



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

- Motions 9 – 12

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
5. Regional Motions 13–18
6. Regional Motions 19–25
7. Human Resource Panel Report

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*.





Future of the WSC

Motions 9–12 were shaped by many discussions about what's next for the World Service Conference.

For some background that led to Motions #9-12 go to www.na.org/conference

Future of the WSC

Future of the WSC PowerPoint for Fellowship:

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Future of the WSC August 2022 Report to

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| [Spanish \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(Word\)](#)

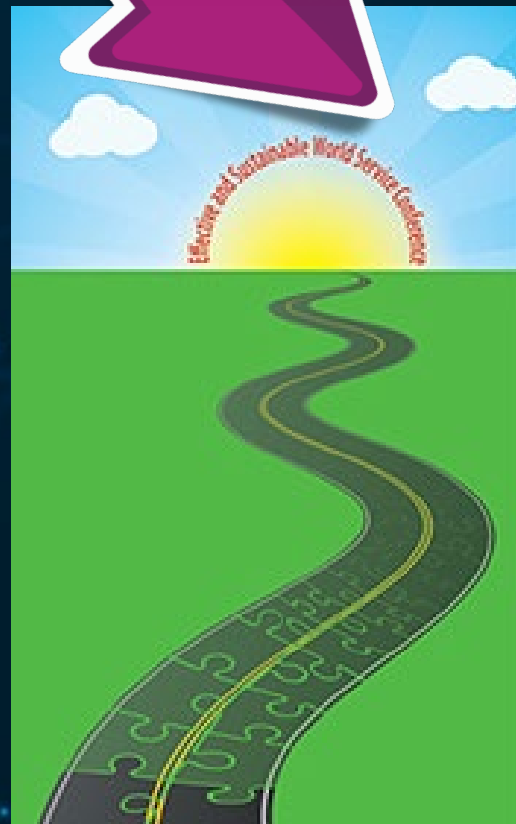
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Future of the World Service Conference

The World Board is recommending the first pieces of the road to a conference that is more effective and sustainable.



World Service was thrust into a financial crisis that we are slowly recovering from, but we are forever changed.

The World Service Office and the World Board have reduced resources

The World Service Conference is the last piece

\$500,000 US dollars to hold the in-person 2018 WSC

22 participants have been added

Potentially 271 participants!



Three-Year Conference Cycle

Try it for two cycles

2023-2026

2026-2029



Learned to meet online as a conference

Made decisions virtually

Been able to focus more attention on work that directly carries the message to the addict who still suffers

Look what WE can do!

- Hold quarterly, open webinars
- Hold conference participant web meetings every other month
- Publish more translated material than ever— in 57 languages
- Finish a book project
- Launch two Instagram accounts, [@narcoticsanonymous](#) and [@naglobalevents](#)
- Upgrade our database
- Build consensus on ideas about virtual meetings
- Publish Virtual Meeting Basics and post many other resources on www.na.org/virtual
- Increase access to NA literature for incarcerated people on tablets
- Hold a six-month Fellowship review for the first change to the FIPT
- Post audio versions of the Basic Text in eight languages on www.na.org/audio
- Survey the Fellowship for revisions to *The Loner* IP and a possible new piece of recovery literature on DRT/MAT as it relates to NA

Ideas to improve the WSC and conference cycle

Help

Develop

Focus

Incorporate

Build

Improve



Ch-ch-changes

World Board terms will stay at six years

Concerns about regional and zonal delegate term lengths

When the conference cycle doubled from one year to two there were similar concerns

It may be time to try something new



Motion 9: To approve a three-year World Service Conference cycle on a trial basis following WSC 2023 through WSC 2029. Following 2029, the WSC cycle would return to two years, unless another decision is made.

Intent: To put into practice some of what we've learned during the pandemic so that we can shift more resources to work that more directly carries the message. This would bring the WSC resource allocation in line with other changes that have been made in World Services—cuts in staff levels and a 50% reduction in in-person board meetings.

Policy Affected: If this motion is adopted, a footnote would be added to *GWSNA* about this trial. References to *biennial* and *two year* would be changed. Examples are included below to give a sense of the changes throughout. All of the changes will be included in the draft of *GWSNA* distributed to conference participants for review early in the cycle after WSC 2023.

Guide to World Services in NA

World Service Conference

Page 2: The final part of our service structure is the World Service Conference (WSC). It is the nerve center of our Fellowship. Our Conference is both an entity and an event; it is where all of our world services come together to exchange ideas and have discussions. Those discussions happen at the **biennial**, in-person meeting and through virtual and in-person discussions throughout the ~~two-year~~ conference cycle.

Page 7: That vision continues. In each **biennial** meeting of the World Service Conference, and through all of the work participants do as a Conference throughout the cycle, our Fellowship comes together to share experience, strength, and hope; to build relationships; and to fellowship and serve with NA members from around the world.

The **Biennial Meeting of the World Service Conference**

Page 8: The World Service Conference is held in person every ~~two~~ three years with virtual meetings scheduled mid-cycle.

The Conference Report

Page 19: The *Conference Report* is released immediately before each in-person World Service Conference. It contains information to conference participants about the activities of World Services in order to help them prepare for the **biennial** meeting.

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Interim Virtual Meeting

Midway or two years into the three-year cycle, an interim virtual meeting would be held to decide on issues selected by conference participants



The conference held an interim virtual meeting this cycle:

- passed a budget
- had small-group discussions that helped frame these motions

Motion 10: If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve an interim virtual WSC in the middle of the conference cycle for decisions that are legally necessary and those that conference participants choose to address. As was done in the 2020–2023 cycle, material would be posted on na.org under the same deadline policies as the CAT (90 days prior) and all voting conference participants would be polled to choose the items they wish to address.

Intent: To allow conference participants to address some WSC business between in-person conference meetings.

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***CAR* Publication Date**

A three-year cycle allows for an earlier release date for the *Conference Agenda Report*

Proposing 30 days earlier

Thirty days would make a significant difference to launch *CAR* workshops and inform members



Motion 11: If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve a change to the release of the *Conference Agenda Report (CAR)* to be thirty days earlier than the current policy of 150 days prior to the start of the World Service Conference. The new *CAR* release day would be 180 days prior to the in-person WSC meeting for English, 150 days for translated versions. The deadline for the finalization of regional and zonal motions would be 270 days. The *Conference Agenda Report* will be posted on na.org at no cost to members.

Intent: To release the *CAR* earlier to allow more time for its review.

Policy Affected:

A Guide to World Services in NA, page 19:

The Conference Agenda Report (CAR)

The *Conference Agenda Report* is distributed a minimum of one hundred and ~~fifty~~ eighty (1580) days prior to the opening day of the conference, with translated versions released a minimum of one hundred and ~~twenty~~ fifty (1250) days prior. The amount of material translated can vary, but minimally the front portion of the *CAR* (which contains the reports, proposals, and motions before the conference) is translated into as many languages as possible. The report contains the proposals and motions that the Fellowship is being asked to consider and form a fellowship-wide group conscience on. ~~One copy of the report is mailed to each voting participant of the conference, each alternate, zonal contacts, and the mailing address of each region and zone. NA members may purchase additional copies from the WSO. The price established for the report may vary depending on the cost of production and distribution. At a minimum, the CAR will be posted at no cost to members on na.org.~~ The *Conference Agenda Report* also includes an easy-to-read glossary of terms.

The *Conference Agenda Report* includes items for fellowship discussion and decision, including reports, proposals, and motions from the World Board and any motions submitted from regions or zones. (Regional and zonal motions will be included in their own section and have the same number or letter when presented on the conference floor.) Regional and zonal motions for inclusion in the *CAR* must be submitted two hundred and ~~forty~~ seventy (2470) days prior to the opening of the conference. All motions will include a written intent. Regions and zones should briefly (in approximately 250 words) describe the reasoning behind, and consequences of, their regional or zonal motions in the *Conference Agenda Report*. The World Board also includes a recommendation in order to provide the Fellowship with as much information as possible when considering the idea.

A Guide to World Services in NA, page 44:

Approval Process for Recovery Literature

B. Approval-form Literature

1. Approval-form literature is prepared by the World Board and is distributed for a period of time, considering translations, determined by the World Board of not less than one hundred **fifty eighty** (~~1580~~) days. The length of this approval period is determined by the World Board based on the needs of the Fellowship and the piece being considered for approval.

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Opt-In Funding

Asking that participant funding be opt-in rather than opt-out.

Any delegate from a seated region or zone who requests funding will receive it.



Currently World Services automatically funds (including travel, food, and lodging) all delegates from seated regions and zones.

Talking about the cost of the WSC and the possibility for regions to fund their delegates has made a difference.

Motion 12: To change the current policy of NA World Services automatically funding delegates from seated regions and zones to the WSC to funding available upon request.

Intent: To encourage service bodies to fund their delegates, but ensure that regions and zones that need the funding are able to have it.

Policy Affected: *A Guide to World Services in NA*, page 31.

Operational Guidelines of the WSC

4. The World Service Conference offers funding, upon request, for the attendance of a delegate from each seated region or zone to the meeting of the WSC, ~~which is held every two years~~. This funding includes travel, lodging, and meal expenses only. This policy ~~would~~ covers all previously currently seated regions and zones that have attended one of the past three conferences.
5. Any zonal forum with two or more zonally seated regions or communities that are not seated at the World Service Conference may choose to send one zonal delegate and alternate to the World Service Conference to represent those regions or communities. ~~Zonal delegates are eligible to receive the same funding from NA World Services as regional delegates when attending the WSC. This funding includes travel, lodging, and meal expenses only.~~

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