



First Draft Record of WSC 2006 Decisions

Old Business

DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS

Session led by Mark H (CF) /Roberto J (CF)

Tuesday 26 April 2006

Bob J (WB Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills, California, USA and introduced Mark H (CF). He opened the session with a moment of silence to reflect on our primary purpose followed by the Serenity Prayer. A conference participant was asked to read *Just for Today*, the Second Tradition, and the Second Concept.

Mark introduced Roberto and Don Cameron, the WSC Parliamentarian, and gave participants an overview of the session. First participants will discuss the motions, Mark explained, then the conference will go into a business session to decide on the motions. Mark elaborated on the procedures and then he took roll call.

Roll call #2 conducted by Mark H (CF)

114 participants are present

102 seated regions are present

For old business,

68 represents a 2/3 majority

52 represents a simple majority

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS MOTIONS

The body then discussed the old business motions.

Motion 1:

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, timeline, and budget for WSC 2008, to create/develop a glossary of recovery terms typically used in Narcotics Anonymous

Intent: To provide a resource of common meanings for frequently used NA recovery terms.

Maker: Northern New York Region

Gail D (RD, Northern New York) explained that her region strongly believes that the glossary should be made because there are addicts who don't know what recovery terms mean. The board recommended not to adopt because variations in definitions would make it difficult to have a common glossary. There was discussion—both in favor of and against the motion—about a glossary's tendency to standardize definitions. (Ron H (WB) clarified that the "glossary" being discussed is distinct from the glossary used in translations. *Straw poll on Motion #1: Very weak support from the body.*

Motion 2:

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the development of a fellowship-approved Identity Statement to be presented at WSC 2008.

Intent: To obtain literature that will recognize the distinguishing characteristics of the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship from other twelve-step fellowships.

Maker: Ohio Region

Roberto J (CF) read Motion #2 followed by board recommendation.

Michael K (RD, Ohio) said that his region feels a standardized identity statement would serve the fellowship better than the multiple version that are currently being used. The board recommended not to adopt because they are concerned that groups would feel they had to read such a statement if it were adopted on the world level. Discussion centered around issues of

group autonomy, whether or not potential members would feel welcome, distinguishing NA from other programs or from treatment options, how to best guide members on use of NA language, and whether or not our current written material addresses the issues adequately. *Straw poll on Motion #2: Very weak support from the body*

Motion 3:

To change the time frame for approval form recovery literature from the current minimum of 150 days to a minimum of one year.

Intent: To extend the time frame for approval form literature to allow sufficient time to communities who choose to make a rough translation.

Maker: German Speaking Region

Christian F (RD, German Speaking) said that there are a number of people in his region who don't speak English, but his region wants to be part of the process. The board recommended not to adopt because the time for review and input would be reduced. Among the points brought up during discussion were the opportunities prior to approval to affect a piece of literature, the speed (or lack thereof) of the literature development process, our tendency to procrastinate, the fact that a non-English-speaking community has a second chance after a piece of literature passes, and the desire to reflect the worldwide nature of our fellowship as much as possible. Bob J (WB Chair) clarified that this motion would not apply to the Basic Text project unless the conference took special action. *Straw poll on Motion #3: Weak support from the body*

MOTION #27:

Amend Motion 3 by adding language – “...for book length pieces; the World Board may exercise its discretion to set a shorter period for shorter pieces of literature but that period will not be less than 150 days.”

Intent: To allow flexibility for shorter pieces where a one year minimum is not necessary.

Maker Jeremy F (RD, New England)/ Larry K (RD, Wisconsin)

Jeremy F (RD, New England) explained that this would give people an opportunity to participate without slowing down the release of shorter pieces of literature. The World Board recommended to adopt the amendment to allow for more flexibility in project planning. *Straw poll on Motion #27: Support from the body*

OLD BUSINESS DECISIONS

Following discussion on the old business motions, Mark facilitated the decision-making on these motions.

It was M/F Northern New York Region, Motion #1:

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, timeline, and budget for WSC 2008, to create/develop a glossary of recovery terms typically used in Narcotics Anonymous

It was M/F Ohio Region, Motion #2:

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the development of a fellowship-approved Identity Statement to be presented at WSC 2008.

It was M/C German Speaking Region, Motion #3:

To change the time frame for approval form recovery literature from the current minimum of 150 days to a minimum of one year.

Amendment: It was M/S/C Jeremy F (RD, New England)/Larry K (RD, Wisconsin), Motion #27:

Amend Motion 3 by adding language – “...for book length pieces; the World Board may exercise its discretion to set a shorter period for shorter pieces of literature but that period will not be less than 150 days.”

It was M/C by unanimous consent World Board, Motion #4:
To adopt the WSC 2004 Minutes.

The session closed at 4:45. Mark reminded participants that the next session would begin at 5:15 pm

New Business

NEW BUSINESS DECISIONS

Facilitators: Mark H (CF) & Roberto J (CF)

Friday 28 April 2006

Roll call #6 was conducted by Mark H (CF)

115 participants are present

103 seated regions are present

77 represents a 2/3 majority

59 represents a simple majority

It was M/C by unanimous consent World Board, Motion #5:

To adopt Chapters One through Nine, the preface, and the conclusion of the proposed *Public Relations Handbook* as a replacement for the current *A Guide to Public Information*

It was M/C by unanimous consent World Board, Motion #6:

To adopt Chapters 10–13 of the *Public Relations Handbook*

Amendment to Motion #6: It was M/C by unanimous consent by Bob J (WB Chair) for the World Board

“,these chapters will be adaptable and revisable with World Board approval”

It was M/C by unanimous consent World Board, Motion #7:

To approve the proposed *Public Relations Statement* as a replacement to the current *Public Relations Statement of Purpose in A Guide to World Service in NA* on page 34. This statement would also be added to *A Guide to Local Services* and the *Public Relations Handbook*.

It was M/C by 2/3 majority World Board, Motion #8:

To allow the World Board to approve the resource material used as Addenda in the *Public Relations Handbook* on an ongoing basis.

Amendment to Motion #8: It was M/S/C Peter H (RD, Greater New York) / Louis H (RD, Chicagoland),

“including preface, foreword, glossary of terms, and appendix, etc.”

It was M/C by 2/3 majority World Board, Motion #9:

To adopt the proposed *Area Planning Tool*.

Amendment: It was M/S/C Jimmy S (RD, Chesapeake & Potomac) / Ron M (WB)

“...which will then be adaptable or revisable with World Board approval.”

It was M/F World Board, Motion #10:

To recognize *Bluegrass Appalachian* as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.

It was M/F World Board, Motion #11:

To recognize *North Carolina* as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.

This motion went to a standing vote which had 40 in favor. There was then a motion to reconsider which failed.

It was M/C World Board, Motion #12:

To recognize Iran as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.

It was M/C unanimously World Board, Motion #13:

To recognize South Africa as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.

It was M/C unanimously World Board, Motion #14:

To recognize Western Russia as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.

It was M/S/C by 2/3 majority David J (WB) / Cedric S (RD, Western New York), Motion #30:

To remove the Convention Guidelines from the World Services inventory.

It was M/S/F (26-67-1) Nick C (RD, New Jersey) / Debbie E (AD, Show-Me), Motion #26:

To direct the World Board not to hold a common needs/special interest workshops at the world convention 2007. And not to hold said workshops at any convention without a motion going to groups in the CAR.

It was M/S/C by 2/3 majority Greg W (RD, Arizona) / Rick W (RD, Region 51), Motion #28:

To allow the World Board to develop and approve service related information pamphlets and tools for distribution to the fellowship.

It was M/S/C by 2/3 majority Toby G (RD, Spain) / Debbie E (AD, Show-Me), Motion #29:

To direct the HRP and the World Board to create a simple one to two page form for the World Pool. This form would be used for the workshops, workgroups, and other activities. It would be easily translated and used by those not interested in seeking nomination to a WSC elected position.

It was M/S/C (52-26-3) Richard S (RD, Mountaineer) / Darryl L (RD, Greater Philadelphia), Motion #34:

To direct the World Board to reinstate the Consensus-based Decision Making at the WSC Project for 2008.

It was M/S/C (69-22-3) Larry K (RD, Wisconsin) / David J (WB), Motion #33:

That common needs workshops be held at WCNA-32.

It was M/S/Committed to HRP Dale W (RD, Georgia) / Richard S (RD, Mountaineer) Motion #35:

That any nominee for a WSC position be endorsed in writing by an RSC. During the reference interview phase a letter will be sent to the RSC listed on the candidate's World Pool Information Form requesting a written recommendation. In the case where no RSC exists then the candidate will reference their ASC.

It was M/S/C Richard S (RD, Mountaineer) / Larry K (RD, Wisconsin), Motion #36:

To direct the World Board to inform conference participants of any adopted project it wishes to eliminate.

It was M/S/Committed to HRP John F (RD, Panama) / Cesar G (RD, Guatemala), Motion #37:

That the Human Resource Panel present to this conference the evaluation criteria, grading or weighing that were used in order to select the candidates that qualify in order to be able to be eligible as members of the World Board and Human Resource Panel and that the candidates are informed in a prudent way the reason why they were not selected for the final list.

2006-2008 NAWS Projects

BUDGET & PROJECT PLAN PRIORITIZATION

Thursday 27 April 2006

After unanimously passing Motion #25: "To adopt the revised 2006-2008 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget," and adopting each project plan by individual motion, the conference gave a sense of their priorities through a non-binding straw poll that ranked projects "high," "medium," or "low" priority. Each participant was given one vote per category.

WB Ranking	Project Plan	High	Medium	Low
Essential or Carryover	Basic Text Workgroup	103	3	2
	Business Plan Workgroup	62	34	4
	Fellowship Issue Discussions	84	17	2
	Implementation of the PR Handbook	81	15	4
	Training & Orientation	50	42	12
	Workshops	60	29	11
Priority Ranking	Basic Service Material	39	55	14
	Targeted Literature	68	30	7
	Public Relations Development	61	38	4
Second Priority	NAWS Communications	59	35	7

Elections

NOMINATIONS CHALLENGES

Session led by Mark H (CF)

Thursday 27 April 2006

The elections and budget approval session opened with a roll call

Roll call #3 conducted by Mark H (CF)

114 participants are present

102 seated regions are present

76 represents a 2/3 majority

58 represents a simple majority

Prior to voting, two challenges to nominations were presented to the body.

Mark explained that when a nomination is challenged, a mediation panel, consisting of one member board-appointed member, one HRP member, and one RD or RDA, is formed. If the challenge still stands, after mediation is complete, the challenge is posed to the conference. (The complete procedures are outlined in *A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous*.)

The procedure is anonymous. If the conference accepts the petition, the name is removed from the ballot. If not, the name remains on the ballot.

PETITION ONE

Daniel S (WB), the panel's point person explained that the challenger had the opinion that the potential nominee was not as dedicated to NA as he should be because he attended AA meetings. The candidate told the panel he attends one AA meeting, mainly attended by others of his profession.

Mark H (CF) then asked the body: Do you accept the petition challenging the nomination?
Petition failed by show of hands:

Yes (support challenge): 17

No (do not accept challenge): 74

Abstain: 15

PETITION TWO

David J (WB), the panel leader for this petition, explained that the petition states that there is a misrepresentation of a service record: the potential nominee didn't complete a treasury position on an RSO Board of Directors. The panel obtained regional records which showed evidence of removal of the entire RSO BOD, including this individual. The panel's unanimous understanding was that this individual didn't complete their service position and didn't disclose this information. The potential nominee stated that they believed they finished the service position. When the board was "purged," the candidate was given an opportunity to run again, but declined.

There was discussion of this petition.

Mark H (CF) then asked the body: Do you accept the petition challenging the nomination?
Petition passed by show of hands:

Yes (support challenge): 59

No (do not accept challenge): 31

Abstain: 11

ELECTION RESULTS

WORLD BOARD

Arne Hassel-Gren

Franney Jardine

Mark Hersh

Paul Craig

Ron Hofius

Tom McCall

Tonia Nikolinakou

HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL

Gregory Smith

Mary Kay Berger

WSC COFACILITATORS

Jimmy Stuart

Straw Polls

WORLD BOARD OPEN FORUM STRAW POLLS

Session led by: Bob and Craig

Thursday 27 April 2006

After giving the board recommendations about the new business motions that will be decided on during Friday's session and having a question and answer period on the motions, Bob J (WB Chair) held informal straw polls on seven issues.

What support is there to create a category of service IPs authored by the board?

Yes: Very Strong Support

How many would support making the decision at this conference or at next conference? (For is this conference and against is next conference.)

Yes: Strong Support (a majority but not overwhelming to support this at this conference).

Would the conference support allowing World Board approval of Addenda in the Public Relations Handbook? (This would include material such as letters to professionals and allow them to be amendable and revisable by the board.)

Yes: Very Strong Support

How many would support having the Area Planning Tool be amendable and revisable by the board?

Yes: Very Strong Support

How many would support having Chapters 10-13 of the *Public Relations Handbook* amendable and revisable by the board?

Yes: Very Strong Support

How many support hearing the conference voice between conferences (to act to gauge the feeling of the conference through means such as an electronic straw poll)

Yes: unanimous

What support is there for having common needs meetings at WCNA?

Body is split