



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

- Motions 4–8

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

2023 CAR PowerPoints

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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 for the complete 2023 *CAR*.





Virtual Meetings

During discussions a majority of conference participants suggested that virtual groups should be recognized as legitimate NA groups.

The 2020 global pandemic forced much of NA to stop meeting in person and adapt to an online environment.



Virtual Meeting Basics

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- Practicing the Seventh Tradition
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- Signing meeting attendance cards
- Hybrid meetings
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SECTION THREE – The Atmosphere of Recovery

- Meeting etiquette
- Welcoming newcomers and helping them get connected
- Sponsorship
- Making meetings accessible for members with additional needs

Virtual Meetings and the NA Service System—February 2022
The role of virtual meetings in the NA service system is outside the scope of this piece but is an ongoing discussion topic in the Fellowship. When asked about virtual groups in an online survey in March, 2021, 82% of the NA members that replied said that they believed that virtual meetings can meet the criteria to be NA groups.

Based on Fellowship input, the World Board plans to offer a motion to be considered at the 2023 World Service Conference. In the meantime, the board encourages local service bodies to continue to recognize and embrace virtual meetings.

Virtual groups will be a topic of discussion at the World Service Conference in 2023 and it is planned to offer a motion that formalizes their status within NA at that time.

[This information will be updated after the 2023 WSC]

Local Service Tools

Listing meeting information
Groups may wish to consider potential security issues when deciding where to list information about meetings. Listing a meeting publicly can result in disruption during the meeting, but it's a balancing act. We also need to ensure addicts can easily find a meeting when they need it. However and wherever a meeting is listed, the most effective way to minimize disruption is by using the settings available in the meeting platform, some of which are discussed in the [Keeping a virtual meeting secure and dealing with disruption](#) section of this document.

Some options for where information about virtual meetings can be listed include:

- Local NA websites, including the options on this page www.na.org/virtual
- On na.org by completing the form posted on www.na.org/virtual
- Social media groups
- In a cloud-based document that can be shared
- Meeting flyers (hard copies and electronic) that can be distributed
- On local meeting lists alongside in-person meetings

Virtual Meeting Basics

2. Choose a meeting platform
Consider cost, accessibility, ease of use, and the features it offers.

3. Decide on a day, time, and meeting format
Groups use a variety of formats to enhance the atmosphere of recovery in their meetings.

7. Set up options for the Seventh Tradition
Virtual meetings are free to practice the principle of self-support.

10. Ensure there is an atmosphere of recovery
"An atmosphere of recovery in our groups is one of our most valued assets, and we must guard it carefully..." Basic Text, Tradition Two

11. Are newcomers being welcomed and finding sponsors?
New members may need some extra help to get connected and start building relationships in NA.

Local Service Tools

www.na.org/basics

www.na.org/virtual

“Do you believe that virtual meetings meet the criteria to be NA groups, as listed in *The Group Booklet?*”

Yes - 3,466 (82%) No - 407 (10%) Not Sure - 357 (8%)

NAWS News, July 2021

“Each service body is free to make their own decisions about member groups (or areas or regions). The question of whether to recognize virtual meetings as groups at NA World Services is a different type of decision that must be made by the NA Fellowship as given voice by the regional and zonal delegates at the World Service Conference. This does not and should not affect local decisions by service bodies to recognize these meetings as groups.”

Motion 4: To acknowledge that an NA meeting that meets regularly in person or virtually can choose to be an NA group if they meet the criteria described in *The Group Booklet*, including the six points for an NA group, and are consistent with NA philosophy as expressed in our Traditions. *(Footnotes will be added to The Group Booklet and GLS, reflecting the decision of the WSC, if this motion passes, and referencing Virtual Meeting Basics as a possible resource.)*

Intent: To recognize NA groups that meet virtually, including online and by phone.

**Pause for
discussion**



Their Own Language and Culture

The next two motions are intended to help all members see themselves in NA literature and service material.

Because A Vision for NA Service is not NA literature, it would not be part of the regional motion asking to create a project plan to investigate changes to make NA literature more gender-neutral and inclusive.

A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;
- NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.



Motion 5: To revise A Vision for NA Service, changing the phrase “his or her own language and culture” to the phrase “their own language and culture.” *(If this motion passes, A Vision for NA Service will be revised in future printings, including in Fellowship-approved recovery literature.)*

Intent: To revise the Vision Statement to be more inclusive.

Policy Affected: If this motion is adopted, A Vision for NA Service would be updated wherever it appears in service material and Fellowship-approved recovery literature. In addition, the reference in Guiding Principles shown below will be revised as shown. We will deplete existing stock of service material and recovery literature, and revise in future printings.

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Guiding Principles, “Tradition Six,” In Service:

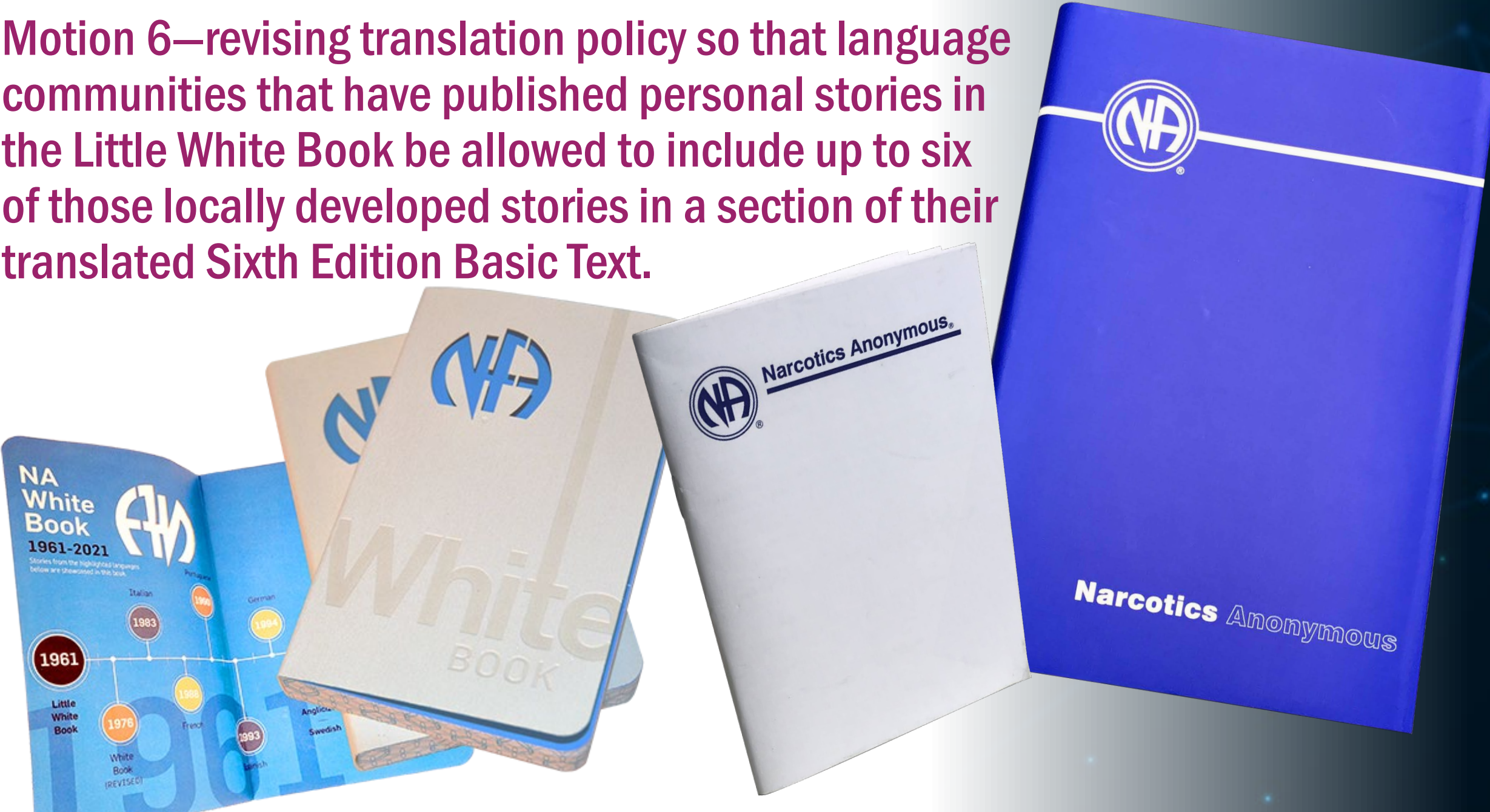
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Motion 6—revising translation policy so that language communities that have published personal stories in the Little White Book be allowed to include up to six of those locally developed stories in a section of their translated Sixth Edition Basic Text.



From Little White Book to Basic Text

Our Members Share111
Introduction to Our Members Share

Beginnings

Reflections117
The short passages that begin this section are excerpted from stories in previous editions of the Basic Text.

I Found the Only NA Meeting in the World121
When he was using he went from one "mother" to another—from his mother's house to the military to marriage—until his wife tired of the insanity and found the only NA meeting in the world. In his story from our First Edition, this addict admits that it took him time but finally he learned to take action and be responsible for himself.

Mid-Pacific Serenity128
He lived in a place that many call paradise, but in his story from our First Edition, this beachcomber shares that for an addict, "skid row is in the mind." Through NA, he has found a sense of peace and a new way of life.

If You Want What We Have135
After a lifetime of using, this "southern gentleman" learned that the most gracious thing he could do was open the doors to an NA meeting. In this story from our First Edition, he recalls that the first time a man told him he loved him was in Narcotics Anonymous.

Fearful Mother142
In this story originally published in our Little White Book and added to the Basic Text at the Second Edition, a mother learns that she can come out of the paralyzing fear of addiction and turn her whole life around. She claims her seat as a woman in NA and hopes that one day more women will find recovery.

Jails, Institutions, and Recovery147
This addict found freedom behind bars through the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. This is a story from our First Edition.

I Was Different151
Not all addicts reach jails or institutions in order to hit their bottom. In his story, originally published in the Little White Book and later included in our Second Edition, this "different" addict explains that his disease kept him confined to a life of fear and loneliness. He found serenity in a simple life in Narcotics Anonymous.

Coming Home

Reflections157
The snapshots of our members' experiences finding NA are to be similar to the sharing at a topic meeting.

Coming Home, They Will Come161
He found himself into treatment to avoid prison, but while he he found hope in the pages of a Basic Text. There was his part of rural Illinois, so he started a meeting and can through his own growing pains and those of the

the "wrong side" of Chicago's south side lost his marriage to the disease of addiction. Recovery things he's lost, but it has helped him make

not clean together, but this addict got ac- his brother did not. This Saudi Arabian his brother a powerful drive to carry

Fellowship

teen. From her very first meet- needed to be. Now, more than hostile, twisted teenager to a

Rückfall, und manchmal der darauffolgende Tod eines uns nahestehenden Menschen, kann uns wachrütteln und uns die Notwendigkeit energischen persönlichen Handelns drastisch vor Augen führen.

Nur für heute – das Programm leben

Nur für heute werden meine Gedanken bei der Genesung sein, beim Leben und bei der Freude am Leben ohne Drogen.

Nur für heute werde ich einem Mitglied von NA vertrauen, das an mich glaubt und mir in meiner Genesung helfen will.

Nur für heute werde ich ein Programm haben. Ich werde versuchen, ihm so gut wie möglich zu folgen.

Nur für heute werde ich durch NA versuchen, ein besseres Verhältnis zu meinem Leben zu gewinnen.

Nur für heute werde ich nicht ängstlich sein, meine Gedanken werden bei meinen neuen Bekannten sein, bei Leuten, die keine Drogen nehmen und die einen neuen Lebensweg gefunden haben. Solange ich diesem Weg folge, brauche ich nicht zu befürchten.

Persönliche Geschichten

Narcotics Anonymous ist seit 1953 sehr gewachsen. Die Leute, die diese Gemeinschaft gegründet haben, und für die wir eine tiefe und bleibende Zuneigung empfinden, haben uns viel über Sucht und Genesung beigebracht. Auf den folgenden Seiten erzählen wir dir von den Anfängen der Gemeinschaft. Der erste Abschnitt wurde 1965 von einem unserer ersten Mitglieder geschrieben. Neuere Geschichten der Genesung von NA-Mitgliedern finden sich in unserem Buch Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous.

Wir genesen

Unsere persönlichen Geschichten können sich in einzelnen Zügen unterscheiden, aber letztlich haben wir alle eines gemeinsam. Diese Gemeinsamkeit ist die Krankheit Sucht. Wir kennen die beiden Dinge, die wahre Sucht ausmachen, nur zu gut: Besessenheit und Zwang. Besessenheit – diese fixe Idee, die uns immer wieder zu unserer speziellen Droge oder einem Ersatz zurückbringt, um die Erleichterung und das Wohlleben, die wir einst gekannt hatten, wiederzuerlangen. Zwang – haben wir erst einmal mit einem »Druck«, »Pille« oder einem »Glas« den Prozess in Gang gesetzt, können wir nicht mehr durch unsere eigene Willenskraft aufhören. Wegen unserer Sensibilität

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Motion 6:

Intent: To better reflect our Vision that “every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in [their] own language and culture . . .” in our primary text.

Policy Affected: *A Guide to World Services in NA*, page 42.

The policy affected can be found on page 25 of the *CAR*.

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Trusted Servant Term Lengths

Motion 7 proposes extending the terms of six World Board members until the end of the Conference cycle.

World Board terms

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Current schedule	WSC2023	6 World Board terms expire (2018-2024)	WSC2025	
If Motion 7 passes			6 World Board terms expire (2018-2025)	
If Motions 7 and 9 pass	WSC2023			WSC2026 6 World Board terms expire (2018-2026)

Not permanent change to the policy

Motion 7: To extend the six World Board members' terms currently expiring in 2024 through the end of the upcoming World Service Conference cycle.

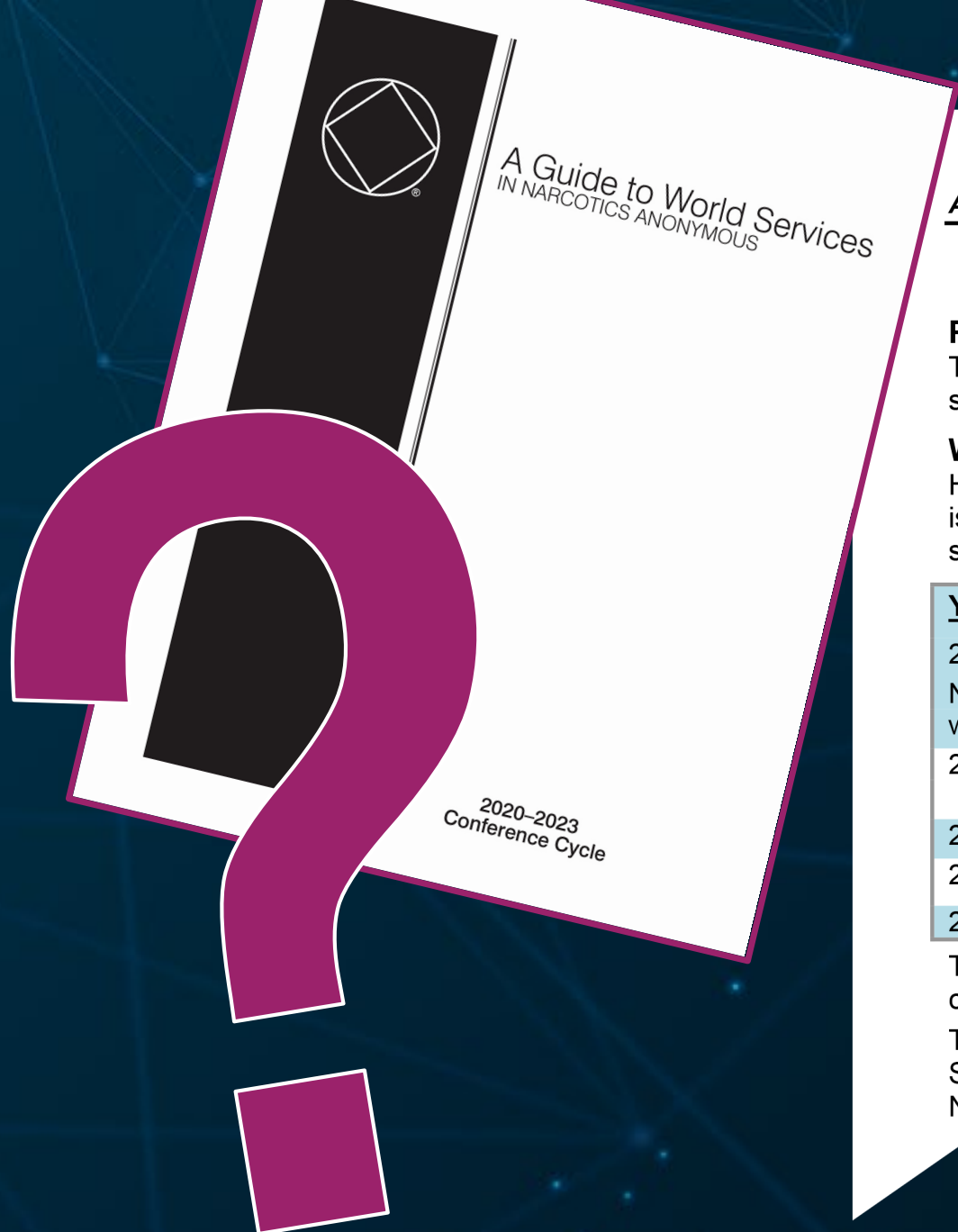
Intent: To accommodate the change to the WSC cycle that has already occurred and avoid World Board terms ending in the middle of a conference cycle.

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Where in the World Is WCNA?



The final motion in this PowerPoint is related to the World Convention rotation policy contained in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.



WORLD CONVENTION GUIDELINES

Purpose

The primary purpose of the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (WCNA) is to provide a special celebration of our recovery, a reflection of our diversity, and a demonstration of our unity.

World Convention Zone Rotation Plan

Historically, the World Convention has usually been held the first weekend in September, which is the Labor Day holiday weekend in the USA. However, the World Board retains the right to set the date of the World Convention as appropriate. WCNA will be held every three years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Actual Site</u>
2021	Asia, Middle East, and Africa	Melbourne, Australia TBD
Note: WCNA 38 will not take place in 2021 because of the impact of the pandemic. We are working on rescheduling WCNA 38 for 2022.		
2024	North America	Washington, DC 29 August- 1 September 2024
2027	Europe	
2030	North America	
2033	Central and South America	

The current rotation plan will either continue or a new rotation plan will be presented to the conference in sufficient time for planning for the site of the 2036 World Convention.

There are zones in North America, Asia-Pacific-Middle East-Africa, Europe, and Central and South America. Rotation for WCNA is based on every other convention being held outside of North America.

Motion 8: As a result of the COVID pandemic, to suspend the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy after 2024, to allow the World Board to determine what is possible and practical moving forward and then seek approval from conference participants.

Intent: Given the disruption in the rotation of WSC and WCNA that has already occurred, the increases in event costs, and the other changes brought about by the pandemic, to allow an evaluation by the World Board and approval by conference participants for what is possible and practical in the future.

The policy affected can be found on page 29 of the *CAR*. If this motion is adopted, a note would be added to the policy on page 47 of *A Guide to World Services in NA* that this Rotation Plan is suspended until a new decision can be made.

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