

RDA REPORT

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Good afternoon and thank you for allowing me be of service. I had the humble privilege of attending the WSC with the Regional Delegate from April 27th-May 5th 2012. to say that this was a spiritually fulfilling experience would be quite an understatement. to be surrounded by addicts from all over the world and to be able to carry the conscience of my home group, ASC, and region all the way to the world level was truly an honor and a blessing.

The first day of the conference(Saturday, April 28th) was rather informal with a basic Q&A session for the World Board. many questions revolved around issues concerning the SSP, the seating of new regions at the next WSC and NA funds being managed responsibly by WB members. after the Q&A session adjourned the delegates were all taken the the WSO for a tour of the offices which had collections of literature and artwork on display from addicts, regions and groups all over the world. we closed the day with the serenity prayer in every language in attendance. it was the first time that week that i was moved to tears. in fact as i write this the gratitude is moving me to that same state.

The second day of the conference (sunday, April 29th) was a roundtable session with delegates from different regions across the world sharing a little bit of history and information about their respective regions. definitely something that i felt quite grateful to be able to hear:

- **IRAN:** one of their biggest issues was with the government wanting the narcotics name to be changed because of a possible affiliation with the U.S government. addicts returning from the WSC risked possible detainment upon arriving back into Iran
- **TEJAS BLUE BONNET:** a larger region in the southern part of texas with zero spanish speaking meetings in the region that has a rural and metropolitan demographic. participation appears to be a problem
- **BRASIL:** twenty-seven areas with some areas actually practicing the SSP
- **NEPAL:** first time attending the WSC (seated in 2008) NA has been active in Nepal since 1994 after being introduced by the Indian fellowship. eight areas are contained within the Nepal region.

- **SWEDEN:** NA has been active for 25 with 14 contained within the region. they also sent their RD and RDA's to the WSC at NO COST to NAWS. the Northern part of the country tends to be rural while the Southern part is mostly metropolitan. Sweden also contains the largest Farsi Speaking community outside of Iran.

After hearing the delegates share we did some workshop topics focusing on unity and using the traditions as a way to conduct service more effectively. the groups were picked by the WSO and it separated me from the RD and other delegates i was more familiar with forcing me get to know some people and it taught us how to work together in spite of being unfamiliar with one another, a true unity building project. the afternoon session was basically a breakdown of how business was going to be conducted at the WSC this year. it was a bit overwhelming at this point to be moving forward in this direction as i had no experience at this level of service. I also tend to be quite resistant to change and i tend to be close minded as well as this particular WSC was going to try consensus based decision making (CBDM) in order to conduct business. as always more will be revealed in regard to the success of this new direction.

The Monday morning session was a review of the surveys that the RD's were asked to fill out before the WSC. basically a breakdown of what the RD's felt about their service commitments, how well they knew their position and how they felt about getting the information back to their regions. the remainder of the afternoon was old business discussion at this point i became a bit confused and close minded. being familiar to a parliamentary style of business the CBDM encourages discussion of all participating members in order to have everyone involved in ideas and proposals. having a discussion session before old business is actually conducted. once i gained an understanding of this process i was able to gain some information on this important process of CBDM. the session wore on late into the evening and the adjournment was a welcomed relief after all the motions, resolutions and straw polls were finally discussed.

On Tuesday morning the Old business voting was officially under way. I included the decisions on the motions below which included the approval of the living clean project. the motion passed unanimously and the entire room erupted in applause and a wave of gratitude washed over the room, it was truly one of the most spiritually fulfilling moments in my recovery. to see the home groups in my area and region review the approval draft was quite an experience but to be in the company of addicts all over the world experience the same efforts in their regions, areas and home groups created a feeling I will not soon forget. hugs were abundant and there was no shortage of tears of gratitude from all of the members

OLD BUSINESS MOTION RESULTS

motion 7- intent -to continue our evolution towards a consensus based conference
vote-the motion passes

motion 6- to approve 2010 WSC minutes
vote-the motion passes

motion 1- to approve the book, living clean: the journey continues
vote-passes 12:09 pm PST 5/1/2012 (historic)

motion 2- to allow the WB to make subtle changes to fellowship approved lit
vote-the motion carries

motion 3- to allow the WB to bundle NA literature
vote-motion passes

motion 4-to allow the WB to use hyperlinks supplemental material etc
vote-the motion passes

motion 5-to change the convention to every three years
vote-motion passes

Resolutions were also voted on which included a general idea of where the regions were at with the SSP and proper mentoring of trusted servants.

The afternoon session was a presentation by the HRP (human resource panel) in regards to voting on members to the world board, the HRP and the co-facilitators for the WSC. careful screening and reviewal is used before the delegates receive the CPR (candidate profile report) in order to vote effectively and fairly.

interested parties can submit their information to the world pool, which keeps their information readily available to the HRP. the HRP also uses the RBZ (regions, boards and zones) to seek out candidates. there are 18 seats on the world board and this WSC filled every seat for the first time in the history of the WSC

On Wednesday afternoon we received an annual report from NAWS followed up by a PR presentation which showed PSA'S from regions all across the world. to see the message being carried in different languages and cultures was remarkable. to understand and see the common language that we as addicts all seem to communicate in was a welcomed break from the rigors of old business we were all weary from. the Iranian regions video was moving and inspiring. proper planning and use of public relations appear to be working across the globe and the more addicts that we can reach and possibly help can only strengthen our recovery and further strengthen the bond of unity that we so desperately need. once again quite a moving experience.

The Thursday morning session was a welcomed change of pace as we were once again brought together in a workshop/round table session that had us paired up with our respective zones in order to develop our effective planning skills. we would target some issues that we had in our respective zones and we would plan ways to correct the situation with proper planning, effective communication and measuring our goals. i feel as if i took back some important tools to help bring information back to our regions, area and groups. the afternoon was reserved for some information regarding the electronic information and the ever present social media market provided by NAWS

Friday morning was equally gratifying as we heard from work groups and their efforts to carry the message across the globe. translation groups in Africa, The Middle East and parts of Asia. there was also a breakdown of how these countries and continents are being of service to the addicts that live there. after attending this session it is quite obvious that NA is thinking globally, it only makes sense that this direction is the focus that we are having. i am quite certain that there were members in attendance who never thought we would have as many meetings, regions, groups and zones that we have today. based on all of our hard work outside of the US it's great to see recovery is and will be available to addicts across the world.

Friday afternoon started new business. below is the motions and results for these motions:

MOTION 8- To approve the fellowship issue discussions project plan for inclusion in the 2012-2014 NAWS budget
motion carries

MOTION 9- to approve the 2012-14 WSC budget
motion carries

MOTION 10- to approve the Traditions Book project plan in the 2012-14 NAWS budget
motion carries

MOTION 11- to approve PR project plan for inclusion in the 2012-14 budget
motion carries

MOTION 12- to approve an intro to NA meetings project plan in the 2012-14 NAWS budget
motion carries

MOTION 13- to approve the trusted servant and support prom plan to be included in the 2012-14 WSC budget
motion carries

MOTION 14- to approve NAWS budget
motion carries

straw polls were also used to gauge how regions felt about some of the ideas contained within the SSP. new business carried into Saturday afternoon until lunch time. when we returned to the conference room for the last time. the WB, HRP and Co-facilitators who finished their service commitments addressed the delegates and expressed their gratitude for NA and shared their experience strength and hope with the members in attendance. we closed the session and the rest of the day was devoted to fellowshiping and a speaker meeting by some delegates from around the world.

I wish i could put into words what this service commitment did for my spiritual condition but i cannot. as close minded as i was when i arrived i can only imagine what the next time i will be there will be like. i hope i was able to convey my experience to all

of you here today. i tried to create an outline with all of my notes but at no time did i feel as if my report was written with my heart and spirit. i feel that i am best serving when those two things are in line with my actions. i listened acyively and i have much more information to be shared that i am willing to share with all of you over the next two years as we prepare for the next WSC in 2014. thank you for allowing me to be of service to the Western New York Region of Narcotics Anonymous

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