



**This is the first of  
seven PowerPoints  
covering material  
in the 2023  
Conference Agenda  
Report**

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- Introduction to *CAR*
- Motions 1–3

Conference Agenda Report  
**CREATING  
OUR FUTURE**  
WSC 2023: 30 April–6 May

# 2023 CAR PowerPoints

1. Introduction to *CAR: Creating Our Future, Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* (Motions 1–3)
2. Virtual meetings (Motion 4), Vision for NA Service (Motion 5), Basic Text (Motion 6), WB terms (Motion 7), WCNA (Motion 8)
3. Future of the WSC (Motions 9–12)
4. *CAR* Survey
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# 2023 CAR PowerPoints

These PowerPoints only cover the main points of the *CAR*.

We encourage all members to read the *CAR* itself.

Please visit [www.na.org/conference](http://www.na.org/conference) for the complete 2023 *CAR*.



The *CAR* is the first of three publications

Conference Approval Track Material (the CAT) follows in January

The *Conference Report* is released shortly before the WSC

Available at [www.na.org/conference](http://www.na.org/conference)



When we are engaged in creative action of the spirit, whether in our personal lives or in our service work, we may be surprised by the solutions that present themselves.

*Guiding Principles*

**CREATING**  
OUR **FUTURE**

***A Guide to World Services in NA defines NA World Services' basic purposes as “communication, coordination, information, and guidance.”***

***It takes a lot of resources to perform those functions for a Fellowship as large and diverse as NA.***

***[www.na.org/ar](http://www.na.org/ar)***

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will help NAWS continue our  
work that no addict  
need die from  
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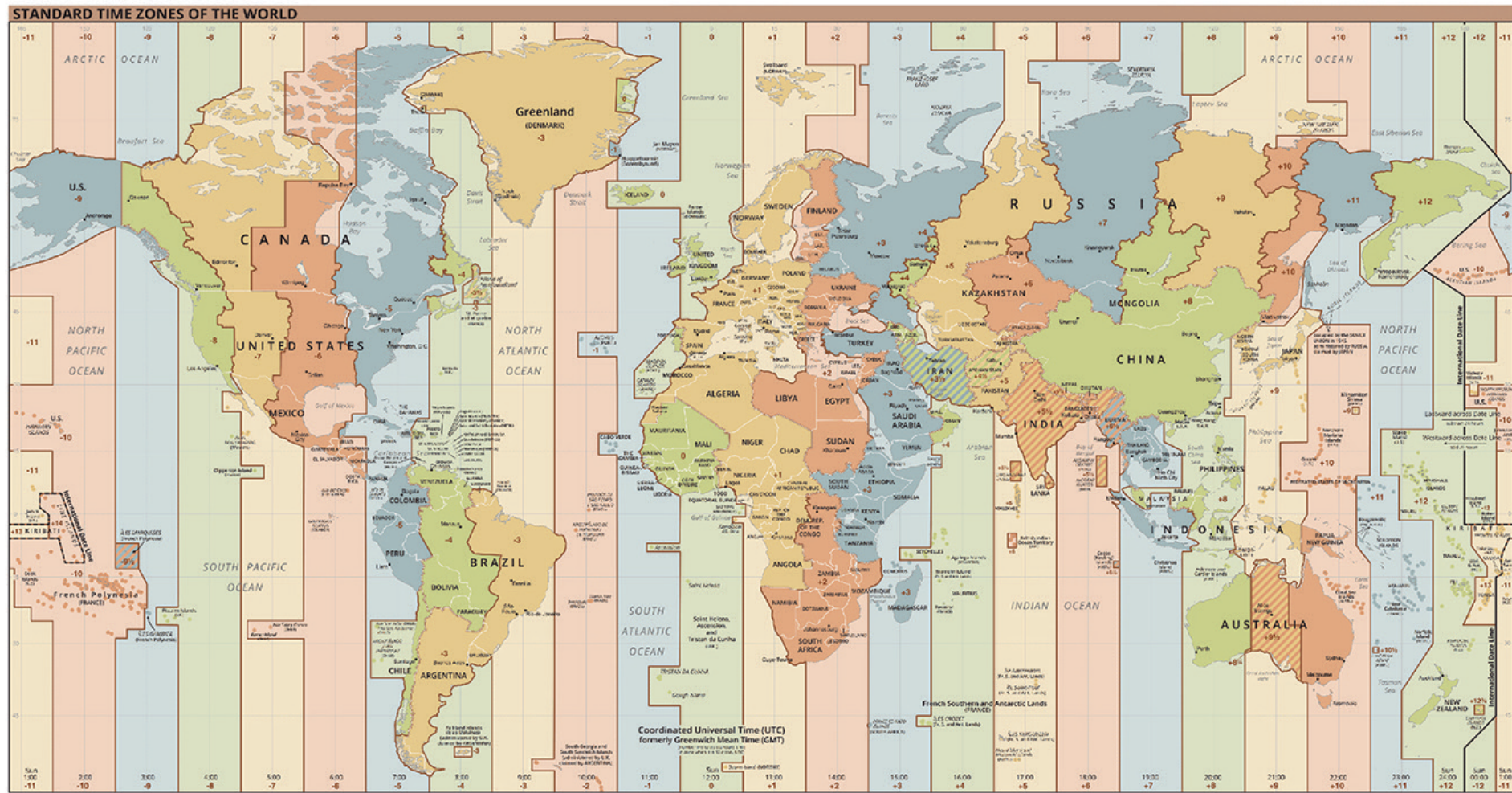


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# WSC 2020 PARTICIPANTS' TIME ZONES

First-ever entirely online WSC Conference participants determined the agenda

Not all motions were discussed or decided upon



	9am-2pm	11am-4pm	1pm-6pm	3pm-8pm	5pm-10pm	7pm-12am	9pm-2am	11pm-4am	1am-6am	3am-8am	5am-10am	7am-12pm
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**Motion V2:** Due to travel restrictions and safety concerns from the global COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020–2022 Conference cycle is extended to 2023. A short, interim, virtual, Conference business meeting shall be held in 2022 to fulfil our obligation to address legally essential business, as described in Motion V3, and to approve the Spiritual Principle a Day book if the WSC chooses to do so. After the essential business is conducted, the 2022 virtual meeting of the WSC shall recess and reconvene in 2023. Dates and deadlines pertaining to the meeting of the Conference in 2023 shall be provided by the World Board, including *CAR* motion deadlines, and seating application deadlines.

**Decision:** 110 yes (92%), 7 no (6%), 3 abstain (3%), 3 present not voting



**10** unaddressed 2020 *CAR* motions

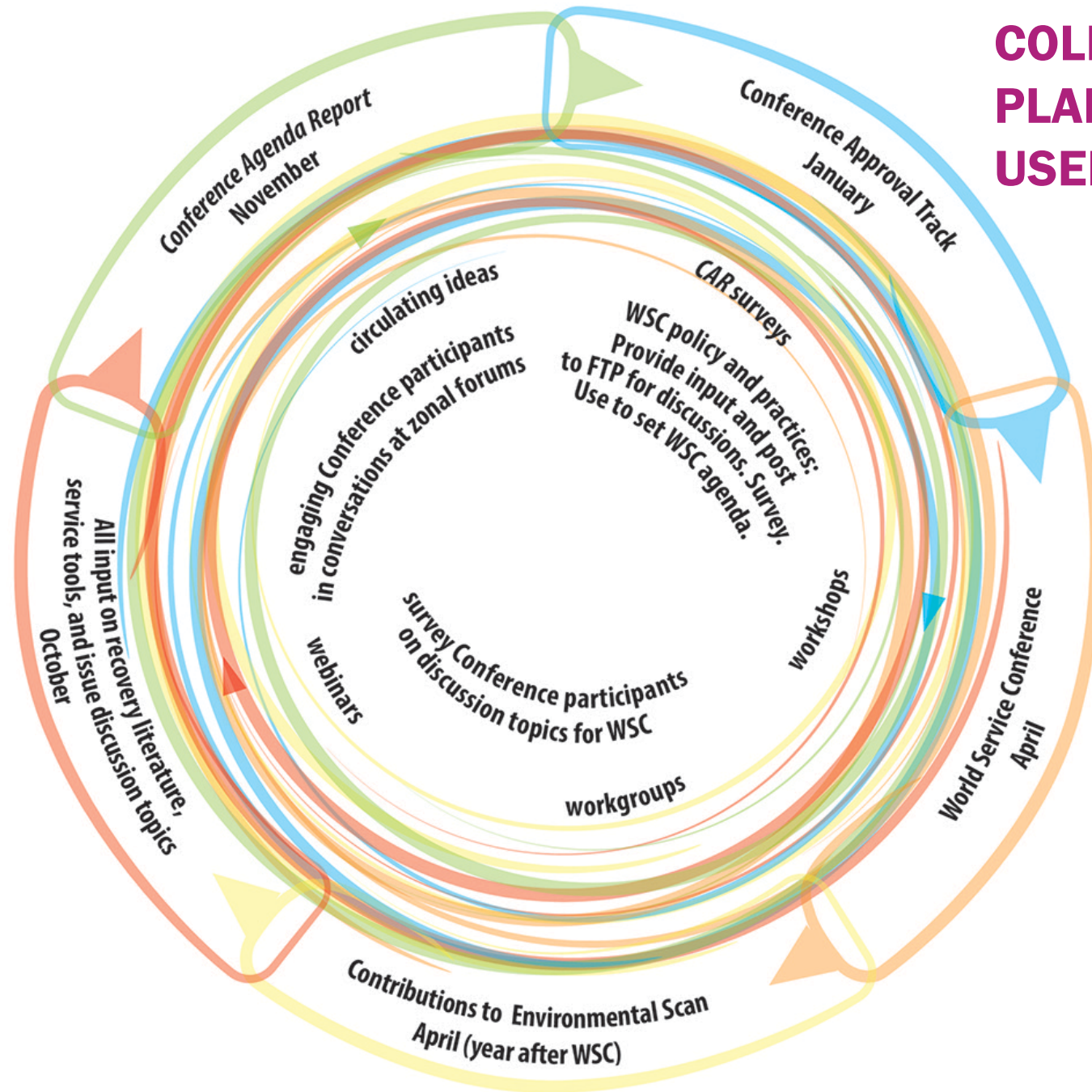
**7** from regions or zones

**5** included in this *CAR*

**3** from the World Board

**2** included in this *CAR*

## COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS USED 2017-2020



Since 2016 all recovery literature, service material, and Issue Discussion Topic ideas that come in through motions or conference participant input are included in the *CAR* survey.

# ***Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust***

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Motions 1 through 3: #1—adding zonal delegates to the decision makers, #2—changes to the *FIPT* Operational Rules, #3—changes to *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1*

# Four Addenda to the CAR

**Addendum A:** clean copy of proposed revisions to the *FIPT*, including the Operational Rules

**Addendum B:** copy of the *FIPT* and Operational Rules showing all of the changes

**Addendum C:** clean copy of the proposed revision to *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1*

**Addendum D:** copy of *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1* showing all of the changes

Current versions of these documents: [www.na.org/fipt](http://www.na.org/fipt)

Any questions? [wb@na.org](mailto:wb@na.org)

The *FIPT* explains:

The sole object and purpose of this Trust is to hold and administer all recovery literature and other intellectual properties of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous in a manner that will help addicts find recovery from the disease of addiction and carry that message of recovery to the addict who still suffers, in keeping with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of NA.

# Revising the *FIPT*

WSC 2018: passed a *CAR* Motion that zones with two or more unseated NA communities would be seated, voting participants at the WSC

WSC 2020: process initiated to consider revising the *FIPT* to include seated zonal delegates as decision makers

Six months: proposed revisions were posted

Response was so overwhelmingly positive about this change that the documents presented in Addenda A – D assume this change

The board also proposes adding language to clarify the difference between NA recovery literature and service material.

**Motion 1:** To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of *the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)*.

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**Intent:** To reflect the decision at WSC 2018 to make delegates from seated zones voting WSC participants and honor the six-month Fellowship review of this proposal that occurred from December 2020 through May 2021.

**Policy Affected:** These changes are from Pages 1 and 2 of the *FIPT* in Addendum A (clean copy) and Addendum B (changes shown)

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## ARTICLE II: PARTIES TO THE TRUST

The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, as given voice by its groups through their **regional** delegates at the World Service Conference (**WSC**), is the Settlor and the Trustor. **The delegates are the representatives elected by the regions and zones seated at the World Service Conference.** Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. is the Trustee of the Trust. The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole is the Beneficiary of the Trust.



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## ARTICLE III: IDENTITY OF TRUST PROPERTY

The Trust Property includes all recovery literature, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, and all other intellectual property of the Fellowship. From time to time, the Trustor may add to, modify, or delete property from the Trust. All additions made to the Fellowship's recovery literature, trademarks, service marks, copyrights and all other intellectual property by Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. shall additionally be considered property subject to this Trust. However, note that NA service handbooks and other service materials approved by NA's World Service Conference are specifically excluded from the purview of this Trust.

*Recovery literature* should be taken to mean any Narcotics Anonymous book, booklet, or pamphlet intended primarily for use by individual NA members or for use or distribution within the context of an NA recovery meeting. Only NA recovery literature is designated as Fellowship Approved. *Service materials* should be taken to mean those materials intended primarily for use within the context of an NA service board or committee.

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**Pause for  
discussion**

# Inspection Clause

## ARTICLE V, SECTION 3: INSPECTION OF TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

### Conditions of inspection

~~Any regional service committee or equivalent service body~~ The World Service Conference may inspect the records and operations of the Trust on behalf of the Beneficiary, ~~providing the following conditions are met~~ if it so chooses. The details of such an inspection would be decided by the WSC.



The Conference agreed that a virtual workgroup should look at the Operational Rules and *FIPT* bulletins.



For more information see the *CAR* essay on the *FIPT*.

# Why is the *FIPT* important?

January 2020 – July 2022: legal action challenging the *FIPT*

NA World Services' position upheld, appealed, and upheld again!

The *FIPT* exists—to ensure that a consistent NA message approved by NA members is available today and into the future.

That is why NA World Services has been charged with protecting NA's intellectual property.



# ***FIPT* Operational Rules**

The Operational Rules describe the way the *FIPT* is to be administered.

The most substantial changes are to the Inspection Clause, Article V, Section 3.

**The Trust's beneficiary is the NA Fellowship as a whole, and the *FIPT* is clear that the WSC is the body authorized to make decisions on behalf of the Trust's beneficiary.**

**Proposed revision:** Only the WSC, on behalf of the beneficiary, the NA Fellowship, could make the decision to undertake an inspection.

75% of the delegates who responded to surveys preferred either two-thirds or a simple majority.

The proposed revisions to the Operational Rules state that if 50%+1 of delegates agree, an inspection request will be granted.

An inspection has only been requested once in the lifetime of the *FIPT* (since 1993).

A hand holding a large red number 1 on a white sign. The sign is rectangular with a white border, and the number 1 is a solid red color. The hand is visible at the bottom of the sign, holding it from underneath.

Budget and explanatory cover sheet in the Conference Approval Track material.

Report from independent audit is made available in the *Annual Report*

[www.na.org/ar](http://www.na.org/ar).



# **New language being proposed for the Inspection Clause**

## **SECTION 3: INSPECTION OF TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES**

**The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous, as given voice by its groups through their delegates at the WSC, is the Settlor and the Trustor of the Trust. The Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole is the Beneficiary of the Trust. Only the Trustor can request and conduct an inspection of Trustee activities on behalf of the Trust Beneficiary. With the exception of any subject and items excluded by law, there are no limitations on what the Trustor can inspect**

**Under Article IV, Section 12 of the Operational Rules, and consistent with California law, Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., as Trustee, is required to, among other things: (1) prepare a year-end financial report for each fiscal year; (2) cause an audit of the Trust activities for each fiscal year to be performed by an independent certified public accountant that includes the revenues and expenses relating to the Trust Properties; and (3) provide a copy of both the financial report and independent audit to all participants of the WSC.**

If, after a review of the financial report and independent audit, a member or any component of the NA service structure has questions or concerns, they can contact the World Board. If questions or concerns still remain after contacting the World Board, they would then be discussed through the established Narcotics Anonymous service structure. A request for an inspection can be initiated by any seated region or zone, through its elected delegate, submitting a request by motion to the Trustor, at the World Service Conference, through the *Conference Agenda Report*.

The standard threshold of two-thirds of voting participants at the WSC required to make a decision is changed in this Section 3 to a simple majority (50% plus one).

## The WB is also proposing other changes to the Operational Rules

- Update the references to *WSC Boards and Committees*
- More consistent terminology to refer to the *World Service Conference (WSC)*, *Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (NA World Services)*.
- Two edits to change *calendar year* to *each fiscal year* and add *independent* to the description of the annual audit.
- Changing *representatives*, *conference participants*, and *RDs* to *delegates* throughout.
- Correcting errors by adding the word *the*.
- A change to the way the Inspection Clause is described.

**Motion 2:** To approve the revisions to the *FIPT* Operational Rules contained in Addendum B.

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**Intent:** To revise the Operational Rules to reflect discussions at WSC 2018 about the Inspection of Trustee Activities and to reflect current practices, terms, and language.

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**Policy Affected:** Would replace the existing policy that is struck through in Addendum B and shown as revised in Addendum A.

A summary of the proposed changes shown in Addendum B includes:

A change to the Inspection Clause to reflect discussions at WSC 2018 and clarify that only the WSC can act for the beneficiary—the NA Fellowship as a whole.

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- Changes throughout to update the references to *WSC Boards and Committees* to better reflect our current structure. The *FIPT* was written before the World Board was created. The suggested language in the proposed revisions describes our current system, not that of 1993.
  - More consistent terminology to refer to the *World Service Conference (WSC)*, *Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (NA World Services)*.
  - Two edits to Article 4, Section 12: Trustee Reporting Obligation on page 15 to change *calendar year* to *each fiscal year* and to add independent to the description of the annual audit.
  - Changing *representatives*, *conference participants*, and *RDs* to *delegates* throughout. While all of these terms are widely understood in NA, this is a legal document and consistency in terminology is important, and *conference participants* has no clear legal definition.
  - Correcting errors by adding the word *the* on page 24 and other edits on pages 15 and 31.
  - A change to the way the Inspection Clause is described on page 37 of the Reader's Notes so that the description reflects the changes suggested to the Inspection Clause itself.

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# Use Policy in *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1*

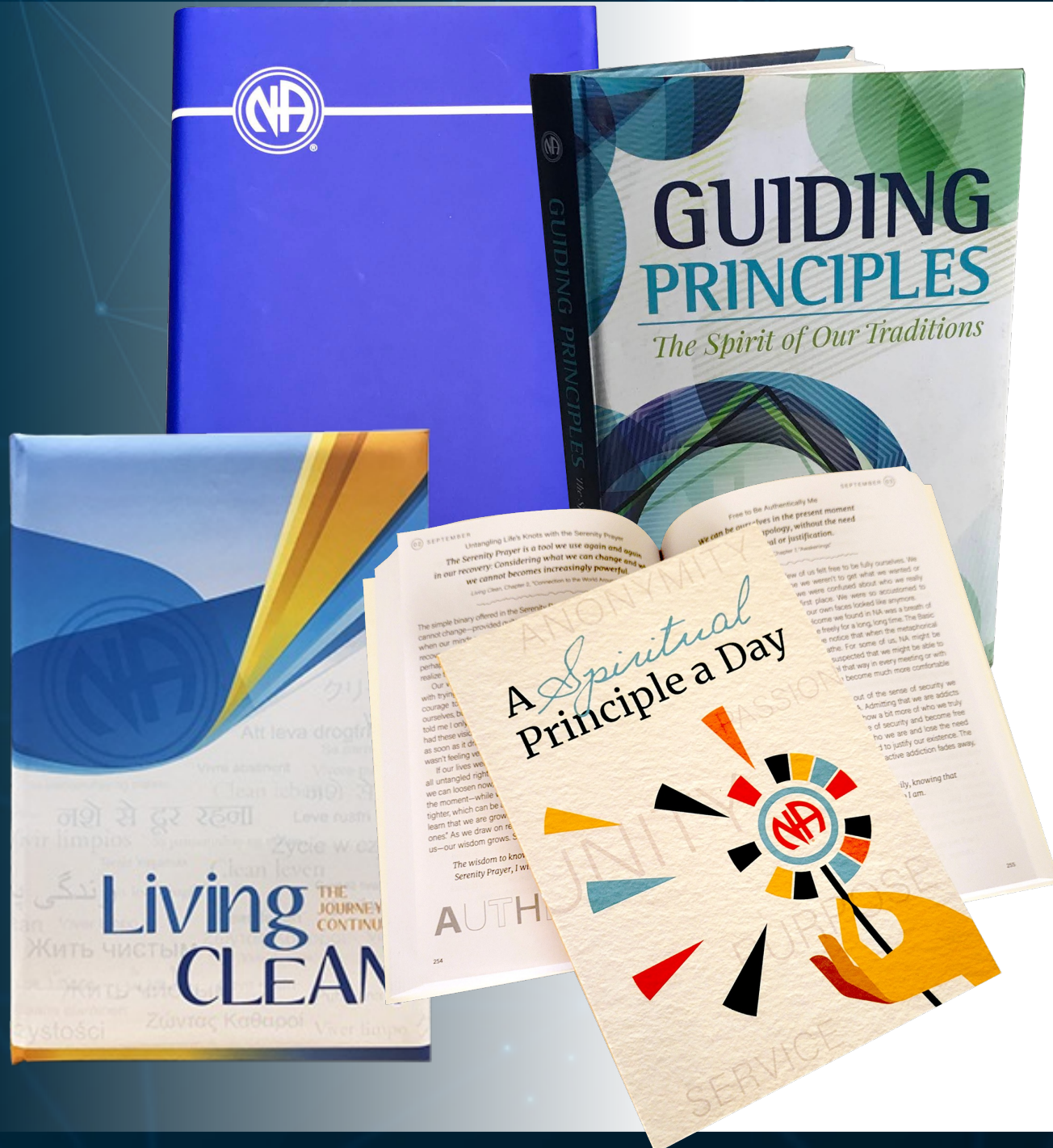


The WB is also recommending changes that spell out the conditions under which groups and service bodies can use and reproduce NA's recovery literature and registered trademarks.



# Changes to Use Policy

- **Permission would be required to reprint book-length pieces.**
- **Groups are only allowed to reproduce currently approved versions of recovery literature and this permission does not include electronic or online formats.**
- **The introduction has been rewritten, and the section on copyright has been moved ahead of trademarks.**
- **Some copyediting changes are proposed as well.**



The most significant change to the bulletin—groups must contact World Services for approval to reproduce book-length pieces of NA literature.

World Services is committed to ensuring that the NA message is readily available at meetings.

If a group is financially challenged and wants to reproduce NA Fellowship–approved book-length literature, they are encouraged to contact World Services.

Literature is supplied for free or at a discount to many communities across the globe.

In 1991, the WSC made the following statement and created it as policy:

*The Basic Text, Fifth Edition, is the only edition of the Basic Text that is currently approved by the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous for publication and sale. The World Service Office Board of Directors is entrusted with the responsibility for protecting the fellowship's physical and intellectual properties, including the Basic Text, and at the board of directors' discretion, shall take legal action to protect those rights against any and all persons who choose to infringe upon this literature trust.*

In 2008, after approving the Sixth Edition Basic Text, the WSC reaffirmed the decision that NAWS is only authorized to produce the current version of the Basic Text, adding this to the statement:

WSC 2008 approved the Sixth Edition Basic Text. It is now the only edition approved for NAWS production with the exceptions called out in the Translations Policy.

The board is also recommending adding language to make it clear that permission does not extend to online or electronic versions of literature.



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**Motion 3:** To approve the revisions to NA *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1* contained in Addendum D.

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**Intent:** To revise this bulletin so that it provides more direct and clear guidance, and so that it reflects current practices, terms, and language.

This bulletin has been largely rewritten. A clean copy of the bulletin with proposed revisions is contained in Addendum C. A copy tracking the proposed changes is included in Addendum D.

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**Policy Affected:** Would replace the existing policy with Addendum C and with the changes reflected in Addendum D.

A summary of the proposed changes to *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1* includes:

- Permission would be required to reprint book-length pieces.
- Current policy that was not clearly expressed in the bulletin has been added to the text. Groups are only allowed to reproduce currently approved versions of recovery literature, as that is all that NAWS is authorized to publish and distribute, and this permission does not include electronic or online formats.
- The introduction has been rewritten and the section on copyright has been moved ahead of the section on trademarks.
- Some copyediting changes are suggested, such as using the term *policy* throughout the document, rather than a mix of *policy* and *guidelines*.

**Motion 3:** To approve the revisions to NA *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1* contained in Addendum D.

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**Intent:** To revise this bulletin so that it provides more direct and clear guidance, and so that it reflects current practices, terms, and language.

**Pause for  
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- Six other PowerPoints available online
- *CAR* survey also available online
- *CAR* available for download

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