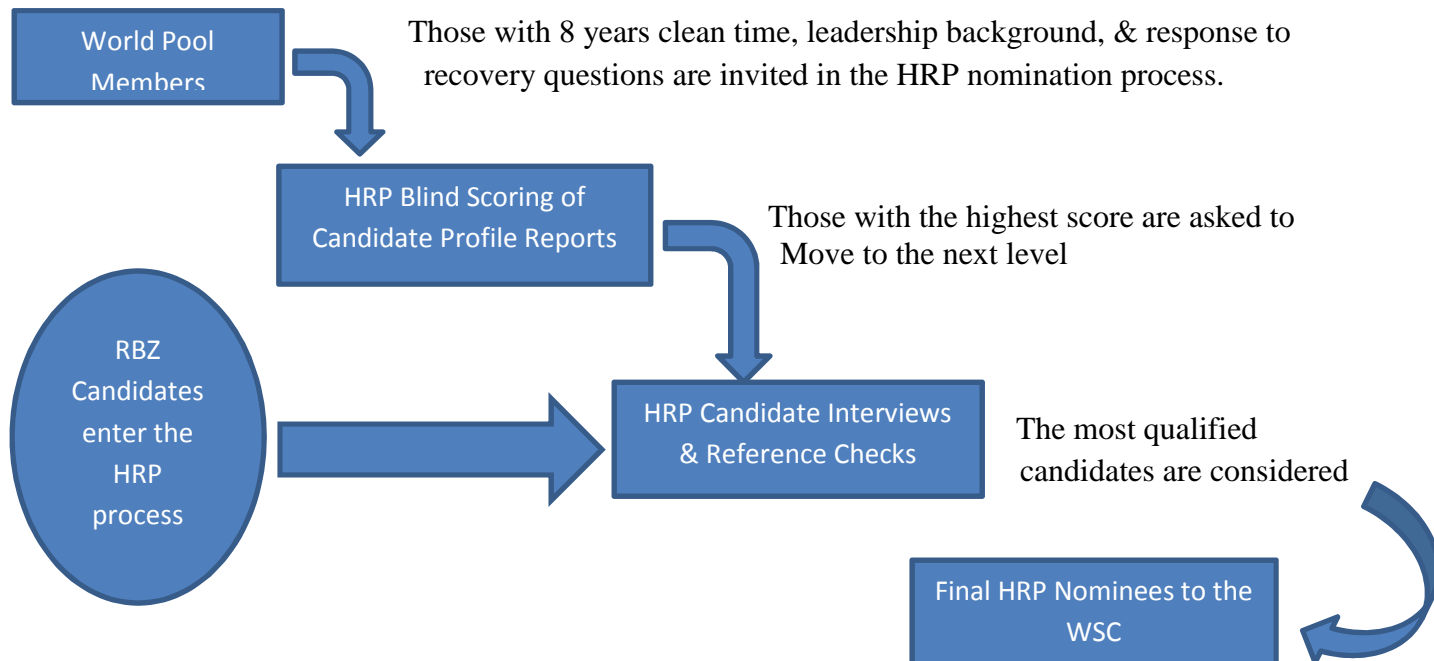
- A. Motion required a second and was seconded
- B. WB stated that they were opposed and essay is outlined in the CAR.
- C. Vote: 16 Yes 91 No 0 Abs 1 PNV
 - i. Motion fails – did not achieve the require 2/3rds

OLD BUSINESS COMPLETED

Return for Evening Session 7:30 pm

Evening Session – The Human Resource Panel

- I. Introductions of the Panel**
- II. Nomination Process Explained**



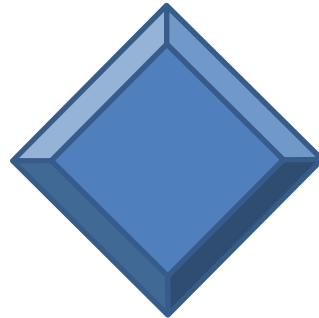
- III. World Board Nominees from HRP
 - A. Jose Luis A, Helena C, Khalilah D, Etta F, Jack H, Sian J, Khalil J, Tali M, Dawn P, MaryEllen P, Tim S, and Gregory W
- IV. World Board Nominations from Conference Participants
 - A. Cooper B, Bobby S, and David T
- V. HRP Nominees from the HRP
 - A. Veronica B, Jim B, Surojit C, and Deb N
- VI. WSC Co-facilitator Nominees from the HRP
 - A. Mark B and Stuart S
- VII. Election
 - A. Need to elect up to ten new members to the WB
 - B. Need to elect 2 HRP
 - C. Need to elect 1 co-facilitators
- VIII. The Strongest Candidates
 - A. A World Services “perspective”
 - B. Complete, focused, and succinct responses to our questions
 - C. Supportive References

- IX. What Skill Sets are We Looking for this Election?
 - A. Check GWSNA for general criteria for evaluations
 - B. Business Administrators
 - C. Writers
 - D. FD – Communication
 - E. Leadership
- X. Challenge to a Nomination
 - A. Has been resolved according to GWSNA

Note: See attached HRP Booklet for application process and forms.

Evening Session Concluded at 9:30

Wednesday, April 27th Morning Session begins at 9:00 am – Future of WSC 1 followed by FIPT and NA Literature, and NAWS Report at 6:00 pm.



Service in NA

Wednesday, April 27, 2016
Morning Session: Future of WSC 1

- I. **Open with MOS and Readings**
- II. **Future of the WSC**
 - A. Discussion about where we are headed in the future and our concerns about seating (what was, what is, and what will be.)
 - B. Seating History: 30 years
 - 1. CAR addendum highlights the past 20 year
 - 2. History goes back even further more 30 years
 - 3. Personal sharing of how regions or locations were seated – representation at that time was contingent on personal ability to pay for your participation. Personal finances excluded many from participating. At this time there was a BOD and it had control of the funding for the Fellowship as a whole.
 - 4. 1984 Conference – birth of International Affairs to bring the Fellowship from outside the US to the Conference: 6 countries attended the Conference – Japan, England, Spain, France, Canada, Ireland, and ?

5. The question became how we get these countries to keep coming back. How do we help? This was the beginning of financial considerations. Seating was always emotional because of the inequity due to finances.
6. Over the years it is the belief of the presenter that the Conference has made decisions without considering the future because of the face to face heart strings that influence the decision making. We need to look at how we changed and what will need to change if we are to continue. I believe it is time for the regions to do their own inventory. How has your region changed? Did your region grow out of a split due to resentment?
7. Provided a very brief review of the last Conference that in her opinion concluded that zonal representation was the direction the Conference and seating was headed. We need to pick up where we left off last cycle and continue the discussion – no decisions are going to be made. What we hope to achieve is bring back the framework for discussion back home at the regions. This is in hopes of bringing back to the 2018 Conference a deeper understanding of what the Fellowship's regions have discussed and possibly concluded.
8. Background
 - i. Victims of own success
 - ii. Growth worldwide
 - iii. In need of strategies to meet effectively as a worldwide body
 - iv. Early WSC
 1. Then: 45 regions/6 non-US
 - v. Now: 112 regions/45 non-US
 1. Current #: 116 – up to 232 RD/RDAs & 18 WB – potentially 250 participants
 - vi. Broad Deep Discussion is Challenging
 1. Result need for more breakouts
 - vii. 7 Day Conference
 1. Hotel 10 nights
 2. WSC Travel Cost at 2014: \$465,000 of which \$300,000 comes from NAWS to support RD, WB, HRP, Cofac... the cost in resources is increasing
 - viii. WSC 2014
 1. Five Sessions identifying our path forward: discussed options for a sustainable WSC, needs of NA; Why We Gather as a Worldwide Body; Next Steps
 2. No decisions, but common ideas surfaced
 3. Planning Our Future workgroup studied the issue and information from WSC 2014
 4. Future of WSC packet and video asked 3 questions
 - a. Do you agree with the WSC discussion results that seemed to favor some form of zonal seating?
 - b. Would another form of seating be preferred? My ability to keep pace with the session and keep notes was extremely challenged and I could not keep up. Request for this pp was made and

5. Straw Poll: Who has had these conversations with your region?
 - a. Yes - number not given
 - b. Our region and groups have been made aware of these topics, but we have not workshopped the topics. Raised card to question what was being asked. The card was not recognized and the WB member was disconfirming – “this is not rocket science.” We are now being asked to respond to the following questions: 1) No change. 2) No change in representation, but other changes such as delegates only at WSC. 3) Zonal seating (whether current zones or something else). 4) Some other basis for change in representation, such as state/nation/province, etc.
 - i. Options receiving 20% or more will be discussed in –depth in breakout sessions).
 - ii. Straw Poll #2 I refused to participate because we have not had in-depth discussion or workshopped this topic.
 - iii. Q1 – 20/109 20% Q2 – 22/109 20% Q3 – 45/109 41% Q4 – 22/109 20%
 - iv. “Sometime the greatest challenges of an organization don’t come from its failures but rather from its successes.”

III. Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust & Literature Discussion

- A. Three primary Topics
 1. Illicit literature/gray book
- B. Illicit Literature
- C. Guidance from the FIPT
 1. Production & Use of such versions...
 - a. Conflicts with Fellowship’s conscience
 - b. Violates the Fellowship’s copyright
 2. Personal Use of NA Literature by members might include...
 - a. Copying pages from the SWG for sponsees to use when doing Step Work
- D. Communication with the Fellowship
 1. Two Bulletins produced this cycle
 - a. Available at www.na.org/FIPT
 - b. Asked for help from the Fellowship to end this behavior
 - c. We as a Fellowship even though we have engaged legal address made no gains resolving this issue
 - i. Production continues

- ii. 91 lawsuit resolved nothing
 - iii. It seems unlikely that legal action would change anything
 - d. WSC 18991 Statement
 - e. 2008: approved Sixth Edition of Basic Text
 - i. 6th Ed of the BT is the only edition for production by NAWS
 - ii. Conscience has remained consistent with FIPT
 - iii. There continues to be those that defy the guidance of the FIPT
 - iv. Such actions are in conflict with the FIPT and the conscience of the Fellowship
- 2. Group Registration & the Gray Form
 - a. NAWS encourages , but does not require, groups to register
 - i. With/without registration, NA groups may use NA's intellectual property
 - ii. Inclusion in the meeting locator motivates many to register their groups
 - b. On average, we process 170 group registrations each month
- 3. Registration Considerations
 - a. Group Name (like the First Baptist NA group)
 - b. Lack of NA terminology (including not knowing the ASC or RSC)
 - c. Group location (individual's home,, apartment building)
 - d. Non-NA members... again unable to keep pace with the presentation specifics and request was made for the PP.

IV. ASCs/RSCs Posting Recovery Literature

A. What should be our approach as a Fellowship? Should these sites be shut down?

Great deal of discussion focused on clarity of what illicit literature actually is?

1. The yard stick for this is the Group Booklet
2. We do not refer to the Baby Blue as the Baby Blue. We call it illicit literature.
3. There is the possibility of groups using literature that is not NA approved, but if it does not have NA on it may be able to use it. This argument is lacks focus since NA groups are autonomous. How do we take the literature down and remove meetings from the locator without compromising those seeking recovery?

B. Questions/Discussions

1. The following questions were straw polled:

- a. Do we believe that the Fellowship still affirms the rules we have agreed on in the FIPT? (Poll: 96 Yes 5 No)
- b. Should we register and list on the meeting locator, NA groups that clearly intend to use material that is not NA-Fellowship approved? (28 Yes 78 No)
- c. Should we take action to remove NA recovery literature from ASC/RSC sites, even if it means shutting down the site (this may require ongoing action if a new site is created)? (75 Yes 31 No) It should be noted that ISP once informed and information has been confirmed regarding copy right violations will automatically shut down a website
 - i. Responses were to be used to frame the foundation for further discussions and decisions could possibly come later in the Conference.
- d. It is important to keep in mind that although this is related to money, money here is not the priority and it will not be when it comes to recovery and carrying a clear and concise NA message of recovery.
- e. At this time there are approximately 26 regions dealing with this specific issue, and it continues to grow.
- f. This may require a change to GTLS and the 6 points of an NA group.

Note: There was a great deal of discussion during this session regarding the role of the FIPT and how we as a Fellowship can best deal with the issues surrounding illicit literature; including its current as well as future impact on NA communities worldwide. Breakout sessions to follow Thursday.

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016 Evening Session
NAWS Report 2016**

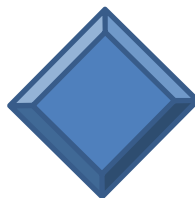
- ❖ **Everything we do is tied to the Vision for NA Service**
- ❖ **We are a Global Enterprise – not just local.**
- ❖ **Goal: To ensure a reliable flow of literature worldwide.**
- ❖ **It takes a village...and then some – roughly 35%of distribution occurs through regional offices not just distribution centers such as Canada, Belgium, and India (including IRAN that produces and distributes more literature than all the others.)**
- ❖ **Tradition 9 holds all RSO and ASC even if incorporated answerable to those who created them. There is no such thing as an autonomous service corporation.**
- ❖ **Supporting the work of regions and zones**
- ❖ **Strategic Planning**

- ❖ **IP#1 translated to Inuktitut and mailed to health and addiction services throughout Canada**
- ❖ **World Service Staff**
- ❖ **Publications: NAWS NEWS, The NA Way Magazine, Reaching Out, NAWS Annual Report and more such as WSC materials**
- ❖ **Electronic Publications: periodicals, electronic books, smart phone apps, e-sub**
- ❖ **Periodicals: 26, 454 NA Way, 13,546 Reaching Out, 22,251 NAWS NEWS**
- ❖ **E-Books: Basic Text 14,601, Living Clean 6,594, It Works 7,826, Step Working Guide 1,169, Sponsorship 948 since launched**
- ❖ **Information Technology presents continuous demands**
- ❖ **Smart Phone Apps: NA Meeting Search nearly 300,000, NA Recovery Companion 21,174**
- ❖ **Translations: needs and resources on the increase**
- ❖ **WCNA (World Convention efforts) – WSCNA 36 was recognized for their hard work in a very difficult surrounding – 3 service providers unable to provide services and the crash of the world economy contributed to financial loss.**
- ❖ **Implications for WCNA 38 in 2021: Logistics planning is extremely complicated especially when considering the influence of geo-politics. Contingency plans are being developed regarding our next global event. Hope to make Iran accessible to the NA community but this may not be possible.**
- ❖ **Business Plan Work Group – focus sustainability**
- ❖ **Finances – emotional wants and reasonable wants along with needs**
- ❖ **Global Context: Exchange rates and other economic realities**
- ❖ **When the US dollar is strong NA communities outside the US struggle**
- ❖ **Well established NA communities help make recovery possible where resources are scarce.**
- ❖ **US/Canada Support Cost per meeting \$158.01 Actual dollars received per meeting \$30.49 Per Year.**
- ❖ **Projects, Workgroups, & IDTs are overseen by NAWS**
- ❖ **Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions 2010 project plan- 2016 approved at WSC**
- ❖ **Service System: overseen by WSO based upon the information shared by ASCs and RSCs that are incorporating the new SP**
- ❖ **Workgroups: WSC Decision Making, Planning Our Future, Delegates Sharing, WSC Seating (virtual vs face to face was realized and the D-M Workgroup was brought together to accomplish their task)**
- ❖ **Promise and Peril of technology (example of challenge was experienced with the webinars)**
- ❖ **Lessons Learned: perceived cost savings appealing, may appear to save resources, but often takes much administrative help, Web meetings are no substitute for face to face, tasks for workgroups require a narrow focus, hybrids show some promise**

- ❖ **WB Internal Workgroups: WCNA Program, WB Values, and framing seating discussions**
- ❖ **Fellowship Issue Discussions: Welcoming All Members, Group Support, Planning, and Role of Zones**
- ❖ **Strategic Plan & Project Plans 2016 – 2018 Conference Cycle**
- ❖ **A Collaborative Approach to Strategic Planning**
- ❖ **WB and WSC are simply a partnership**
- ❖ **RBZ Candidates – the board only makes recommendations**
- ❖ **Conference Participation Board ???**
- ❖ **CAR Survey for Literature: Regional vs Individual responses compared**

NAWS REPORT CONCLUDED 7:30 pm Q&A to follow at 7:50 pm.

PEACE



NAWS REPORT Q & A

- ❖ **What problem does sending literature into developing countries?**
 - **Answer involved an example of an individual sending copied material using a machine translator that does not accurately translate. If we send literature it causes conflict between those that have different translations.**
- ❖ **By how much did NAWS increase its space at the WSO?**
 - **13,000 sq. ft. increase with a double high loading bay.**
- ❖ **Is it possible moving forward that we be able to cancel the WS Convention?**
 - **It was considered but the amount of liquidated damages almost equaled that of holding the Convention. The teachable moments were valuable.**
- ❖ **Has there been any success with the SSP?**
 - **Yes – with those that have state boundaries and have state wide H&I, PR, and Phone Lines.**
- ❖ **Would WSO reconsidered turning the literature distribution center in Brazil into a WSO Distribution Center?**
 - **Geographic boundaries that exist make sending materials across borders expensive/. WSO has considered this and in the coming cycle it will be reviewed.**

- ❖ **About how many communities report successful use of the SSP?**
 - Numbers at this time has a good portion of Canada doing it – they have province boundaries. We don't have the data at our finger tips. Not everyone is keeping us current. Look at the regional reports to get an idea.
- ❖ **Can you do a brief review of the strides made in translations in our literature?**
 - We have increase staff across the board. We are continuing to work on translations and some take a very long time. Biggest stride is the doubling of the resources available. Approximate cost from start to finish for a book length piece is app. \$10,000 – \$15,000 and we have 14 in process.
- ❖ **Is there something that can be done on a local scale to help non-English speaking communities? What about those communities that are sitting on excessive prudent reserves? This area adopts that area?**
 - There are efforts on going where there are regions sending assistance and kind of picking a region. So yes, but it is best to work through proper channels. We want to avoid the problems that individual assistance can create.
- ❖ **As normalization gets bigger, what is the current time frame regarding sustainability concerning our reserve levels?**
 - Yes, we are getting back our reserve levels back and we are about 43 days ahead at this time.
- ❖ **In terms of the Companion recovery App. Is it on the radar that the time difference will be resolved?**
 - We are currently working on it and attempting to make improvements as we speak.
- ❖ **When is the SSP going to be implemented into the GTLS?**
 - We are looking at prioritization. Much of the service material, like GTLS needs, to be revised. But at this time it has not been determined.
- ❖ **Is it possible to have a rough breakdown of where the donated/free literature is going?**
 - As I spoke earlier, sometimes individuals are not nice. And we are not trying to put anybody in a bad light for this reason. But, we purposefully don't do this.
- ❖ **GSRs of my region asked me to ask you, if we can have a real cost of each item of literature, medallions, and key tags that you sell? This to find out the real percentage of revenue you are applying to the literature?**
 - At this time all I can say is to look in the annual report.
- ❖ **When is the new accounting software going to be up and running?**
 - Hopefully by September 1, 2016
- ❖ **If we at the WSC decided we want to participate in providing input regarding strategic planning is there a time frame?**
 - There has to be a time frame for scanning and everybody is going to have to have the same items to work with if the scans are to be of value. It is being worked on. When it will be ready is dependent on the community and the decisions that are made in moving forward.

- ❖ We planted something here last cycle regarding PR and FD and are wondering if we are going to continue with these?
 - We are trying to adjust the schedule for tomorrow to combine the two sessions and be addressed.
- ❖ We have heard a lot about the financial problems in Brazil, but I want to talk about the spiritual problems we had there. I am here representing one region and we have 9 regions with a lot of growth after the Convention. We had a lot of newcomers start their recovery there as well as old timers and members that never thought they would be alive to be hugged by a WB member the myth was lifted they exist they are for real. Thank you for giving me the gift to speak at the WC. How much do we have invested in the service system?
 - Best response is I have to go check. I don't know off the top of my head.
- ❖ Lot of talk about helping other communities. Is it not possible to do it like Sweden has done it? We sponsor other regions such as Poland. Example a fund raiser that allowed BT to be purchased IN Polish for jails and institutions. Isn't that a possibility?
- ❖ End of Q&A

ZONAL FORUM MEETING 9:30 pm

Thursday, April 28, 2016 Morning Session

Breakout Session #2: Putting Meat on the Bones

In our first session on this topic, participants discussed the possible options selected in the Wednesday polls: 1) No change in representation, but other changes; 2) Zonal seating, 3) Some other basis for change in representation. Tables in the breakout rooms were set up with the polled topics and participants were allowed to self-select topic tables that they believed most viable for the future – brainstorming, sharing, and prioritizing discussions. The purpose of this session was not to reach any decision but to help frame discussions for the fellowship.

Fellowship Development and Public Relations

During this session we were offered a revised and abbreviated update about fellowship development and public relations activities during the last Conference cycle. PR and FD go hand in hand to support our members, groups and service bodies develop relationships to help addicts find NA and to grow our fellowship.

It was clear from the presentation that professionals in mental health and addiction, courts, and governments worldwide are increasing their contact with NA seeking ways to better connect the addict with whom they are working with NA. Our PR and FD activities are growing the fellowship worldwide and this reality is especially true in the Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

Recommend checking out the Membership Survey when it is put out to the fellowship. It is interesting to see how addicts have come to recovery, why they stayed, those that are on medication, especially those on medication for mental health (22% of the 22,803 survey participants). For the first time the survey was done in Europe, and it is interesting to see the statistical similarities – the %s are so very close. This only adds validity to what we say, “We are more alike than we are different.”

Quotes ~

“You never know what’s going to happen when we do Fellowship Development. We just plant the seed and watch it grow. With God all things are possible.”

“We have principles that transcend all cultural barriers.”

“It only happens with communication and collaboration.”

END OF MORNING SESSION

Afternoon Session, Elections & Budget

During this session ballots were distributed to the regional delegates for the purpose of voting. The process was an 1 ½ hours,

2016 -2018 Strategic Plan & Proposed Project Plans

***not all Strat Plan Objectives have been associated with project plans**

- ❖ Six Proposed Projects
 - Recovery Lit
 - Service Tool
 - Collaboration & Service
 - Future of the WSC
 - FD & PR
 - Social Media as a PR Tool

This Cycle’s Strategic Plan and its 6 Project Plans were reviewed during this session. The review addressed the CAT and the proposed budget for the upcoming cycle 2016 -2018.

Recovery Literature

Objective 1: Develop new literature and/or revise existing literature to meet the Fellowship’s needs. (See CAT pages 7, 12 and 17 – 24)

Service Tools

Objective 2: Develop concise, accessible, relevant, adaptable tools that address basic concepts and inspire users in service efforts. (See CAT page 7 and 13)

Collaboration in Service

Objective 3: Raise awareness of the value, impact, and spiritual necessity of collaboration, demonstrating relevance of A Vision for NA Service to each body within the service system. (See CAT pages 7 and 13 – 14)

Future of the WSC

Objective 4: Continue to work to make the WSC a more effective resource to help achieve A Vision for NA Service. (See CAT pages 8 and 14)

Fellowship Development and Public Relations

Objective 6: Increase understanding that FD efforts depend on PR work, emphasizing the need for collaboration among service bodies. (See CAT pages 8 and 15)

Social Media for Media

Objective 8: Raise awareness and understanding of NA among the general public and potential members through the use of social media. (See CAT pages 8 and 15)

Note not all objectives will require a project plan to meet their goals and will not require budget allotments beyond the fixed operational expenses.

Objectives without Project Plans

Objective 5: World Board Development –Enhance Board effectiveness building on the strategies initiated in the 2014 -2016 cycle.

Objective 7: Targeting Fellowship Development Resources – Continue to target the use of NAWS resources for fellowship development on a global scale identifying and acting on opportunities.

Objective 9: Fellowship Communication – Use multi-media tools including video to enrich NAWS communication about fellowship development efforts around the world, inspiring a broader understanding of the worldwide fellowship.

Objective 10: Financial Contributions – Communicate and recognize the positive impact contributions have had and will have in fulfilling the Vision for NA Service.

2016 -2018 Budget (See CAT pages 2, 17 – 25 and Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 pages 1 – 5)

- ✓ Covers projected income and expenses
- ✓ Planning for two year cycle
- ✓ Operating Income (gross sales) minus cost of goods
 - Literature Production/distribution
 - WSC Support
 - Fellowship Development
 - Events
- ✓ Expense Classifications
 - Fixed (recurring operational expenses)
 - Variable (non-routine – e.g. projects)
 - Reserve funds (funds set aside for unexpected current needs)
- ✓ Second fiscal year is a deficit but cycle's overall budget is not
- ✓ No WSCAN expense included due to 3 year cycle

Discussion was focused throughout the queue on sustainability and how we can grow our reserves so that we can begin to expand our efforts in other areas such as translations and fellowship development. We are not Coca Cola and we do not have the luxury of coming up with new products to ensure our continued existence and growth. That is why we are looking for alternate ways beside literature to achieve sustainability.

Afternoon Break

Breakout Sessions 4:00 – 9:30

FIPT and NA Literature Breakout

Participants moved into breakout session to discuss issue that we reported on and polled during Wednesday's breakout. NAWS was seeking our input and guidance about what we believe should be done about registering groups, service bodies that post literature online, and the distribution of illicit literature. Results were gathered and will be reported on after the Conference.

Dinner Break

Future of the WSC 3 Breakout

The day closed with the last of the three Future of the WSC sessions. The focus of this session was placed on how to frame the ideas presented during the preceding sessions so that we can bring back to our regions the topic Future of the WSC and discuss it with our local Fellowship.



Regional Delegate Sharing Session on New Business followed Breakout

The session ended at 11:30.

Friday: New Business Discussion and Formal New Business

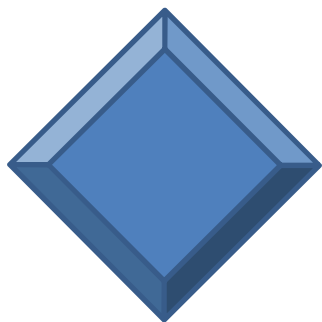
Friday, April 28, 2016
New Business Discussion

- I. New Business Discussion (Note: dependent upon Consensus during Straw Polling – Formal New Business Vote will be called for moving into actual)
- II. Opened with MOS and Readings
- III. Roll Call 122 present Delegates
 - A. 2/3rd Majority 83, Simple Majority 65, Consensus Support 98, Not in Support 25
- IV. 62 Motions and Proposals for New Business
 - A. All List Items have been categorized
- V. Budget-related Motions and Proposals
 - A. Motion 19: To approve the Recovery Literature Project Plan for work in the 2016 – 2018 conference cycle. (Input to be gathered on daily meditation book and mental health in 2016 -2018 project plans)
 1. Straw Poll: 121 Yes 3 No 0 Abs 0 PNV
 - a. Accepted as a final poll
 - b. Formal Business Poll: 123 Yes 1 No 2 Abs 0 PNV PASSES
 - B. Motion 20: To approve the Service Tools Project Plan for work in the 2016 - 2018 Conference Cycle. Pieces to be developed for group and area tools and events and conventions. Anything developed will be sent out for and presented for conference approval.
 1. Straw Poll: 119 Yes 4 No 0 Abs 1 PNV
 2. Simple Majority 62 – consensus support
 - a. Accepted as a final poll
 - b. Formal Business Poll: 120 Yes 5 No 1 Abs 0 PNV PASSES
 - C. Motion 21: To approve the Collaboration in Service project plan for work in the 2016 2018 Conference cycle.
 1. Straw Poll: 117 Yes 5 No 2 Abs 0 PNV
 2. Simple Majority 62 – consensus support
 - a. Accepted as a final poll
 - b. Formal Business Poll: 120 Yes 3 No 3 Abs 0 PNV PASSES
 - D. Motion 22: To approve the Future of the WSC project plan for work in the 2016 -2018 Conference cycle.
 1. Straw Poll: 121 Yes 5 No 0 Abs 0 PNV
 2. Simple Majority 65 – consensus support
 - a. Accepted as a final poll
 - b. Formal Business Poll: 119 Yes 6 No 1 Abs 0 PNV PASSES

- E. Motion 23: To approve the Fellowship Development and Public Relations project plan in the 2016 -2018 Conference cycle.**
1. Straw Poll: 120 Yes 4 No 1 Abs 0 PNV
 2. Simple Majority 63 – consensus support
 - a. Accepted as a final poll
 - b. **Formal Business Poll: 120 Yes 3 No 2 Abs 1 PNV PASSES**
- F. Motion 24: To approve the Social Media as a PR Tool Project Plan for work in the 2016 -2018 Conference cycle.**
1. Straw Poll: 116 Yes 6 No 1 Abs 2 PNV
 2. Simple Majority 62 – consensus support
 - a. Accepted as a final poll
 - b. **Formal Business Poll: 116 Yes 6 No 2 Abs 2 PNV PASSES**
- G. Motion 25: To approve the 2016 -2018 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.**
1. Straw Poll: 120 Yes 3 No 2 Abs 0 PNV
 2. 2/3rd Majority (84) - consensus support
 - a. Proposal BG effectively amends the motion and impacts the bottom line of the project work plans.
 - b. **Formal Business Poll: 121 Yes 3 No 2 Abs 0 PNV PASSES**
- H. Proposal BG: To supplement the \$200,000 in new allocations for project plans with all unused funds from 2014 -2016 Service System and Traditions Book Project Plans. To use the project funds that were unused in the 2014 -2016 toward projects for the upcoming cycle.**
1. Straw Poll: 46 Yes 74 No 5 Abs 0 PNV
 2. Simple Majority 65 – lack of support
 3. 2nd Straw Poll: 28 Yes 92 No 4 Abs 2 PNV
 - a. Strong lack of support
 - b. Accepted as final poll
 4. Due to the strong lack of support we return to Motion 25 and accept the initial straw poll as the Final Straw Poll.
- VI. Proposals to Seat Specific Region**
- A. Proposal A: To seat the Grande Sao Paulo Region at the WS.**
1. Initial Straw Poll: 110 Yes 9 No 3 Abs 3 PNV
 - a. **Consensus Support – final vote/PASSES**
- B. Proposal B: To seat HOW region at the WSC.**
1. 115 Yes 6 No 2 Abs 3 PNV
 - a. **Consensus Support – final vote/PASSES**
- C. Proposal C: To seat Rio de Janeiro region at the WSC.**
1. 116 Yes 5 No 2 Abs 3 PNV
 - a. **Consensus Support – final vote/PASSES**

- D. Proposal D: To remove Le Nordet Region from the list of seated regions since it no longer exists and has joined another region.**
1. Initial Straw Poll: 124 Yes 1 No 1 Abs 1 PNV
 - a. **Consensus Support – final vote/PASSES**
- E. Proposal Y: To seat the Bluegrass/Appalachian Region at the WSC.**
1. Initial Straw Poll: 48 Yes 67 No 4 Abs 7 PNV
 - a. Lack of Support
 2. Second Straw Poll: 50 Yes 65 No 6 Abs 5 PNV
 - a. **Lack of Support – Proposal fails**
- F. Proposal AK: To seat the Brazil Nordeste Region.**
1. Initial Straw Poll: 67 Yes 54 No 2 Abs 3 PNV
 - a. Lack of Support
 2. Second Straw Poll: 67 Yes No 53 2 Abs 4 PNV
 - a. **Lack of Support- Proposal fails**
- G. Proposal AL: To seat the Rio Grande do Sul Region.**
1. Initial Straw Poll: 58 Yes 60 No 4 Abs 4 PNV
 - a. Lack of Support
 2. Second Straw Poll: 55 Yes 67 No 2 Abs 2 PNV
 - a. **Lack of Support – Proposal fails**
- H. Proposal AM: To seat Brazil Central Region.**
1. Initial Straw Poll: 54 Yes 69 No 2 Abs 1 PNV
 - a. Lack of Support
 2. Second Straw Poll: 55 Yes 68 No 2 Abs 1 PNV
 - a. **Lack of Support – Proposal fails**
- I. Proposal AX: To seat Turkey Region.**
1. **Proposal Withdrawn**

At this point the Conference Participants were polled to determine the order of remaining business. The results are: 39 Literature, 27 Processes & Procedures, 50 Future of the WSC, and 10 Miscellaneous. The afternoon session will begin with The Future of the WSC.



Afternoon Session

“The Fellowship through an exchange of *experience*,
STRENGTH, and **hope**, collectively expresses itself on
matters affecting Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.”

World Service Conference Mission Statement

New Business Proposal Decisions

VII. Future of the WSC

- A. **Proposal BA: For the World Board to initiate a process, which could last more than one conference cycle, that would produce proposals for a new structure of the World Service Conference. Intent: To direct the WB to formulate a new and, potentially, vastly different conference structure that celebrates recovery, improves the decision making process, and accommodates growth in regional representation.**
1. **Initial Straw Poll: 50 Yes 65 No 9 Abs 1 PNV**
 - a. **Simple Majority – lack of support**
 2. **Second Straw Poll: 36 Yes 83 No 4 Abs 3 PNV**
 - a. **Simple Majority - fails**

Question was asked: Can we submit to the WB proposals that are similar in nature to Proposal BA? WB stated that when such things are submitted without significant Conference support it really takes up valuable resources for something that has little support.

- B. **Proposal BT: Seating to be proportional to the meetings we serve and/or delimited by geographical country in limits. In regards to split regions: seating to be available through the zonal forum. A zonal forum will have a limited number of reps. The maximum will be proportional to 10% of the meetings they serve.**
1. **Initial Straw Poll: 17 Yes 101 No 5 Abs 3 PNV**
 - a. **2/3rd Majority – Lack of Consensus Support**
 - b. **Accepted as final vote – fails**
- C. **Proposal AE: To hold the WSC every 3 years with the CAR released no less than 240 days prior to the Conference. Intent is to extend the time of the cycle for purpose of translation of CAR.**
1. **Initial Straw Poll: 45 Yes 74 No 3 Abs 4 PNV**
 - a. **2/3rd Majority – lack of support**
 2. **Second Straw Poll: 39 Yes 77 No 4 Abs 6PNV Proposal fails**
- D. **Proposal AH: To create a project plan and workgroup to study the feasibility of turning the WSC into a planning conference. The planning conference could be similar to, though not identical to, the idea laid out on pages 61 -63 of the 2016 Conference Report. Intent is to create a WSC that writes the CAR for review to local fellowship to work before voting on at the Conference.**
1. **Initial Straw Poll: 52 Yes 65 No 3 Abs 6 PNV**
 - a. **Simple Majority – lack of support**
 - b. **Since creating a workgroup would require a 2/3rds vote and the proposal requests the creation of a workgroup, it requires 2/3rd and still lacks support. Proposal fails.**
 2. **Second Straw Poll: 52 Yes 67 No 1 Abs 6 PNV**
 - a. **Lack of Support**
 - b. **Maker withdraws – avoids proposals being lost to a no vote**

- E. **Proposal BC: To have interpreting service available at the WSC for delegates of regions who request so. Intent is to extend the world pool to more recovering addicts willing to serve, regardless their English language skill.**
1. **Initial Straw Poll: 59 Yes 50 No 5 Abs 13 PNV**
 - a. **2/3rd Majority – lack of support**
 2. **Final Straw Poll: 52 Yes 70 No 0 Abs 4 PNV – Proposal fails**
- F. **Proposal BD: To ask the delegates to go back to their regions with the question/workshop below: “What is that region thinks and feels about zonal representation?” Intent is to bridge the gap of lacking information about what zones/WSC/seated/unseated regions are and could work better.**
1. **Initial Straw Poll: 81 Yes 36 No 3 Abs 6 PNV**
 - a. **Simple Majority – strong support**
 2. **Second Straw Poll: 79 Yes 40 No 2 Abs 5 PNV – Proposal Passes**
- G. **Proposal BB: To have NAWS create a separate donation fund through which individual members, groups, areas, regions, or zones can contribute funds to help zones with limited resources send a participant to WSC 2018 if requested. Intent is to not let funding be a barrier to be a potential participant as WSC 2018.**
1. **Initial Straw Poll: This proposal is out of order: funds in NA are according to policy unable to be ear marked.**

VIII. Literature

- A. **Proposal E: TO adopt as policy: If the WSC takes action that changes the name or title of a Conference –or Fellowship – approved document, that the name or title change may then be reflected everywhere the name or title appears without requiring further action by the WSC.**
- A. **Initial Straw Poll: 117 Yes 2 No 2 Abs 2 PNV –**
 - B. **Accepted as final vote – Proposal passes**
- B. **Proposal AF: To change the current review and input for the Fellowship-approved literature from 90 days to 9months.**
- A. **Initial Straw Poll: 28 Yes 91 No 52 Abs 0 PNV**
 1. **2/3rd Majority – strong lack of support**
 - B. **Second Straw Poll: 42 Yes 80 No 2 Abs 2 PNV**
 - a. **Lack of Support – Proposal fails**
- C. **Proposal AI: To create a work group to review our literature processes (review and approval) and propose options that make those processes more accessible for our members who do not speak English.**
- A. **Initial Straw Poll: 73 Yes 44 No 4 Abs 5 PNV**
 1. **Support**
 - B. **Second Straw Poll: 68 Yes 55 No 1 Abs 2 PNV**
 1. **2/3rd Majority – Proposal fails**

- D. Proposal BI: That the NA WB develop a project plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an information pamphlet specially regarding DRT (Drug Replacement Therapy) and MAT (Medically Assisted Treatment) for consideration the 2018 World Services Conference.**
- A. Initial Straw Poll: 51 Yes 65 No 5 Abs 5 PNV**
- 1. Simple Majority – lack of support**
- B. Second Straw Poll: 47 Yes 72 No 3 Abs 4 PNV**
- 1. Proposal fails**
- E. Proposal AP: To direct the World Board to prioritize IP #26 Accessibility for Those with Additional Needs, and the Additional Needs Resource Information SP be updated to reflect current practices.**
- A. Initial Straw Poll: 53 Yes 66 No 3 Abs 3 PNV**
- 1. Simple Majority – lack of support**
- B. Second Straw Poll: 48 Yes 73 No 1 Abs 4 PNV**
- 1. Proposal fails**
- F. Proposal BK: To direct the WB to develop a project plan for 2018 to update the *Living Clean: The Journey Continues* book with a subject and also spiritual principle index.**
- A. Initial straw Poll: 10 Yes 109 No 2 Abs 2 PNV**
- 1. Simple Majority – Consensus not in Support**
- B. Second Straw Poll: 10 Yes 110 0 Abs 3 PNV**
- 1. Proposal fails**
- G. Proposal BL: To direct the WB to create a project plan to be included in the 2018 CAT to develop an Informational Pamphlet on Bulletin 13 “Some Thoughts Regarding Our Relationship to Alcoholics Anonymous.”**
- A. Initial Straw Poll: 23 Yes 97 No 4 Abs 4 PNV**
- 1. Simple Majority - Consensus not in Support**
- B. Second Straw Poll: 19 Yes 102 No 4 Abs 4 PNV**
- 1. Proposal fails**
- H. Proposal O: That the following changes be made to PR Pamphlet “Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication Assisted treated” on page three under “NA and people on medically assisted treatment.” The third sentence be changed to “However, within the context of NA and its meetings, we have generally accepted principles, and one is that NA is an abstinence-based recovery program. Persons who are taking drug replacement medication are not considered drug free.”**

1. Proposal has been rule out of order and the ruling has been challenged: Support of Ruling: 83 Yes 37 No 3 Abs 3 PNV. The decision of the co-facilitator is upheld.

Evening Session: Processes and Procedures

- I. **Proposal X: That the conference change policy affecting the percentage needed for election to the World Board from 60% of the WSC to simple majority.**
 - A. **Initial Straw Poll: 23 Yes 98 No 2 Abs 2 PNV**
 1. 2/3rd Majority – Consensus not in Support
 2. **Final Vote –Proposal fails**
- II. **Proposal AD: To reconsider Motion 2c and change the motion to read “No more than 1 term in a life time.”**
 - A. **Initial straw Poll: 13 Yes 112 No 0 Abs 1PNV**
 1. 2/3rd Majority – Consensus not in Support
 2. **Final Vote – Proposal fails**
- III. **Proposal AG: To direct the WB to present a motion in 2018 CAR to limit Service on any WSC position to 1 term in a life time.**
 - A. **Initial Straw Poll: 15 Yes 112 No 0 Abs 1 PNV**
 1. 2/3rd Majority – Consensus not in Support
 2. **Final Vote – Proposal Fails**
- IV. **Proposal BO: To replace the language in A Guide to World Services, page 10. The following terms may be used by the WSC Co-facilitator when announcing the results of the straw poll: Unanimous Support, Consensus Support 80% or greater, Strong Support 2/3rd majority support, Support simple majority, Lack of Support less than simple majority, Strong Lack of Support less than a 1/3rd support, Consensus not in Support less than 205 or fewer support**
 - A. **Initial Straw Poll : 118 Yes 8 No 1 Abs 0 PNV**
 1. 2/3rd Majority – Consensus Support
 2. **Final Vote – Proposal fails**
- V. **Proposal BP: Measuring Consensus will be measured by 80% or more of voting participants in agreement with...**
 - A. **Initial Straw Poll: 114 Yes 8 No 4 Abs 0PNV**
 1. 2/3rd Majority – Consensus Support
 2. **Final Vote - 107 Yes 17 No 2 Abs 0 PNV**
 3. **Consensus Support - Proposal Passes**
- VI. **Proposal BR: To add the following language to GWSNA:
The following are our current approaches for use in all business discussion & proposal decision sessions. They should be viewed as tools to assist in discussing business rather than policy or restrictions.**

Managing Discussions

The facilitator has the ability to manage the discussion by using the following approaches:

- The facilitator may conduct intermediate straw polls to measure any change in support for the motion.
- The facilitator may declare that the discussion will end after a specific speaker, or the facilitator may close the discussion queue.
 - If there is an objection, the facilitator will conduct a vote to determine support for the facilitator's decision. Consensus support for the facilitator's decision is required for the decision to prevail.
- Members may speak for a maximum of three minutes each time they are recognized by the facilitator. The facilitator may extend the time limit when they believe such action is warranted.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 113 Yes 8 No 4 Abs 0 PNV
 - 1. 2/3rd Majority – Consensus Support
- B. Second Straw Poll: 117 Yes 6 No 2 Abs 0 PNV
 - 1. **Consensus Support –Proposal passes**

VII. Proposal AA: Withdrawn

VIII. Proposal AY: To eliminate formal business session at WSC in old and new business. Final straw polls on all matters in discussion sessions will be final decisions.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: Yes No Abs PNV
 - a. It was presented to the Conference participants to bundle Proposals AY, BJ, AS, and AR. Debate was significant concerning the best way to present these proposals and it was decided to straw poll bundling because of the similarity related to “eliminating formal business sessions”.
 - 1. Straw Poll: 93 Yes 19 No 3 Abs 12 PNV
 - 2. Poll to commit these four proposals (AY, BJ, AS, AR) to the WB with the direction to eliminate formal business sessions. Result: 94 Yes 26 No 2 Abs 4 PNV
 - 3. Proposals are committed to the WB

IX. Proposal AC: Establish a guideline limiting conference business to no more than 8 hours.

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 19 Yes 98 No 2 Abs 1 PNV
 - 1. 2/3rd Majority – Consensus not in Support
- B. Second Straw Poll: 17 Yes 103 No 2 Abs 1 PNV
 - 1. Consensus not in Support –Proposal fails

- X. **Proposal BM: The creation of a rule for conference participants, in which when the same proposal /motion appears in 2 consecutive conferences and fails in both conferences, a moratorium be placed on the proposal /motion(length of time to be determined by the conference participants)**
- A. **Initial Straw Poll: 91 yes 27 No 4 Abs 2 PNV**
 1. **2/3rd Majority – Strong Support**
 It was presented to the maker of the proposal that regions requesting seating not be included. Maker did not accept the friendly amendment.
- B. **Second Straw Poll: 70 Yes 49 No 4 Abs 3 PNV**
 1. **2/3rd Majority -Proposal fails**
- XI. **Proposal AW: To eliminate the requirement that regional motions need a second or add the requirement that the World Board motions need a second.**
- A. **Initial Straw Poll: 61 Yes 53 No 9 Abs 2 PNV**
- B. **This proposal is out of order because of the “or” and the maker was asked to clarify and amend the proposal. (All motions require a second.)**
- C. **2/3rd Majority – Lacks support**
- D. **To accept amendment to the proposal: “eliminate the requirement that regional motions need a second.”**
- E. **Straw Poll: 80 Yes 34 No 7 Abs 3 PNV**
- F. **Initial Straw Poll on the amended proposal: 80 Yes 34 No 7 Abs 3 PNV**
- G. **Final Vote: 55 Yes 66 No 2 Abs 2 PNV**
 1. **Proposal fails**
- XII. **Proposal AT: To require that only motions from the WB or seated regions appear in the 2018 Conference Agenda Report (no proposals, resolutions, or straw polls).**
- A. **Initial Straw Poll: 23 Yes 92 No 4 Abs 6 PNV**
- B. **2/3rd Majority – consensus not in support**
 1. **Proposal fails**
- XIII. **Proposal BE: To have the CAR sent translated by NAWs into the language of a region who requests it.**
- A. **Initial Straw Poll: 30 Yes 87 No 1 Abs 7 PNV**
- B. **2/3rd Majority - Strong lack of support**
- C. **Final Vote: 30 Yes 92 No 1 Abs 2 PNV**
 1. **Proposal fails**
- XIV. **Proposal BF: To revise the GTWS so that the CAR and CAT are released in Spanish at the same time as the English versions.**
- A. **Initial Straw Poll: 39 Yes 78 No 3 Abs 5 PNV**
- B. **2/3rd Majority – Strong lack of support**
- C. **Final Vote: 27 Yes 92 No 2 Abs 3 PNV**
 1. **Strong lack of support – Proposal fails**
- Motion to Close came 12:25 am: 49 Yes 70 No 0 Abs 4 PNV**
- XV. **Proposal AV: To require that WB Internal Guidelines be subject to World Service Conference approval.**

- A. Initial Straw Poll: 24 Yes 89 No 3 Abs 5 PNV
- B. 2/3rd Majority – Consensus not in Support

- 1. **Proposal fails**

XVI. Proposal U: To change the policy in the GWSNA regarding double room occupancy to allow for single room occupancy, for WB members without the need for prior request and approval.

- A. Initial straw Poll: 50 Yes 58 No 4 Abs 10 PNV
- B. 2/3rd Majority – Lack of support
- C. Final Vote: 51 Yes 59 No 2 Abs 9 PNV

- 1. **Lack of support – Proposal fails**

Poll to consider the Miscellaneous Category at this Conference: 67 Yes 49 No 2 Abs 3 PNV. Motion fails. Return to New Business in the morning.

Miscellaneous Proposal withdrawn AU

Motion to Adjourn: 71 Yes 38 No 2 Abs 4 PNV

Passes with Simple Majority

It should be noted that the co-facilitators did not allow for proper discussion of the actions on the floor and when the motion to adjourn was made they lead the Conference participants to believe that they were returning in the morning to finish the remaining proposals and conclude new business. This really is not the case and more will definitely be revealed in the Saturday morning session. Should it be decided that business has been adjourned via a manipulative process this delegate may take formal action by walking out of the moving forward session or may just remain to take notes.

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Morning Session

- I> Opened with MOS and Readings
- II> Response to the preceding notes by Chair
 - A. The explanation giving by this RD is considered unacceptable
 - B. Business was considered adjourned and should we conclude moving forward the Conference will attempt to conclude business after the closing lunch.
 - C. The Chair of the WB did not allow for any discussion – this sort of facilitation would have been appreciated during old and new business.
 - D. The Chair was challenged and the floor was polled with the following question: Stay in Moving Forward. Was again this is a form of manipulation contrary to the WSC theme of Honesty, Trust, and Goodwill.
 - E. Poll: 68 Yes 52 No 1 Abs 2 PNV
 - F. No roll call was taken and no concrete number to determine 2/3rds or simple majority was confirmed.
 - G. The Chair returned the Conference to Moving Forward

III> Moving Forward

- A. FIPT was once again discussed even though the topic was discussed in breakouts and reported on in Conference.
- B. It was raised that the WB seems to actually be leading us down a particular path and the discussion presented to the Conference Participants for topic discussion only re-enforces the fear (not hope) that we are rubber stamping the will not of the WSC but NAWS and the WB. The FIPT was discussed in length at the breakout session and that continued discussion and polling of the FIPT breakouts was not effective use of the WSC time. When polled regarding the specific question discussed this RD did not participate but attempted to inform the WSC why and was not recognized.
- C. Interesting point was raised – The 5th Edition is no longer recognized as Fellowship approved literature – therefore the 5th Edition can now be considered illicit literature.
- D. It was emphasized by WSO Anthony that this is not a matter of selling more 6th Editions. It is not a matter of money. NAWS is at its witts end and is asking for specific direction from the Fellowship; therefore, more discussion and deliberation is going to be a reality. **Do we republish the 91 FIPT statement (page 43 of GTWS) again followed by what additional actions? Do we want an additional statement from the WSC 2016? 73 Yes 36 No 5 Abs 3 PNV. Second Straw Poll: 79 Yes 40 No 0 Abs 0 PNV.**
- E. The discussion at this point has included few but has consumed more than an hour of Conference time.
- F. **Additional Questions: Do we register groups using illicit literature? 71 Yes 39 No 6 Abs and 5 PNV. Are former editions of NA fellowship approved literature different in your mind than the hybrid versions that have been created and never approved in that form? 93 Yes 12 No 7 Abs 6 PNV. Should ASCs and RSCs posting literature have their Website shut down? (As Stephen asked: Why aren't we talking about sponsorship? I believe the problem can be resolved with sponsorship.) Yes No Abs PNV. This poll was never taken and other questions were asked about the republishing of FIPT Statement of 91.**
- G. IDT Topic Survey Results – 3 top results: Atmosphere of Recovery in Service 24.3% of Regions and 14.6% individuals, Applying Our Principles to Technology and Social Media 19.5 % of Regions and 15.7% of individuals, and How to use Guiding Principles (which would cover any tradition) 11.9% of Regions and 9.7 of individuals. RD from MARLCNA raised the point that here we are at WSC and the major topics discussed were the FIPT/Illicit Literature and the Future of the WSC. Why aren't these considered IDTs.
- H. **Conference Participant Discussion Board – Do we want to continue to have this board? Straw Poll: 75 Yes 27 No 6 Abs 9 PNV. Is there anything we can do to make this board something people actually want to use? Rather than have discussion we are asking people to send in the thoughts to the WB.**

- I. Future of the WSC direction - no discussion/please forward ideas to the WB for submission to a possible workgroup. Possible Workgroups: WSC Seating, Delegate Sharing, Service Tools for group, area, and events – focus and scope to be determined. Also part of the discussion will involve the Future of WSC as it is related to seating, business, and use of time between the WSCs and exploring what we do at the WSC. Email communications will follow about frame, needs, with a request to submit possible ideas
- J. Project Plan Priorities 1 low, 2 medium and 3 highest: 1) Recovery
- K. (Obj 2) low – 23 med – 44 high – 49, Collaboration in Service Project Plan (Obj 3) low – 31 med – 41 high – 44. 4) Future of the WSC Project Plan (Obj 4) low – 21 med – 13 high – 82. Fellowship Development and Public Relations Project Plan (Obj 6) low – 15 med – 32 high – 69. 6) Social Media as a PR Tool Project Plan (Obj 8) low – 40 med – 35 high – 39.

End of Moving Forward Session

Possible continuation of New Business Proposals – request made by Chair for any removal of proposals before start of New Business.

Closing Luncheon and Certificates

Final Session – Unfinished New Business

- I> MOS
- II> Roll Call: 106 in attendance 2/3rds – 71 and simple majority – 54
- III> Poll for Business Session: 1 – Do Nothing and Say Our Good Byes: 6, 2- Open Business: 46, or 3- Straw Poll each Proposal with no Discussion: 59.
- IV> All Proposals receiving 2/3rd support will be referred to the WB for review.
- V> Proposal AZ: We suggest developing a multi lingual service network which would reflect our core service system. Straw Poll: 67 Yes 35 No 5 Abs 8 PNV. Support – referred.
- VI> Proposal AQ: To create a project plan for inclusion in the CAT 2018 to review the HRP process and present a proposals in the 2018 CAR for improvements to the process. Straw Poll: 69 Yes 40 No 2 Abs 4 PNV. Support – referred.
- VII> Proposal BH: Begin a dialogue among seated regions regarding nominations to the WB should be made using only submission from regions, zones, the World Pool via the HRP and submissions received at the WSC. Straw Poll: 44 Yes 61 No 8 Abs 3 PNV. Lack of support – not referred.
- VIII> Proposal AJ: Fellowship IDTs will be selected on the following process: By August 1 following the WSC World would create a section on na.org where items can be added and voted following Feb 1. The top six will be place in the CAR for the next Conference cycle. Straw Poll: 59 Yes 51 No 4 Abs 3 PNV. Support – referred.

- IX> Proposal L: To direct the WB to create a project plan to be included in the CAT 2018 to study sustainability of the WSCNA in the future. Straw Poll: 59 Yes 55 No 1 Abs 2 PNV. Support – referred.**
- X> Proposal AB: Establish a rotation schedule for WCNA that holds WCNA outside the US every third convention. Straw Poll: 49 Yes 61 No 1 Abs 5 PNV. Lack of support – not referred.**
- XI> Proposal BN: To create a work group who shall create a methodology to assess the progress of NAWS since the creation of a single unified board as a result of the World Services Inventory conducted in the mid to late 1990s. Straw Poll: 56 Yes 55 No 3 Abs 5 PNV. Lack support – not referred.**
- XII> New Business Concluded.**
- XIII> New Business Adjourned and Conference Closed**

Yours in loving service,

Jim L Rd WNY

**Thank you for letting me be of service to the Fellowship of
Western New York Region of NA**

