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Sunday, 27 April

FIRST THINGS FIRST – OPENING & INTRODUCTIONS

9:07 – 10:48 am

Session led by Craig R (WB Chair)

Craig R (WB Chair) called the WSC 2008 meeting to order with a moment of silence and encouraged everyone to move through the week with our spiritual principles and primary purpose in mind.

An excerpt of a speech made by Jimmy K in 1973 at NA’s twentieth anniversary dinner was played.

You know, I said many times a long time ago that a man without a dream is only half a man, and a fellowship without a vision is a farce. I still believe that. I know damn well that we can find our fulfillment living a day at a time here. And, a day at a time, our vision and our fellowship can become a greater reality. This is part of a dream come true. And a dream envisions great changes, but progress demands many small actions. A dream doesn’t come true because of one group of people or one man or two men or three men, it comes true because a lot of people work at it, because a lot of people put an effort into it, because a lot of people buy the idea and carry it forward. . .

After the readings, announcements, and the conference countdown, where participants stood up to indicate how many conferences they had attended, most of the session was spent on introductions. Craig introduced the WSC Cofacilitator, the HRP, the parliamentarian, and the translators.

The delegates from South Africa and Western Russia, newly seated regions, said a few words. Iran is also newly seated, but they were unable to attend.

Craig then called the roll and each RD stood to introduce her/himself and her/his alternate.

Roll call #1 (See Appendix A) showed 116 participants present (101 regions).

As participants were introduced, they formed a circle and the meeting was closed with the serenity prayer in the different languages of the participants in attendance:

Spanish	Gaelic	Hebrew	Norwegian	Russian
Portuguese	German	Greek	Tagalog	Maori
French	Hindi	Japanese	Swedish	

OUR FREEDOM, OUR RESPONSIBILITY: WSC 2008

11:20 am – 12:33 pm

Session led by Mary B (WB) and Paul C (WB)

This session focused on community-building. Participants spent time in small groups introducing themselves to each other and sharing a detail or two to help the others get to know them. Each table then chose a personal detail to share with the group as a whole.

Staff took pictures of each table to be posted later in the day.

LETTER WRITING AND CLOSING

During the rest of the session, participants wrote a letter to their future delegates about what they hope those delegates will find at the WSC in ten years as a result of the decisions

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participants make at WSC 2008. Mary and Paul shared their letters with the group, and they chose a couple of participants' letters to read and share.

Dear Delegate of 2018

My name is Kathy B and in attending the 2008 Conference I have dreams and hope of a more unified and diversified fellowship- so that all addicts can and will feel a part of this fellowship. This is my first conference and I feel very passionate...I have such a love for this program and doing service work at this level has shown and taught me how equal we all really are, and how important each voice is in NA.

In fellowship,

Kathy B/Chicagoland Region

NAVIGATING THE WSC: ORIENTATION

2:09 – 3:17 pm

Session led by Jim B (WB V-Chair), Jimi S (WSC Cofacilitator), Greg S (HRP)

The third session of the conference was an orientation session. Jim began the session with a series of announcements and then talked about the set-up for the week including the resources available at the onsite office, the staff table, and the hospitality committee table; the split room—half of the room is set up bleacher-style with risers and the other half is set up in round tables; and the presence of translators.

WALK THROUGH OF THE WEEK, DAY-BY-DAY

Jim began his discussion of the week's agenda by assuring participants that at the end of each day, they will get a schedule for the next. He then gave details about each session, as well as the offsite event midweek, and reviewed the deadlines including the 6:00 pm deadline for old business this evening. The experiment we tried at the last conference using question boxes for the World Board forums was successful and we will be using them again at this conference, Jim explained. After he finished reviewing the schedule for the week, Jim introduced Jimi S, the WSC Cofacilitator.

COFACILITATOR

Jimi reminded participants that, for the business sessions, they will be asked to choose between the proposed (in the CAR) rules of order and the existing rules, and he explained one of the major changes in the proposed rules: Under the proposed rules there is a fourth category called "present" in addition to "yes," "no," and "abstain." Answering a roll call vote "present" will not affect the outcome of the vote. He also explained that the business discussion sessions allow us to discuss the issues in the motions, and in the past, such discussions have sped up the voting process considerably.

Jimi further explained the business session procedures and closed by beginning to explain the election procedures. He introduced Greg S to explain elections in more detail.

HRP

Greg reviewed election-related deadlines. He emphasized that Candidate Profile Reports are confidential and will be collected at the close of elections. Greg let participants know that the HRP is happy to answer their questions at any time.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Expense reporting and changes to the conference evaluation form were reviewed then the floor was opened for questions and answers. Topics covered included: expense reports, use of the numbered cards to be recognized to speak, question boxes, World Board forums, changing the agenda, color coding on the schedule, and incidental versus main motions.

HRP PRESENTATION

4:03 – 5:23 pm

Session led by Mindy A (HRP), Sergio R (HRP), and Greg S (HRP)

The Human Resource Panel described the four phases of the HRP process:

1. Membership in the pool
2. HRP blind scoring
3. Candidate interviews and reference checks (including RBZ candidates)
4. Final HRP nominations

MEMBERSHIP IN THE POOL

At the last conference a motion passed for the HRP and the World Board to develop a two-page World Pool Information Form, and it has replaced the four-page form entirely.

There were approximately 970 pool members on 31 August 2007. On 20 September 2007 the HRP invited all World Pool members who would have eight or more years clean as of the end of this 2008 conference meeting to participate in the nominations process.

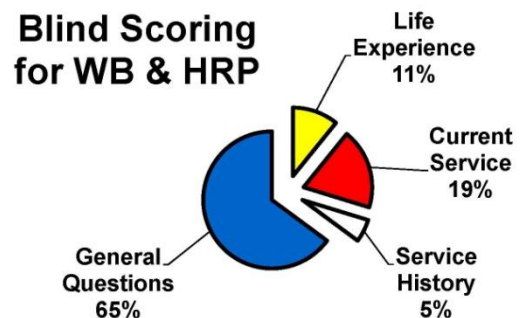
Those pool members were sent a mailing, with return receipt requested, containing a description of each position along with a response form, a series of twelve questions to be answered, and a current service history form. These members were asked to make any final updates to their WPIF. To be considered for nomination, a response was required within thirty days.

Of the 601 eligible members, 79 expressed interest in being considered.

BLIND SCORING PROCESS

On 20 November 2007 the HRP began the blind scoring process of each Candidate Profile Report, or CPR. Each part of the CPR has a predetermined potential value assigned to it:

- Relevant Life Experience: 20 pts (11%)
- Current Service Experience (within the past 7 years): 35 pts (19%)
- Overall Service History: 10 pts (5%)
- General Questions: 12 @ 10 pts each (65%)
- CoFac's only scored on questions 6-12
- Total Possible Points: HRP/WB= 185; CoFac= 135



Each HRP member scores every CPR individually, and the highest scoring CPRs move forward in the process.

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CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS AND REFERENCE CHECKS

On 14 December HRP determined who would move forward in the process. These candidates were interviewed, as were the 24 forwarded by regions, the World Board, and zonal forums. The HRP also calls two or three references for each candidate.

This cycle the HRP interviewed 20 candidates for World Board (12 from RBZs), 15 candidates for HRP (4 from RBZs), and 11 candidates for WSC Cofacilitator seats (4 from RBZs).

Once all the interviews were conducted, the scores were tabulated, and the HRP met in March 2008 to make final candidate selections.

FINAL HRP NOMINATIONS

By this point in the process, everyone left is highly qualified, and the HRP makes an effort to identify those most qualified. They are mindful of the importance of diversity in potential trusted servants.

Nominations this cycle: six nominees for four World Board seats, five nominees for three HRP seats, and four nominees for two Cofacilitator seats.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

The session closed with a question-and-answer period. Many of the questions came from the question box. Topics covered included:

Composition of the World Board

- The HRP explained that they share the concern about the lack of diversity on the board, but their nominations are limited by the composition of the World Pool.
- There is no consideration of non-NA members for the board at present.

Number of nominees & board members

- The HRP offers no more than three nominees for each vacant seat, sometimes fewer.
- If no new board members are elected, those seats remain unfilled until the next conference cycle. There have been vacant seats since the board's inception in 1998.

Nomination criteria

- Education is important but is not the only source of skills the HRP considers. Service history is a factor but current service weighs heavier.

Use of the World Pool

- World Pool members must update information every three years or they are removed from the pool.
- The World Board is given names to help with workgroup selection but not scores.

HRP process

- The HRP reviewed some aspects of their process, and Greg told participants the HRP feels there are enough members on the Human Resource Panel to accomplish their work.
- The HRP has tried to simplify the forms. One delegate questioned the lack of detail in the CPRs, and another delegate complimented the new forms.
- Candidates who are not forwarded for nomination are notified, but they are not informed about why they did not make the final cut. To protect members' anonymity

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and the integrity of the process, individual members' scores cannot be revealed, nor can candidate resumes be sent out in advance of the conference.

WSC issues

- Regional nominations at the conference are not subject to a scoring or interviewing process by the HRP. A member could be nominated from the floor without the conference knowing that they previously went through the HRP process.

RBZ process

- Mindy explained that there is a need to strengthen the RBZ process so that regions, zones, and the board are using a solid process to forward candidates.
- Though the HRP can only interview a finite number of people, thus far, the number of RBZs has not created a problem in terms of the ability to interview qualified candidates.
- Motions committed at WSC 2006: #35 & #37
- The HRP explained that they have tried to honor the spirit of Motion 35 by gaining a local perspective from references, but the RBZ process may be the best way to get a local perspective.
- The HRP is not required to take action on Motion 37 (or 35) because it was committed rather than carried.

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.

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.

Mindy closed the session encouraging members to read the reports from the HRP throughout the cycle.

Monday, 28 April

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT

9:31 – 11:14 am

Session led by Becky M (NAWS Assistant ED), Tom McC (WB)

Becky began by cautioning that it's not possible to cover all the fellowship development work done "on your behalf" in a 90-minute session. We tried to honor a larger number of requests for participation this cycle, and we have stretched our capabilities to attend, or fund others to attend, an unprecedented number of fellowship events around the world.

You may have noticed in the financial reports you've received that the line item for Fellowship Support is much higher than we anticipated in 2006. Tom shared that all that we do is about fellowship development and the simple spiritual message of recovery continues to ring true. It is

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almost impossible to separate PR activities from fellowship development. We do so for the purpose of the budget but not in our planning and activity. We look at what is happening in each zone around the world and try to come up with our best ideas of how we can help.

NORTH AMERICA

During this cycle, in North America, NAWS attended:

- 15 zonal forums (plus one attempted but failed due to bad weather),
- 14 service events, and
- 10 regional and area conventions.

The five NAWS events in North America during the cycle included:

- 2 worldwide workshops in North America in New Orleans, Louisiana and Lincoln, Nebraska: Many regional delegates and alternates attended these events. Both workshops were successful overall, though we had hoped for more local attendance.
- WCNA 32 in San Antonio, Texas.
- The Literature and Convention workshop in Woodland Hills. (A workshop like this had not happened for years and was long overdue.)

NAWS also participated in the Day of Twelve-Step fellowships at the AA GSO in New York, a cooperative event to learn and share with each other. We attended 31 professional events, many which focused on corrections and medical fields, and for the first time we also held PR forums at WCNA 32.



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LATIN AMERICA

Tom said he had heard of the passion for recovery in Latin America, and it blew him away when he was able to attend their events. Tom asked the LAZF members to stand, and they began singing “the NA song.”

In Latin America, NAWS attended:

- 2 NAWS events: worldwide workshop-type events in Honduras and Costa Rica
- 11 fellowship events (regional and area conventions), and
- 1 zonal forum: The Latin American Zonal Forum was held in Brazil in 2007. As of the last conference cycle, the LAZF is self-supporting after relying on NAWS funding for many years. They have also committed 40% of their resources to help emerging communities.

We also coordinated two cooperative events attended by pool members, one in Paraguay, and the other in Bolivia.

ASIA PACIFIC ZONE

In the Asia Pacific Zone, NAWS attended:

- 2 zonal forums,
- 10 fellowship events, including 7 in India, and
- 3 NAWS events

We also took one PR/FD trip to China.

Tom talked about the challenges facing some of the APF communities. Some are isolated or lack infrastructure. Others, such as Bali, are comprised mostly of ex-pats. There are places in the Asia Pacific area we still can't go to because it's unsafe, Tom explained. In Indonesia, use and trafficking of drugs is punishable by death. We did a series of workshops and a PR event in Indonesia, and we were invited to have a meeting with the drug bureau to talk about a possible exemption for NA. As we do elsewhere, we fund people to workshops to help the fellowship grow.

India

We are searching for a central literature distribution point in India. We made a commitment to an ongoing presence because of difficulties with printing and distributing literature in India with its 26 dialects and vast geography. Currently, we produce key tags in India for distribution there and continue to pursue production of literature locally.

Singapore and China

Becky shared about fellowship development in China. She explained that we translated key tags and other literature to help pave the way for the NA to grow beyond ex-patriots into the local, indigenous community. Anthony met a doctor on his trip who started a treatment program in his hospital but explained that all he knew how to do was get people drug-free. He believes they need NA to help people change their lives.

In Shanghai, we met with representatives of what was then the new ASC, NA China, which encompasses Hong Kong and Beijing, as well as members from the only indigenous Chinese group. We agreed to assist members in Southern China with resources to do PR and outreach to other communities in China. We attended a PR event in conjunction with local members from Singapore and Malaysia. This was a continuation and maintenance of our already established relationship with Asian Addiction Professionals.

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MIDDLE EAST:

In the Middle East, NAWS attended:

- 11 Workshops, including NAWS Workshops in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain
- 4 fellowship events, and 3 professional events

We are committed to bringing eleven Middle Eastern communities: Oman, Qatar, Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, and Iran together for a workshop every two years. Our hope is that this helps them develop, while encouraging them not to create a zone before they're ready. It has already helped them create an Arabic LTC to complete the Intro Guide this year, and the Arabic Basic Text is targeted to be ready by the end of 2008. Two Middle East communities attend the EDM and two attend the APF. On our first trip to Saudi Arabia, we attended their first Regional Convention. We did local workshops and numerous presentations to medical professionals and students.



These efforts were followed with workshops in Bahrain. We attended six workshops in two days; these included the National Rehab Center and National Police. We met with doctors and officials. We funded one Bahraini member and a member from KSA to the United Arab Emirates International Conference on Addiction and just sent them a large supply of literature for follow up PR activity.

We also went to Israel on this trip. Becky shared about the amazing spirit and effectiveness of the fellowship there. It was a privilege to be invited. Another workshop was held in Kuwait, this was our first time in Kuwait, where NA is thriving.

Egypt

In Cairo, Egypt in 2007, NAWS held a workshop that attracted participants from all over the region. Egypt has one of the few large Middle East NA communities other than Iran. Egypt attends the EDM; NAWS assisted them in the process of registering in the country. The Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference of The International Society of Addiction Medicine also took place in Cairo in October. NAWS was the only exhibitor that was not a pharmaceutical company.

Turkey

NAWS funded members from the EDM to attend "European Cities against Drugs" in Istanbul, since this is an event usually held in what is more traditionally thought of as Europe. We also

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sent a member from Iran to try to connect them with their neighbors. We brought members from Turkey to the Middle East Workshop and the Central European Workshop.

Iran

NAWS opened the Iran office in Tehran in 2005. It supports over 11,000 meetings and we've gone from one manager to five full-time employees and one part-time. The desperation and enthusiasm in Iran is unprecedented. We had a long trip there this cycle, held thirteen workshops in seven different cities in Iran. We also conducted a regional PI workshop and medical roundtables in conjunction with the Iran National Center for Addiction Studies. They have such enthusiasm for service that members had to hold a service commitment to enter the workshops, otherwise there would not be enough seats. They held three women's workshops. They hold regular NA meetings in parks. An area convention is typically one day of meetings with 5,000-25,000 people.

BECKY REVIEWED ACTIVITY IN EUROPE

In Europe, NAWS attended:

- 4 zonal forums
- 3 NAWS Events, including 2 NAWS Workshops
- 1 fellowship event, and
- 3 professional events

EDM and European Workshops

The EDM meets twice a year. It provides NAWS with an opportunity to sit down and have discussions with a variety of communities who may or may not be seated at the WSC. Translation issues, legal registration, and production issues were discussed. This was followed by a NAWS workshop. Some EDM members from Western Europe stayed for the workshop. We wanted to bring communities in Central Europe together. Swedes and Poles work together and the Poles work with everyone else throughout Central Europe. Tremendous work has been done there. They need help from their neighbors, so there's a lot of reaching out.

NAWS attended the 1st Regional Service Workshop in Denmark; there was great participation. It had been 10 years since NAWS had been there. We attended events in Paris and Marseille, as well. This was our first time in France since WCNA in 1995.

PR Workshop in Moscow

We attended a Russian-speaking combination Fellowship Development/Public Relations workshop in Moscow with funded participants from across Russia and Eastern Europe. Russia is immense, covering eleven time zones; people come unbelievable distances to do workshops. The Russian *JFT* is the newest piece of literature.

AFRICA

Tom shared that while there were no fellowship development trips to Africa this cycle, they've been growing like crazy. There are plans to have something in conjunction with ISAM (International Society of Addiction Medicine) in South Africa in November 2008. Becky shared that there is a strong NA community in South Africa, and an emerging community in Kenya. There are completed translations of IP#1 in Afrikaans. Draft translations now exist of IP#1 in Xhosa, Southern Sotho, and Tswana. Key tags are produced in Kiswahili.

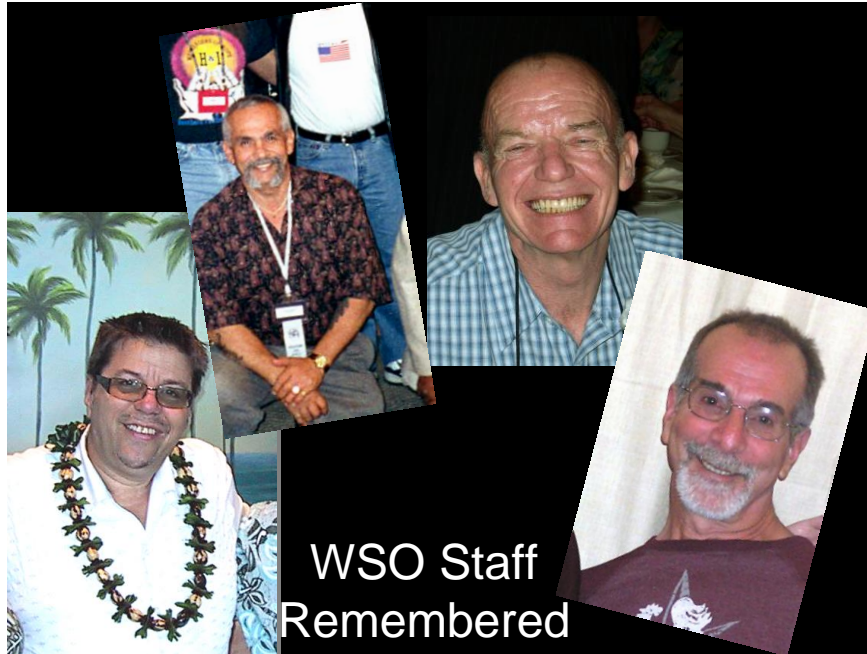
Tom wound up the session, declaring that NA is universally recognized, but there are still huge challenges. He got clean when there were 20 meetings in the world and it is amazing how far we have come since then!

NAWS REPORT

11:34 am – 12:58 pm

Session led by Anthony E (NAWS ED)

Anthony introduced himself and explained that the intent of this session is to highlight certain issues and reiterate material already provided by NAWS. Anthony thanked all conference participants who sent their condolences to the World Service Office during recent months. The loss of four beloved employees, Mike, Tom, Freddie, and Jeff, made this one of the most difficult years in the history of NAWS. A moment of silence was taken.



The NAWS staff was then introduced in alphabetical order.

MEDALLION SURVEY

Anthony moved on to discuss the recent online medallion survey. This survey received 5,739 responses, the greatest response ever received on a topic from the fellowship. (For a summary of the statistics from the NAWS report, see Appendix C.) Anthony clarified that NAWS owns the die casts to produce the medallions. This will allow us to make necessary adjustments to production in the event that either the design or manufacturing changes. NAWS has gone to extraordinary lengths to stabilize prices, but we can expect the prices to go up as we consider changing manufacturers and composition. Based on survey responses, we will be producing Roman numeral medallions in a gold finish.

FELLOWSHIP INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Anthony reported that we have approximately 250 registrations of intellectual property around the world. One of the responsibilities of NAWS is to protect the fellowship's written material, logos and trademarks.

NA CHINA

We just received a copy of the draft of the Basic Text in simplified Chinese. There are two indigenous Chinese meetings in China. A group of primarily non-Chinese members living in

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China have created a service body called NA China. This is a tremendous testament to what a small group of devoted members can accomplish.

LITERATURE

Due to an overwhelming display of interest from the fellowship, NAWS took on the task of providing daily *Just for Today* meditation emails. To date, approximately 9,000 people have signed up.

We have an ongoing cooperative relationship with Alcoholics Anonymous that has blossomed over the past five years. They, at times, now call us for advice. We found a few ideas from AA that may improve our standard practices. For example, AA systematically changes the way their literature looks every several years to draw member attention to new literature. We are starting to look into this idea as well. The new targeted literature will reflect this philosophy, for instance.



PRICE CHANGES

The prices of our literature and products have remained stable for a number of years. Last year it became apparent that many items in inventory were underpriced, not keeping up with raw material, transportation or production costs. There will be some price changes effective in November 2008. Anthony discussed our commitment to make literature available with consideration to the economic realities of different communities and the particular challenge of pricing the translated versions of the Basic Text.

A GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

Anthony mentioned difficulties getting Iranian delegates to the conference and talked about revisions to the website. He thanked everyone for their efforts to improve communications between NAWS and local communities. We can now contact about eighty percent of local areas in the fellowship due to work by regional delegates.

Anthony spent some time talking about branch offices, noting that 170,000 of 470,000 Basic Texts were sold in Iran, as well as production overseas in Iran, Latin America, and perhaps India.

Anthony mentioned the Worldwide Workshop in Sydney, Australia that took place in January 2008, and the fact that the Australian Region funded attendees to ensure members from every area were able to attend. He also mentioned the increase in the number of communities that

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offer services of writing to inmates. NAWS has that information to share with inmates who write to us. We are pleased that NA is growing within institutions.

Anthony thanked everyone for their well-wishes during this difficult year and turned the floor over to Craig, the World Board Chairperson, who reported on service aspects of Narcotics Anonymous World Services.

WSC SEATING

Craig began by discussing WSC seating. He explained that the current policy is inadequate and inconsistent. With this in mind, the World Board recommends a moratorium for two conference cycles in seating regions formed from splits. This will give us the opportunity to discuss practices and come up with more appropriate policies. We will not have a seating workgroup but the World Board will continue to take information from regions and make recommendations to the conference. This time there are five regions we will recommend for seating. We did not bring any of them to this WSC, but would like to do so in the future.

RECOVERY LITERATURE

The two new youth IPs represent our first efforts in targeted literature. Volumes of fellowship input about the topic of illness and medication in recovery indicate that members are looking for suggestions on this subject. We believe *In Times of Illness* needs to be revised to better represent the current experience of our members. More targeted literature ideas include family relationships, life on life's terms, and long-term recovery. A book-length piece has been proposed to cover these topics.

Craig also discussed input on the *Sponsorship* book. We posed a question in the *CAR* about the usefulness of this book. Book sales started out high, and dropped off. We want to emphasize that this conversation is not about the money; it's about providing resources to our fellowship that are helpful to our members. We would like to continue this conversation to determine what we can do better in the future. Input received has been fairly evenly divided between members who wanted a "how-to," pragmatic book and those who appreciated the diversity of experience represented in the book as it is. Some members suggested producing an index for the book. While some wanted more experience to be included, others had specific problems with the content.

We attempted to improve the index for the Sixth Edition Basic Text, rather than just revise it. The majority of input received has been positive. The major difference between revised index and current index are subheadings. There is still an entry for almost every time a word occurs. We feel the revised index will be a better resource for our members.

Craig mentioned NAWS' ongoing need for recommendations of members who would make good workgroup members.

ONLINE ACTIVITY

Anthony explained the need for accurate meeting information. Sometimes the listings obtained from na.org are very outdated and we need local members to help keep our information current. (Some statistics about online activity can be found in Appendix C.) Discussion boards were created due to regional delegate requests, and we want to find ways to make the conference board more useful to conference participants.

INSURANCE UPDATE

Anthony urged delegates to check on their regions' liability insurance to make sure they will be covered in cases where they are named as defendants. The litigation trend seems to be increasing and we are exploring opportunities for better coverage. Note that anything said in a

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public forum can be used as testimony in litigation against you, which is why we don't discuss ongoing litigation.

NAWS REPORT CONTINUED

2:40 – 4:07 pm

Session led by Craig (WB Chair)

Craig asked for questions pertaining to the NAWS report.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Alternative locations for the World Service Office

Anthony explained the rationale for branch office locations and said we will continue to do whatever is possible to get literature where it needs to be.

At the 2006 World Service Conference you spoke about a plan to purchase a building for the World Service Office within six years. Is this plan still on?

We have not considered moving the office to another US city since the early 1990s. We would only look at tier one cities because there has to be a certain level of infrastructure and transportation service.

The board ultimately makes these decisions and they will take up discussion on the topic because our lease expires in five years.

Legal Issues

Questions were asked about liability insurance and whether NAWS has a policy that covers every NA community.

No.

How many lawsuits have there been since the last conference and what are the circumstances?

Since the last World Service Conference, Anthony said, Narcotics Anonymous World Services has been named in approximately ten pieces of litigation, ranging from complaints of conspiring to act with government agencies to violate someone's rights to the food that was expected in an institutional activity, to personal injury suits. In the last couple of years, the court system seems to be more inclined to require you to go through some level of proceedings if you are named as a defendant before making the decision to release you. We were released from five, three had some degree of litigation, and two are ongoing.

WSC Seating

Moratorium discussion, how do we interpret the will of the conference based on one conference and without history? World Service Conference 2000 established criteria, and now we can't be seated based on interpretation of will of conference in 2006?

We test drove this seating policy for a while and we still seem to have problems. We all recognize it is a sensitive issue. We try to listen to regions seated at the conference through small group discussions, open forums, and votes.

Why is there not a procedure for those unseated to have a voice? What happens to this region; do they ever have an opportunity to have a voice under these guidelines?

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Good question—we have never said they will never be seated. Just the fact that we have this discussion now, in our minds demonstrates that we need to stop and answer the questions brought up here without having to worry about seating someone—without those emotions.

Why just designate regions from a split and why not all regions if it has something to do with policy?

A region is a region when they say they are, but seating at the conference that is a different issue and we have struggled with it for more than a couple of conferences. It is a question of how we are going to conduct business at the World Service Conference and the biggest issue seems to be around new regions splitting from existing regions and then coming to the conference and wanting to be seated.

Would regions be able to send votes by proxy to the World as stated in Robert's Rules of Order so their conscience is carried to the World Service Conference?

Not at this time. Maybe it would be something to talk about in the future.

Communities that have requested to be seated at the World Service Conference; are they allowed to attend or not?

Any community can come if they pay their way. At the last World Service Conference we felt it right to bring non-seated delegates from South Africa and Western Russia to give them exposure to the World Service Conference which is consistent with prior practice. Regardless of the outcome of those discussions this week, we still think there are advantages to bringing communities to the World Service Conference.

Production and Literature

About the *Sponsorship* Book, I have a perception that the newcomer likes prescriptive advice and the old timers do not.

Someone came to me and said something similar. Maybe we can learn from that experience.

Given the resources that go into our pamphlets, is it worthwhile to produce targeted pamphlets?

A project plan usually indicates the length of a piece—there is always talk of a book vs. pamphlet. We do sell a lot of pamphlets in relation to everything else we sell.

Can the World Service Office overrule a fellowship decision over production issues?

In most instances, at least over the last few years, the fellowship has repeatedly decided to allow the World Service Office the responsibility of production decisions. If there was a specific decision made by the Fellowship that the World Service Office did override, we would have had ongoing long lengthy discussions.

Would you consider changing the multiyear black key tag to purple?

If there appeared to be a significant number of members concerned with making that change, they could relay that to the board.

Have you looked into aluminum medallions?

Yes, aluminum or tin would not be suitable for our medallions.

Can you change the design too?

Based on the survey we would definitely make Roman numerals, but we can't say for certain since old business hasn't occurred yet. The material will be driven by cost considerations, and the Board could entertain the discussion of redesigning the medallion.

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Are we getting the proceeds of printing literature in Iran?

All of our financial proceeds in Iran are staying in Iran. There are special rules and prohibitions because of the state of affairs with Iran. Iran Region has donated to Narcotics Anonymous World Services and Asia Pacific Forum.

World Convention

We already had a San Diego World Convention, why would we be going back?

It is a fairly complex process to deal with the site of the world convention. There are many cities in the western zone of the US, but none of them are necessarily prepared to create the same incentives as San Diego. One of the obvious considerations is to reduce implementation costs, and pricing. The Board did not necessarily want to return to San Diego, but San Diego had the right size convention center and facilities to accommodate us.

Dates of World Convention in Barcelona Spain: we try to have our regional convention so it falls on Unity Day. We did not get the date of this last world convention in time and had to pick another date for our convention.

We will make every effort to get the dates to you so everyone will have that information.

Website

Have we thought about a weekly online meeting called Around the World? Would that be a consideration on our website?

Not yet.

Is it possible for bulletin board participants to automatically receive threads to keep up with discussions?

Yes, one of the options allows you to decide if you want to receive information in that way.

We are happy about the new website. Has the world considered a way to share information?

We already have a resource area for that purpose for all to view and share resources and with the overhaul of our website it will become easier to locate in the future.

Public service announcement—there was a big push about how outdated our public service announcements were at one time, now it is ten years later and the public service announcements are no longer useable. Have you considered new public service announcements?

It has been talked about frequently but has not been prioritized very high.

APPROVAL TRACK FOR NA MATERIAL

4:33 – 5:40 pm

Session led by Ron H (WB) and Mark H (WB)

Ron explained the purpose of the session is to discuss the different approval tracks for recovery literature and service material, distinguishing it from a business session or a review and input session.

Ron reminded participants of the service pamphlets background: A motion was passed at WSC 2006, “to allow the World Board to develop and approve service-related information pamphlets and tools for distribution to the fellowship.” Because this motion was made on the floor of the

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conference, without any accompanying process, the board then had to draft new policy to cover the action of the motion. He said the board began trying to develop these guidelines, but they found themselves struggling to develop language to distinguish between what we call “conference approved,” “fellowship approved,” and “board approved.” The discussion led them to try to categorize material as either service/informational or recovery literature, but they found that this was a complicated undertaking.

Mark asked the group to do a quick brainstorm session to consider the difference between service material and recovery literature and what characterizes each. Responses included the ideas that service material is directed toward a service body or group, is related to policy, and is based on our collective experience with traditions and concepts. The group felt that recovery material is designed for an individual, something that helps newcomers identify, and is about how we live our lives today without using by applying spiritual principles. (For complete results see Appendix D.) One participant suggested that this was an artificial division because all NA material is applicable to personal recovery. Many thought that some pieces might be categorized as both service and recovery material.

Mark introduced a small-group discussion and activity in which participants were asked, individually, to categorize an abbreviated list of NA books, IPs, and booklets.

Tables were asked to share:

- What did the group easily agree was recovery literature or service/informational material?
- Were there places where the group disagreed?

One participant reported that their table reached consensus on only five pieces of literature. Some thought that many pieces could be included in both categories. They did agree that *The Group Booklet* was service material and *The NA Step Working Guides*, IP#14 *One Addict's Experience...*, and IP#16 *For the Newcomer* were recovery material.

Ron clarified that we have different approval tracks for these different types of material, and our existing policy doesn't seem to fit. One participant reported that their group thought this would be a “black and white” exercise and that, for example, *PI & the NA Member* would clearly be service, but it was not so clear. Another group said they came to a consensus that service material affects the service structure, but recovery material doesn't. This session helped them empathize with the board's struggle. Ron asked if there were any easy choices in the process, and no one seemed to think there were.

Ron reviewed the three approval tracks and explained that the board approval track is seen as a method to produce helpful materials more quickly, and also revise them more promptly in response to fellowship input if need be.

During this past cycle, *An Introduction to NA Meetings* was created as board-approved material to try to respond to some of the most common requests. Groups frequently ask for help orienting newcomers: a way to teach new people about our meetings, especially court-or treatment-referred addicts. So, the idea was to create a resource for newcomers walking in the door. Ron explained that it seemed to make sense at the time to include “clean” as a word that we use as distinguished from “sober.” It seemed important to clarify that NA was not suggesting that members should stop taking their prescription medication, so the definition was included. When the fellowship challenged the piece as board-approved service material, the board saw that point and realized that they had missed the boat, both in the intended audience and the inclusion of the definition of the word “clean.” Therefore, they were able to pull the piece right away and take it back to reconsider the audience and content.

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Ron and Mark opened the session for comments and questions, particularly asking how this board approval track process could be improved.

One member suggested that first the World Board should determine the essential character of a piece: who it is directed to, and what is the essence of the content. If this can't be clearly determined, he suggested that the board act conservatively and use a broader process, maybe creating some kind of review process that includes conference participants.

TWO STRAW-POLL QUESTIONS WERE POSED:

Do you support a board approval track in some form or another? The majority voted "yes."

Would you support a review period in one form or another [of board approval track materials]? The majority voted "yes."

EC/HRP JOINT SESSION

8:24 – 10:06 pm

Session led by Craig R (WB Chair) and Greg S (HRP)

SET-UP

Craig introduced the members of the EC and the HRP and reported that, at this time, we are not aware of any major issues with the HRP system that need to be addressed. The HRP and the Board continue to work together to serve the fellowship. The largest dilemma seems to be how to actually give the conference confidence in candidates with whom they may not have any personal experience. Our discussions this cycle have focused on local leadership issues: People don't end up at world services without active participation at the local level and there is the need to further develop infrastructure on a local level.

NEW IDEAS

Greg S talked about possible utilization of non-HRP members as a resource to the HRP. During the 2000–2002 conference cycle, one of the HRP members stepped down, and the HRP brought on a former HRP member to help with some of the work. This is just one example of the possible use of non-HRP resources. Some others might include using past World Board members, regional delegates, or professionals of one sort or another. None would have a vote on the HRP. The HRP guidelines allow the use of any resource that may help, but we all want to inform conference participants of our ideas, Greg said, so that we have an opportunity to discuss these ideas together.

There is a possibility that past World Board members will be involved in discussions about possible nominees for the board. The HRP members find board members' discussions and decisions about possible HRP nominees to be rooted in practical experience. Because HRP members have not served on the board, they are unable to bring the same experience to bear in discussion of these potential nominees.

Another idea the HRP considers valuable is to ask those service committees that forward potential candidates for consideration by the HRP to include a rationale for their recommendation. There may be a series of questions created for each service body to answer for the HRP when they submit a candidate (known as RBZ candidates—that is, candidates forwarded by a region, board, or zone) to ensure consistency in the content and focus of the rationales.

Finally, all service bodies who are forwarding RBZ candidates were encouraged to document their candidate selection processes and share them with other committees. We can learn from each other about how this relatively new part of our elections process can work best for

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everyone. With that in mind, Greg asked that people please forward to us the guidelines or other resources you use, and we will post them on the NAWS FTP site.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, AND RESPONSES

Most of this session was spent in a question and answer forum that covered the following topics:

- Translations (the CPRs were not able to be translated this conference and cannot be sent in advance),
- The need for timely acknowledgements when the HRP receives an RBZ nomination,
- The desire for more guidance in the RBZ process,
- The role of the HRP and the WB in ongoing leadership cultivation, and
- The development of rationales for the RBZ nominations and Motion 35, committed at WSC 2006. (**See page 7.**) This motion was one of the factors that led to the idea of asking for a rationale for RBZ candidates.

Also, the HRP has asked that references be people the candidate has served with in the past five years to get a local perspective.

Nomination Criteria, especially Education

Members commented on the scoring process, indicating that there seemed to be a lot of weight regarding education. There were concerns due to the number of members with very little formal education. Greg S responded that the section that includes education also includes life experience and occupation, and is only about 9% of potential scores. Mindy A (HRP) added that we don't give points simply for degrees; education must be relevant to the service position that the individual is considering. A delegate pointed out that everyone who is up for election at this WSC has substantial education background. Ron H (WB) offered an idea that we adjust the weighting of things like education from cycle to cycle, based on World Board input about the needs of the board as a whole. Greg S agreed that is an interesting idea, and reiterated that educational background is simply a small portion of what the HRP consider. Tom McC (WB) pointed out that he failed two grades in elementary school and quit school in the eighth grade. With that educational background, he has been nominated by the HRP and elected to the World Board twice.

Utilization of Non-HRP Members as a Resource

A delegate asked what the HRP would do to fill the spot of a resigned panel member. Mindy A (HRP) responded by sharing that in this cycle, the HRP determined that we did not need additional help. But each conference cycle has a different workload. As an example, in the 2000–2002 cycle, a panel member resigned and we felt the need to bring back a former HRP member to help with that cycle's workload. Another member asked about the portion of the report that suggested the use of professionals. In what capacity were the professionals used? Greg replied that there is not a specific project or task in mind at this time, but if we did consider using a professional, we would look to our membership first for candidates.

The need to maintain confidentiality and WSC 2006 Motion 37 (see page 7)

A delegate asked why there were not any scores on the CPRs that we received. Greg S replied that we do not include individual scores because it would compromise the confidential nature of our process. Tom McC (WB) added that sometimes we have to trust that a Higher Power is going to place us in a position of service that is best for all. Jim B (WB V-Chair) pointed out that if the HRP revealed the scoring of reference checks, it is reasonable to assume that those references would be far less likely to offer sensitive information. Additionally, revealing the scores would help members practice their responses to gain the highest scores, and that would

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hurt the process. Jim believes that the people who are supposed to get elected will get elected. Sergio R (HRP) stated that honest reference checks and interviews are critical, and we promise references that we will keep responses confidential.

WRAP-UP

Greg told participants that the HRP is always interested in hearing thoughts and ideas and he thanked them for their participation.

Tuesday, 29 April

WORLD BOARD CONFERENCE FORUM

9:17 am-12:04 pm

Session led by Craig R (WB Chair)

Craig R introduced the World Board members, then explained that the majority of this forum would be spent in a question-and-answer session. Participants wrote questions beforehand, and the questions were grouped by category for this session. In addition, questions from the floor were taken in each category.

Ron M (WB) led the World Board in discussion and responses to motions offered as amendments to Old Business, and offered WB recommendations.

Motion 40: Brian S (RD Nebraska)

To substitute the following language for Motion 7: To accept the revised draft contained in Addendum C and title it *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts*.

Discussion: Franney J (WB) said that after having the experience of serving on the workgroup and being part of the discussion, the conclusion was that IP#13 needed to be replaced because it was written like an adult talking to a young person.

World Board recommendation is not to adopt.

Motion 41: Harper N (RD Southern Idaho)

To divide Motion 2 by creating six separate motions from the bullets in the existing motion as follows: (See Motion 2 on Page 25 for more details)

Mark H (WB) offered that he hoped we would only divide the question if it is a good use of our time. Ron H (WB) pointed out that in CAR workshops, the WB suggested that motions be divided if the region had a problem with a portion.

World Board has no recommendation.

Motion 42: Harper N (RD Southern Idaho)

If motion 41 is adopted: To amend 2D to add the language “only for inclusion in the Table of Contents.”

Harper N (RD Southern Idaho) stated that they thought the abstracts were a diversion and prevented people from reading the story.

World Board has no recommendation.

Motion 44: Joseph Y (RD Greater Illinois)

Amend Motion 4 to read:

To approve the removal of the specific source citations in *Just for Today* for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation

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that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature with the exception of the Fifth Edition Basic Text. Any citation only from the Fifth Edition Basic Text to be updated in the quote as from Fifth Edition Basic Text. Also to approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to Just for Today to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.

Tonia N said that it was important to respect the earlier versions of the literature but not hold on to them, and Mary B said this motion could encourage members to only want a Fifth Edition Basic Text. Jason F (AD Greater Illinois) clarified the intent of the motion, saying it was designed to help the groups that use the *JFT* that references the Fifth Edition Basic Text. Ron H (WB) explained that our ongoing challenge is that our literature is constantly changing, and we are looking for a long-term solution.

World Board recommendation is not to adopt.

Motion 45: Leonard R (RD Northern California)

Amend Motion 1 by adding the following language:

except the story “The Only Requirement,” which would be replaced by a story selected by the World Board from those deleted from the Sixth Edition review draft.

Discussion: Tom McC (WB) said that these stories are simply one member’s experience. This story does not represent NA as a whole, only the diversity of our fellowship.

World Board recommendation is not to adopt.

Craig R (WB Chair) moved the discussion to questions from the question box. Among the topics covered were the following.

MOVING THE WORLD SERVICE OFFICE

Members expressed interest in having another branch office or moving the office. The WB responded that we have not considered moving the office since the studies done in the past. Decisions to open other offices are made according to need and practicality.

FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A variety of questions pertained to fellowship development, including whether all WB members equally share the travel opportunities and if the board should spend more time on fellowship development. Craig responded by saying that all board members are afforded the opportunity to travel. A board member spends about 5 weeks a year attending board meetings, the conference, and the world convention. Board members have various life circumstances and availability to travel. Ron B (WB) stated that NAWs currently spends a tremendous amount of time on fellowship development; and it’s not just the World Board that does fellowship development.

SERVICE SYSTEM AND SERVICE PAMPHLETS

Members wanted to know whether the board can do more to reinforce the existing service structure and if there will be workgroups to do the service pamphlets. Mary B (WB) responded that the board hopes to support the fellowship with all their efforts. Jim B (WB V-Chair) stated that in the upcoming project on the Service System we are looking at revising service material and changes in our service structure. The existing service structure was developed well over 20 years ago and it is time to consider changes to accommodate today’s challenges and needs. Ron B (WB) added that our hope with most service pamphlets is that they would be a simple way to provide information that NAWs already disseminates in some form or another. We could certainly create workgroups but it would mean no additional pamphlets in the upcoming cycle. We have already planned as many workgroups as we believe we can support.

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SEATING

The next few questions dealt with seating, ranging from why a seating workgroup was not formed, whether the decision for a moratorium is because this facility can't hold more people to why the moratorium on the seating of new regions created from a split was not in the *CAR*. Mark H (WB) responded that we reported all cycle and at the last conference about the difficult position our current seating process puts any workgroup in. The board always had the final responsibility for the recommendations so we published our intent not to create this workgroup in the 2006–2008 cycle and received no comments. Changes to *GWSNA* are typically sent out in the *CAT* and not the *CAR*. We put forward the moratorium because current guidelines were not adequate to forward seating recommendations to the conference. Logistics is not a primary consideration because we could find a larger venue, but having 500 representatives may not mean more diversity. Craig R (WB Chair) concluded with the idea that communication does not start and end at the conference. We repeatedly ask for your input throughout the cycle. We really want to hear from you.

BASIC TEXT

The Sixth Edition Basic Text was a topic that delegates had numerous questions about. Several wondered about the process, given that ten new stories were added after the review draft was released. Members asked if the WB felt the process was adequate, considering the importance of this book. Ron H (WB) responded that we were trying to fill some of the identified gaps and to have the best possible compilation that included the diversity of NA today within the established timeline for the project. The stories from Iran are a great example of material the board felt the need to include in the book to best represent of the fellowship`. The board's intent to fill those gaps was published in the cover memo for the review material, he explained. One delegate asked whether it was ever the intention of the board to shorten or misdirect the approval process for those ten stories to be included in the Basic Text. Ron H (WB) said, on the contrary, the project plan lengthened the approval period a bit. We felt strongly that we wanted to balance the need for an inclusive process with the desire to have the best book possible. Another question was regarding the source for the number of meetings cited for the statistical information in the *Sixth Edition* preface. Ron H (WB) replied that the data are compiled from regional reports and our database. One delegate said that his region wonders what will happen to the personal stories that were removed from the Basic Text and whether there will be a project to create an NA history book with a collection of these stories. Ron H (WB) said that there has been a fair amount of interest expressed in an NA history book but there are no plans right now and not until there is some demand or concrete proposal to do something.

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OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS

2:17 – 7:35 pm

Session led by Jimi S (WSC CF)

Don Cameron (WSC Parliamentarian) was introduced and Jimi S (WSC CF) went through the rules of order.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS MOTIONS

Motion 14: World Board

To adopt the WSC 2006 Minutes.

Straw Poll: Very strong support from the body

Motion 13: World Board

To use the proposed WSC Rules of Order on a trial basis for WSC 2008.

Intent: To allow the conference to use the rules before they are voted on in New Business.

Ken M (RD Southern California) wondered if everyone has read the proposed rules. Jimi S (WSC CF) asked for a show of hands; about half the body raised their hands.

Straw poll on Motion 13: Support from the body

Motion 1: World Board

To replace the existing stories in the Fifth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* with those contained in Addendum B.

Intent: To create a Sixth Edition Basic Text with stories that are more current and that better represent our global fellowship.

There has been an amendment proposed, which is Motion 45.

Motion 45: Leonard R (RD Northern California)

Amend Motion 1 by adding the following language:

...except the story “The Only Requirement,” which would be replaced by a story selected by the World Board from those deleted from the Sixth Edition review draft.

Intent: To ensure that a story in the Basic Text, dealing with an issue as controversial as drug replacement, go out for complete fellowship review and input; not just be inserted into the CAR.

Leonard R (RD, Northern California) said Motion 45 is not about the content of the story nor it is an attempt to pass judgment on any addict’s desire to stop using; it’s about our Basic Text. The story was singled out so that its opposition does not stop the revision of the Basic Text.

Straw poll on Motion 45: Very weak support from the body

Straw Poll on Motion 1 as originally presented: Strong support from the body

Motion 41: Harper N (RD Southern Idaho Region)

To divide Motion 2 by creating six separate motions from the bullets in the existing motion as follows:

2A – To approve the Preface to the Sixth Edition, as represented in Addendum B

2B - To approve the titles “Our Program” and “Our Members Share,” which would replace the titles “Book One” and “Book Two” respectively

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2C - To approve the Introduction to Our Members Share, as represented in Addendum B

2D - To approve the abstracts, as represented in Addendum B

2E - To approve the reflections, as represented in Addendum B, and

2F - To approve the titles and descriptions for the sections “Beginnings,” “Coming Home,” “Regardless of ... ,” and “Life on Life’s Terms” as represented in Addendum B

Intent: To be able to vote on each item as a separate entity, not as a lump package

Straw poll on Motion 41: Very weak support from the body

Motion 42: Harper N (RD Southern Idaho Region)

If motion 41 is adopted: To amend 2D to add the language “only for inclusion in the Table of Contents.”

Intent: To have abstracts only in the table of contents.

Straw poll on Motion 42: Very weak support from the body

Motion 2: World Board

To approve the remaining revisions to the Fifth Edition Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*, as represented in Addendum B. This includes

the Preface to the Sixth Edition,

the titles “Our Program” and “Our Members Share,” which would replace the titles “Book One” and “Book Two” respectively,

the Introduction to Our Members Share,

the abstracts,

the reflections, and

the titles and descriptions for the sections “Beginnings,” “Coming Home,” “Regardless of ... ,” and “Life on Life’s Terms.”

Intent: To include the remainder of the material contained in Addendum B in the Sixth Edition Basic Text; this includes the removal of the titles “Book One” and “Book Two.”

Straw poll on Motion 2: Very strong support from the body

Motion 3: World Board

To allow the World Board to approve updates to the statistical information (the numbers of meetings, countries, and so on) in the Preface to the Sixth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* regularly with an “as of” date in the footnote.

Intent: To allow statistical representation of the fellowship in the Basic Text to be kept current.

Straw poll on Motion 3: Very strong support from the body

Motion 4: World Board

To approve the removal of the specific source citations in *Just for Today* for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature. Also approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to *Just for Today* to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.

Intent: To not require a new edition of *Just for Today* each time existing literature is updated, changed, or replaced.

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There has been an amendment proposed, which is Motion 44.

Motion 44: Joseph Y (RD Greater Illinois Region)

Amend Motion 4 to read: To approve the removal of the specific source citations in Just for Today for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature with the exception of the Fifth Edition Basic Text. Any citation only from the Fifth Edition Basic Text to be updated in the quote as from Fifth Edition Basic Text. Also to ~~approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to Just for Today to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.~~

Intent: Maintains a clear reference to quotes originating from the widely circulated Fifth Edition Basic Text.

Joseph Y (RD, Greater Illinois) said that it's not our intention to hang on to the Fifth Edition. We simply are interested in considering all those NA groups that use the *JFT* in concert with the Basic Text to conduct recovery meetings, helping them to find the source of the quote in the *JFT*.

Straw poll on Motion 44: Very weak support from the body

Straw Poll on Motion 4 as originally presented: Very strong support from the body

Motion 5: World Board

To approve the inclusion of an updated and revised index in the Sixth Edition of the Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*.

Intent: To create a more useable index for the text.

There has been an amendment proposed, which is Motion 70.

Motion 70: Don B (RD New England Region)

To return the word "attitude" to the index of the Sixth Edition of the Basic Text.

Intent: To include a word of significant value to the index.

Don (RD New England Region) said that this word occurs frequently. For example, "*an attitude of indifference or intolerance toward spiritual principles*," "*we are gaining new attitudes about ourselves*," "*we accept that it was our actions that caused our negative attitude*," and "*in an attitude of surrender and humility...*" and that's just a few.

Straw poll on Motion 70: Very strong support for the amendment from the body

Straw poll on Motion 5 as amended: Very strong support from the body

Motion 6: World Board

To approve two specific copyedits to the Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous*: First, to replace the name "N.A." (with periods after the two capital letters) with "NA" (with no periods). Second, to remove the footnote in Tradition Eleven that mentions *A Guide to Public Information Newly Revised*.

Intent: To make our Basic Text more consistent with other NA fellowship-approved recovery literature.

Craig R (WB Chair) said that during the evolution of the project, the workgroup brought this to our attention and it is something to be considered.

Straw poll on Motion 6: Strong support from the body

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Motion 40: Brian S (RD Nebraska Region)

To substitute the following language for Motion 7: To accept the revised draft contained in Addendum C and title it *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts*.

Intent: To retain IP #13 *Youth and Recovery* and have both IPs as an asset to the recovery of young addicts.

Straw poll on Motion 40: Split; no clear conscience

Jimi S (WSC CF) called another straw poll: He asked the body of those who voted in favor of the amendment, is there anyone that would be opposed to Motion 7 if the amendment fails? Seeing no hands, he said he would like to move forward to have discussion on Motion 7 as it stands.

Motion 7: World Board

To replace the existing IP #13, *Youth and Recovery*, with the revised draft contained in Addendum C and to change the title of this IP to *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts*.

Intent: To replace the existing informational pamphlet with a more current reflection of our experience.

Straw poll on Motion 7: Very strong support from the body

Motion 8: World Board

To approve the draft of *For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA* contained in Addendum E as IP #27.

Intent: To have an informational pamphlet that helps explain Narcotics Anonymous to the parents and guardians of young recovering addicts.

Ed B (RD Mid-Atlantic) stated that his region directed him to object to consideration of this motion. It is written to non-addicts and that is an outside issue much like the old IP 4 that was also written to non-addicts. The information has value, but we should not be the entity that makes it available.

Straw poll on the objection to consideration: Strong opposition from the body

Straw poll on Motion 8: Strong support from the body

Motion 9: Art D (RD, Tri-State)

To add English Roman numeral medallions in bronze to NAWS inventory as a specialty item and direct the World Board to price them accordingly.

Intent: To add this item back to NAWS inventory in English only for those who prefer them over the standard Arabic numeral medallions and sell them as a specialty item.

Craig R (WB Chair) reported our intention to produce the Roman numeral replacing the Arabic.

Straw poll on Motion 9: Fairly strong opposition from the body

Motion 10: Sherry V (RD Central Atlantic)

To direct the World Board to add to NAWS inventory Roman numeral medallions in all current finishes and languages produced by NAWS. Whether these medallions are an addition to inventory or a replacement for the current Arabic numbered medallions is left to NAWS discretion.

Intent: To reinstate Roman numeral medallions in NAWS inventory

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Sherry V (RD Central Atlantic) said our intention was to allow NAWS the necessary discretion to make responsible inventory decisions.

Jim W (RD Rio Grande) pointed out that Anthony reported that their intention was to produce Roman numeral medallions. Do we even need these motions at this point?

Straw poll on Motion 10: Strong opposition from the body

Motion 11: Dewayne B (RD Northern New Jersey)

To direct the World Board to provide financial support to the Northern New Jersey Region in the amount of \$36,000.

Intent: To have NAWS assist with a portion of legal expenses incurred by the Northern New Jersey Region.

Straw poll on Motion 11: Strong opposition from the body

Motion 12: Laura Z (RD New Jersey)

To require that all NA Service pamphlets intended for group and individual use be included in the *Conference Agenda Report* for approval.

Intent: To give the approval of service related pamphlets intended for group and individual use to the World Service Conference.

Laura Z (RD New Jersey) said that all the literature has historically come thru the *CAR* report and been approved by the members of our home group. There has never really been a need to define recovery literature versus service material. We want the groups to decide what is on the tables. We want the authority to review this literature.

Straw poll on Motion 12: Strong opposition from the body

Roll call #2 was conducted (See Appendix A), showing 117 participants present (102 regions), 78 represents a 2/3 majority, 59 represents a simple majority.

OLD BUSINESS DECISIONS

Motion 13: It was M/C World Board

To use the proposed WSC Rules of Order on a trial basis for WSC 2008.

Intent: To allow the conference to use the Rules before they are voted on in New Business

Motion carried by voice vote

Motion 14: It was M/C World Board

To adopt the WSC 2006 Minutes.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion 1: It was M/C World Board

To replace the existing stories in the Fifth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* with those contained in Addendum B.

Intent: To create a Sixth Edition Basic Text with stories that are more current and that better represents our global fellowship

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion 2: It was M/C World Board

To approve the remaining revisions to the Fifth Edition Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*, as represented in Addendum B. This includes:

the Preface to the Sixth Edition,

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**the titles “Our Program” and “Our Members Share,” which would replace the titles “Book One” and “Book Two” respectively,
the Introduction to Our Members Share,
the abstracts,
the reflections, and
the titles and descriptions for the sections “Beginnings,” “Coming Home,” “Regardless of ... ,” and “Life on Life’s Terms.”**

Intent: To include the remainder of the material contained in Addendum B in the Sixth Edition Basic Text; this includes the removal of the titles “Book One” and “Book Two.”

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion 3: It was M/C World Board

To allow the World Board to approve updates to the statistical information (the numbers of meetings, countries, and so on) in the Preface to the Sixth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* regularly with an “as of” date in the footnote.

Intent: To allow statistical representation of the fellowship in the Basic Text to be kept current.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion 4: It was M/C World Board

To approve the removal of the specific source citations in *Just for Today* for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature. Also approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to *Just for Today* to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.

Intent: To not require a new edition of *Just for Today* each time existing literature is updated, changed, or replaced.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion 5: It was M/C World Board

To approve the inclusion of an updated and revised index in the Sixth Edition of the Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*.

Intent: To create a more useable index for the text.

Motion carried as amended by voice vote.

Motion 70: It was M/S/C Don B (RD New England) Laura Z (RD New Jersey)

Amend motion 5 to return the word “attitude” to the index of the Sixth Edition of the Basic Text.

Intent: To include a word of significant value (for example, “an attitude of indifference or intolerance...”) which occurs at least 15 times in the first 10 chapters of the Basic Text.

Motion carried by Standing Vote: 91 in favor/ 1 opposed/ 4 abstaining/ 1 present but not voting

Motion 6: It was M/C World Board

To approve two specific copyedits to the Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous*: First, to replace the name “N.A.” (with periods after the two capital letters) with “NA” (with no periods). Second, to remove the footnote in Tradition Eleven that mentions *A Guide to Public Information Newly Revised*.

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Intent: To make our Basic Text more consistent with other NA fellowship-approved recovery literature.

Motion carried by voice vote

Matt S (AD Northern California) asked for a point of privilege. He stated for the record that, as of the completion of Motion 6 at 7:26 pm on 29 April 2008, we as a fellowship have approved the Sixth Edition Basic Text of *Narcotics Anonymous*. Our first international Basic Text and our first revision in 20 years! There were hugs, tears, and a standing ovation.

Motion 7: It was M/C World Board

To replace the existing IP #13, *Youth and Recovery*, with the revised draft contained in Addendum C and to change the title of this IP to *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts*.

Intent: To replace the existing informational pamphlet with a more current reflection of our experience.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Motion 40: It was M/S/F Brian S (RD Nebraska) Rod D (RD Mid-America)

To substitute the following language for Motion 7: To accept the revised draft contained in Addendum C and title it *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts*.

Intent: To retain IP 13 *Youth and Recovery* and have both IPs as an asset to the recovery of young addicts.

Amendment failed by Standing vote: 29 in favor/ 60 opposed/ 4 abstaining/ 7 present but not voting

Motion 8: It was M/C World Board

To approve the draft of *For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA* contained in Addendum E as IP #27.

Intent: To have an informational pamphlet that helps explain Narcotics Anonymous to the parents and guardians of young recovering addicts.

Motion passes by voice vote

Motion 12: It was M/S/F Laura Z (RD New Jersey)/David M (RD Greater New York)

To require that all NA Service pamphlets intended for group and individual use be included in the *Conference Agenda Report* for approval.

Intent: To give the approval of service related pamphlets intended for group and individual use to the World Service Conference.

Motion failed by standing vote: 33 in favor/ 62 opposed/ 1 abstaining/ 4 present but not voting

Motion 9: It was M/S/F Art D (RD Tri-State)/Clif G (RD California Mid-State)

To add English Roman Numeral Medallions in Bronze to NAWS inventory as a specialty item and direct the World Board to price them accordingly.

Intent: To add this item back to NAWS inventory in English only for those who prefer them over the standard Arabic numeral medallions and sell them as a specialty item.

Motion failed by voice vote

Motion 72: M/S/F Clif G (RD California Mid-State)/Dewayne B (RD Northern New Jersey)

Amend Motion 9 to read:

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To add English Roman Numeral Medallions to NAWS inventory as a specialty item and direct the World Board to price them accordingly. *These medallions are in addition to current Arabic numbered medallions.*

Amendment failed by voice vote

Motion 10: It was M/S/F Sherry V (RD Central Atlantic)/Dewayne B (RD Northern New Jersey)

To direct the World Board to add to NAWS inventory Roman numeral medallions in all current finishes and languages produced by NAWS. Whether these medallions are an addition to inventory or a replacement for the current Arabic numbered medallions is left to NAWS discretion.

Intent: To reinstate Roman numeral medallions in NAWS inventory.

Motion failed by voice vote

Motion 11: It was M/S/F Dewayne B (RD Northern New Jersey)/ Bob B (RD Western New York)

To direct the World Board to provide financial support to the Northern New Jersey Region in the amount of \$36,000.

Intent: To have NAWS assist with a portion of legal expenses incurred by the Northern New Jersey Region.

Motion failed by voice vote

Wednesday, 30 April

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE RD & FACILITATION MODULE

9:29– 11:24 am

Session led by Arne H-G (WB), Franney J (WB) and Jim Delizia (Consultant)

Arne and Franney gave the history of the topic of leadership, and spoke briefly of the value of the tool being demonstrated in this session. Franney introduced Jim Delizia.

Jim started an icebreaker by asking the small groups to consider what advice they would give to a new participant at a regional meeting about his or her ability to impact the meeting. A couple of the people shared their group's responses.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Jim Delizia then explained how the effectiveness of leadership capabilities can and will lead to fellowship wide change. Jim reviewed roles and responsibilities of the RD as a partner with NAWS and as agents of change in their region. He then laid out how this change will occur through effective facilitation.

EFFECTIVE FACILITATION

Jim reviewed the differences between the speaker and the facilitator. He described the roles of the facilitator. He then talked about how small groups can be more effective in handling large subjects. The small group process includes three components; set up, discussion, and process. He also described necessary facilitation skills, such as probing, synthesizing, and bridging.

Jim led the conference participants in a series of sessions to help them practice their facilitation skills. Some of the sessions focused on ways to probe for additional, useful information, synthesizing various viewpoints and ideas and bridging seemingly incongruous statements back to the original theme or point. The last practice session focused on a common problem, apathy

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at the area level, and how the facilitator or chairperson of that area could increase enthusiasm and involvement and accomplish the area's goals.

WRAP UP

The session wrapped up with suggestions from board members and other participants on how to conduct these workshops in their local communities. Arne and Franney closed the session with a "Call to Action" for conference participants to use these skills in their communities.

[These sessions have been revised since the conference and can be found online: <http://www.na.org/?D=IDT-IDT#>]

Thursday, 1 May

OUR SERVICE SYSTEM

9:27 – 10:39 am

Session led by Tom McC (WB) and Piet de B (WB)

Tom McC explained that the addenda to the conference report contain more information and here we just give an overview of the input we received about the service system.

Structure:

What may be effective in some geographic locations is ineffective in others. A few suggestions for a more responsive service structure include regular workshops and learning days, regularly scheduled inventories, consensus-based decisions, and small groups rather than parliamentary style. We created a shared resource area on the web for members to share what has worked with services in their locale: http://www.na.org/?ID=local_resource_area

Principles:

These have remained consistent through four years of this discussion. Common principles important to service include honesty, open-mindedness, integrity, responsibility, and willingness. Some members wonder whether we left our principles at a recovery meeting and forgot to take them with us to a service meeting.

Resources:

Consistently and overwhelmingly the number one response was that our fellowship lacks trusted servants to provide effective services. In terms of financial resources, some report excellent fund flow while others report that funds are being hoarded particularly for conventions, and members are simply not contributing in meetings.

COMMUNICATION

Piet de B gave an overview of our communications and talked about Concept Eight – *Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.*

LARGE GROUP

He then led a discussion about NAWS communication with delegates, asking the large group a couple of questions.

What is working with communications from NAWS to delegates? We consider NAWS and the delegates a partnership, Piet said. We listen to each other, we respond to issues

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and concerns, and we provide written information. We want to know what you think is working. Responses included:

- The NAWS bulletin board
- CAR report and the website
- Zonal Forums
- Workshops
- NAWS News
- Literature Development

What is not working with communications?

- Website is not user-friendly for non-English participants
- Any action items need to be stated directly to the RD and specifics that NAWS would like feedback on should be clearly defined.
- More deadline reminders
- Translations are a time-related process and providing the local communities with that information is troublesome.

SMALL GROUPS

After the large group discussion, small groups were asked to answer a couple of questions to help us be more effective with our communications and then prioritize their number one answer.

Question 1: How can NAWS improve our communications with you the delegates?

Groups' top answers were:

- Communication confirmation- paper, email, phone
- One page feedback form in the *NAWS News*
- Simple, direct, communication and a point person for the RDs
- Communication from NAWS in a more timely manner
- Simplifications of *NAWS News* with deadlines and important news and upcoming dates
- Translation of www.na.org
- Translation of service materials such as the *CAR*, session profiles, and power points
- User-friendly material from NAWS; make information streamlined and simple, including simpler session profiles.
- Personal letters from the World Board to the RDs at least four times a year
- Better headings on the FTP site.
- APT and Building Strong Homegroups "how-to" perhaps a DVD, PowerPoints, and scripts because we are a visual society
- More audio formats and sign language materials
- More workshops
- Give out business cards of NAWS staff
- Personal visits by WB and NAWS staff to present information at area events and regional conventions
- Rotate WSC location

Question 2: How can we NAWS/Delegates more effectively communicate with the fellowship?

- Surveys are very effective. It would be helpful to see real time results when you complete the survey
- RDs attending area meetings and not just region, and regional newsletter
- More workshops, learning days
- Simplified information to region or area: one piece of paper with bullet points

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- Personal information in reports, such as how we experienced the conference
- Using the Area Planning Tool to help communicate so that members see the material that led to conclusions or decisions
- Asking members what would work for them in workshops
- Develop practical tools such as an IP on how to be a good GSR
- Personal paper and email updates to interested members
- Train RCMs to be better facilitators – local training workshops
- Personal input surveys available online
- RD & RDA reports posted on web

WRAP-UP

We will take this information and discuss how we can improve the communication processes between each part of the fellowship. (See Appendix G for the 2008–2010 IDT questions on communication.)

ELECTIONS AND BUDGET/PROJECT PLANS PRESENTATION

11:26 am –12:41 pm

Session led by Anthony E (NAWS ED), Becky M (NAWS Asst ED), Greg S (HRP), and Sergio R (HRP)

ELECTIONS OVERVIEW

Greg provided an overview of the voting process and explained what to expect for the morning elections. There are three separate ballots; one each for the WSC Cofacilitator, the Human Resource Panel, and the World Board; you may vote for up to five candidates for HRP and Cofacilitator and ten for the World Board. (See Appendix E for the ballot and the election results.) Sergio R (HRP) took roll call #3.

Roll call #3 was conducted (See Appendix A), showing 118 participants present (103 regions), 79 represents a 2/3 majority, 60 represents a simple majority.

Elections were conducted and the election results were announced after the budget presentation.

2008-2010 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Craig R (WB Chair) explained that, in this session, we will review the past budget, outline the proposed budget and project plans, and give a quick overview of the NAWS Strategic Plan.

2006-2008 Conference Cycle Budget

To explain monies and budget for expenditures in 2006–2008, Anthony began by presenting the 18-month comparison to budget and talked about four basic areas of activity: Literature production and distribution, fellowship support, world service conference support, and events.

Fellowship donations are up \$250,000 from what was anticipated in this period, Anthony explained, but we spent nearly double the budgeted amount in Fellowship Development/Support because of our commitment to accommodate a larger number of requests. We are going to raise the projections for the next budget to continue this level of support.

Recovery literature income was also higher than projected. This excess revenue helped to offset the loss from WCNA 32. This convention was planned for many more attendees than actually came. There was a projected income of 3 million dollars and the actual income was 2.1 million. In some cases, we were able to reduce actual expenses as it became apparent that attendance would be significantly lower than expected. However, many major contracts were

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signed well in advance. For example, the Alamo Dome proved unnecessary for the size of the main meetings, but the contracts were already set. We have heard a variety of reasons for not attending from members. They include bad weather, bad economy, saving money for Barcelona and lack of interest in the convention site. We have learned that attractiveness of the location is more important to our members than we had previously thought. Despite the losses from WCNA, NAWS is showing overall profits due to minimizing costs, reducing expense, and bolstering income.

2008-2010 Budget

There will be increased income from the Sixth Edition, but the estimate is conservative because it will not be released until nearer the end of this calendar year; major booksellers need to exhaust their supplies of the Fifth Edition. We have added \$350,000 to the proposed income for the hardcover Basic Text to account for the new edition. Anthony also explained capital funds utilization, such as replacing computer equipment, office equipment and furniture, software upgrades and website redesign. One of the largest challenges we have is in preservation of information. Much of our information is deteriorating rapidly. We are in the process of converting our paper archives and old audio material to digital format. We will be allocating money every year for that. NA entities (about 50,000 meetings, over 1,000 areas, over 100 regions, 10 zones) can send information to NAWS. Our resource needs for managing information flow are constantly growing, and information management will always be in our budget.

NAWS has been able to build an operating reserve over the last several years. When Anthony became Executive Director, we had \$11,600 in reserve. We have established operating reserves and a base reserve to handle financial fluctuations. We have accumulated around 3 million dollars in total reserves. Each branch office has contributed to the reserves over the cycle. Total allocations will be higher in the first year of this cycle, due to the fact that we are rebuilding the reserve after offsetting losses from WCNA 32. Anthony spoke about the WCNA 33 budget, stating that the exchange rate between US dollars and Euros has increased our costs 30% since signing contracts in Barcelona. We can expect continued variance. As such, our plan is very conservative. We believe this convention should be as special a celebration of recovery as any other despite higher costs in Europe, and we have budgeted accordingly.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Becky referred attendees to the CAT, explaining that project plans can seem confusing at times because our project planning process predated strategic planning, and the fit between the two can be a little awkward. The WB gives each plan a priority ranking after strategic plan discussion.

PROJECT PLANS

Becky M then led the conference through the main points of each project plan.

Business Plan Workgroup

- This workgroup is considered an essential service – particularly with the current requirements for an audit committee. Also, this workgroup was charged with responsibility for the self-support IPs
- This workgroup has to happen regardless of its priority ranking.
- Major difference in the upcoming cycle is the addition or creation of Self-Support Pamphlets.

Self-Support Pamphlets

- Replacement of IP #24 *Hey! What's the Basket For?* and IP #25 *Self-Support: Principle and Practice* with an easier to read, more contemporary, fellowship-

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approved piece and a graphical, more easily-updated piece for groups about our fund-flow that would be conference-approved.

- Each of the pamphlets developed for this project will have a minimum ninety-day review and input period and be included in the 2010 *Conference Agenda Report* for fellowship approval.

Consensus Based Decision Making (CBDM)

- If the material in the CAT is adopted, this will not be necessary.
- If the material is not adopted, we would need approval of this plan in order to develop different material in the upcoming cycle.

Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics

- This includes identifying topics for 2008-2010 and their development and promotion throughout the cycle.
- What happens with material from the 2006-2008 topics depends on conversations at this conference. WB did not know what approval process for service pamphlets would be passed at WSC2008 and what IDTs would be adopted. Decisions this week will impact all project plans.

Public Relations

- NAWS deliberately overspent on budget for this.
- One of our approaches in this plan is to gather information for the development of material targeted at specific professional populations for PR purposes. We will have focus groups for this hopefully with addicts and non-addicts.
- We had two PR forums at WCNA 32, which was a first for us. We need to take the next steps.

Service System

- This plan includes a workgroup that will use focus groups or individuals for specific areas of service.
- Some of the material developed in the 2008–2010 conference cycle might be ready for conference approval by WSC 2010, but the majority of the work will be to provide framed options and recommendations for discussion by the conference and the fellowship. We expect that this will be a two-conference-cycle project.
- This project also includes work to create a vision statement for NA.

Targeted Literature

- Revision to *In Times of Illness* has been an idea for many years; not a complete rewrite. This is an update to key areas such as the medication and mental health portions. Expected to be a single conference-cycle project, with a ninety-day review and input period, and inclusion in the 2010 *Conference Agenda Report* for fellowship approval.
- Other pieces may or may not be able to be approached in this conference cycle.

Workshops

- Workshops are so essential, may not need to be in the form of a project plan.
- This includes a Literature Distribution and Convention Workshop

Living Clean

- This is simply a working title
- Review and input of the piece would be staggered in 90-day periods.
- Approval form by April 2011.

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Leadership Orientation Material

- The leadership training module was introduced at this conference. We would like to simplify some of this material. Many members have reported that it is intimidating.
- We hope to develop more leadership materials over 2008-2010 conference cycle.

Service Material

- This is probably low priority – to be done if time/resources allow.
- Updating outdated/obsolete service handbooks. We have nothing for conventions. H&I Handbook needs to be updated.

The project plans and budget were voted on in New Business and a straw poll for project priority was taken in the closing session (see page 65).

ELECTION RESULTS

- Cofacilitators: Jack H, Jimi S
- HRP: Margaret H-M, Paul F, Valerie D
- WB: Jim B, Junior B

WORLD BOARD CONFERENCE FORUM

3:26-6:53 pm

Session led by Craig R (WB Chair)

Craig R (WB Chair) explained that this forum gives The World Board an opportunity to discuss the budget and project plans and New Business motions, and answer questions from conference participants.

PROJECTS

A delegate asked, if Motion 22 passes, will there be a workgroup formed to continue looking at ideas from regions that are already doing consensus-based decision making to improve our process at WSC? Ron M (WB) responded that this idea did not seem to necessitate a workgroup.

Delegates expressed concerns and questions about the Service System project, including its scope, duration, and whether the information gathered would be obsolete by the time the project concludes. In response to questions about the Service Material Project, it was explained that there are some basic parameters that apply to most events and a handbook created would offer general suggestions that could be used as guidelines and customized for each locale, much like our other handbooks.

Several concerns were raised about the *Living Clean* project. These included a perceived similarity with the new personal stories in the Basic Text, the cost of producing a new book, the idea that the sponsorship book has not been widely accepted, and the belief that our money could be better used towards other projects such as service manuals. Tom McC (WB) explained that many recovery issues our long-term members face are not addressed in our current literature. The intent of the project is to capture experience from all members, including those long-term members, addressing common issues in recovery. Tonia (WB) added that she believes we need a lot of diverse material, sort of an NA library.

NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS

Motion 39: Mike T (RD Michigan)

To instruct the World Board to create a project plan for updating the video Public Service Announcements and hopefully complete them by WSC 2010.

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Jim B (WB V-Chair) responded that this has been on our radar, but has just not had the priority.

There was a discussion about some sort of review and input period being added to the development process of Service Pamphlets. Motions 43, 64, 66, 68, and 77 all address this topic. The World Board presented an amended Motion 23 in effort to address some of the issues brought up in these motions.

Motion 23: World Board

To adopt the proposed Approval Processes for NA Material as a replacement for the current section for Approval Process for Service Material and amend the Approval Process for Recovery Literature in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Note: The proposed language appears in the Conference Approval Track material except for the paragraph from the "World Board Approved" section which was amended without objection to read as follows:

All service related informational pamphlets, whether Conference Approved or World Board Approved, are easily distinguishable from recovery pamphlets by their appearance and should be used by members, groups, and service committees as a resource rather than being read in an NA Meeting. Before approval and distribution, Service Pamphlets will be sent out to conference participants for a 90-day review and input. Service tools, PR material, bulletins, and other material will continue to be developed and approved by the World Board. The World Board has long been able to approve bulletins but these bulletins only had limited distribution to those who knew that they were available. The advantage of this approval process for informational pamphlets is that material is made readily available, and can be easily changed or pulled from inventory if there are concerns.

Mary B (WB) stated that all R&I material has a deadline and no response by the deadline is considered agreement with the content of the piece. Additionally, longer R&I periods do not necessarily yield more input. Mark H (WB) said this is a good compromise: It offers review and input and also allows us to be timely.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) determined that upon hearing no objections, the amended motion has unanimous support.

SEATING

There was a discussion of Motion 75. Seating is also addressed in Motions 61, 62, 67, and 69.

Motion 75: Brenda W (RD Hawaii)

Amend Motion 20 to read:

To place a moratorium on the current Criteria for Recognition of New Conference Participants from *A Guide to World Services in NA* until WSC 2012. The World Board would continue to make recommendations to the conference in 2010 and 2012 concerning regions ~~that did not result from a division of a conference seated community from the global communities of Eastern Europe, Africa, Middle East, Central America, and Asia Pacific.~~

Jim B (WB V-Chair) stated that the motion attempts to exclude all North American communities but we believe it excludes others also. Mark H (WB) added that this motion seems to be making a policy before we have the necessary discussion. Tonia N (WB) thinks we need to take into consideration the whole world. This is the time to start thinking about creating a vision of what we want to look like.

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Jim B (WB V-Chair) stated that the World Board does not support taking any position on these motions.

MEDICATION

There was a discussion of Motion 52. Medication is also addressed in Motions 49, 50, 51, 53, 63, and 65.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) shared that a delegate put together a list identifying all of the places in our literature that we discuss medication. The list indicates that the discussion on medication is nothing new in NA literature.

Motion 52: David M (RD South Florida)

To direct the World Board to remove from the NAWS website the language “use of psychiatric medication and other medically indicated drugs prescribed by a physician and taken under medical supervision is not seen as compromising a person’s recovery in NA”.

Tom McC (WB) shared that he would hope that when the motions come up someone would just call the question. Mark H (WB) commented that he disagrees with the intent stated in some of these motions.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) stated that the board recommendation is not to adopt any of these motions.

POLICY

Motion 46: Dewayne B (RD Northern New Jersey)

That the World Board refrain from offering specific voting actions on regional motions published in the CAR.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) stated that the intent seemed contradictory to the motion. Ron H (WB) believes the motion allows the board to give their thoughts, but not state if they would recommend adopt or not adopt. Craig R (WB Chair) asserts that the recommendations provide guidance and clarity to members and they find value in them.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said that the WB recommends not to adopt.

Motion 54 David M (RD South Florida)

To include in the CAT the actual language of all motions that will be made by the World Board relative to the material contained in the CAT (example: project plans, budget, regional seating, etc.).

Mark H (WB) expressed that he doesn't have a problem with it. Ron M (WB) however, says he is not in favor of something this restrictive. Ron H (WB) states that he looks forward to hearing from the maker.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) states that the world board is not offering a recommendation.

Motion 55: David M (RD South Florida)

To direct the World Board to make all future *Conference Agenda Reports* and *Conference Approval Track* material available to the NA Fellowship in audio format.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) stated that it's a struggle to get material out in PDF form. Ron M (WB) pointed out that there is free software that can convert PDF to audio now.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said that the WB recommends not to adopt.

Motion 56: Laura Z (RD New Jersey)

That the World Board members not be allowed to vote in the New Business portion of the World Service Conference.

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Mark H (WB) offered that, by definition the new business motions have not gone out for the Fellowship's conscience. WB members have been trusted with the responsibility of offering leadership and that includes here at the conference. Craig R (WB Chair) said he felt that participating in the decision-making process is part of the partnership between the delegates and the World Board.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said that the WB recommends not to adopt.

Motion 58: Bob B (RD Western New York)

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan to create a policy that allows proxy voting at the WSC via email or postal service.

Ron H (WB) says that he believes the intent is flawed because a vote falls short of a full regional conscience. Craig R (WB Chair) said that he agrees that the principle of this motion has value and wants to acknowledge this. The board will take this input into consideration.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said that the WB recommends not to adopt.

Motion 60: Sisko H (RD Sweden)

To include in the WSC agenda one small group session, facilitated by delegates, where delegates discuss topics of particular concern in their respective regions in order to enhance understanding, communication, and a feeling of unity.

Mark H (WB) thinks this is a fantastic idea but there are other ways to present the idea beyond motions; motions limit options. Other board members said they liked the idea but were concerned about the time limits and the extra work.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) states that the world board is not offering a recommendation.

Motion 71: Martin G (RD Uruguay)

That NAWS study the possibility of investing in resources needed so that the material from the WPIFs for candidates for the WB, HRP, and Co-facilitators can be made available prior to the Conference in the languages of all regions seated in the conference.

Board members expressed some support for the idea but expressed concerns about confidentiality and whether we have the resources to do this.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said the board recommends that this motion be committed.

Motion 73: Bob B (RD Western New York)

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan to establish a process/policy that allows all established NA regions, either non-seated or seated, to participate in the decision making at the WSC as it relates to the CAR and CAT issues.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) brought up the point that this is similar to an earlier motion that the board took as input.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said the board recommends that this motion be committed.

Motion 74: David M (RD Western New York)

That the Human Resource Panel add the following policy: The HRP will send a confidential signed letter to candidates who will not make the list of nominees at the WSC. This letter will include some, not all, reasons why the candidate was not nominated and/or suggestions as to how the candidate might improve their next profile.

Tonia N (WB) said if we give out information it potentially compromises the privacy of the candidate's references. Mary B (WB) said we need to trust the current HRP process.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said that the WB recommends not to adopt.

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Motion 78: Ed B (RD Mid-Atlantic)

To modify the A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous, Addendum D, Section 1, to add Section H, (Adoptions of Motions) Item 5 to read: All CAR motions not carried by unanimous consent will be voted using a roll call vote.

Mark H (WB) stated that the best way to address this issue is simply to report how you voted on each motion to your region.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said that the WB recommends not to adopt.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Motion 47: Jack H (RD Washington/N. Idaho)

To make Chapters Five through Thirteen of the Public Relations Handbook adaptable and revisable with World Board approval.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said that the WB recommends to adopt.

Motion 59: Belinda H (RD Volunteer Region)

To approve the old Public Information Handbook for publication and distribution to the Fellowship.

Ron M (WB) shared that the PI Handbook was included in the development process of the PRHB; Craig R (WB Chair) said it would be better to fix any problems with the PRHB, if necessary.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said that the WB recommends not to adopt.

BASIC TEXT

Motion 57: Elliot L (RD ABCD)

To direct the World Board to electronically or professionally translate the Basic Text Sixth Edition approval form into every language which has a Basic Text, and to give those translations to the various translation committees for their editing and approval. And to direct the World Board to champion the cause of helping the translation committees accomplish the vision of having a Basic Text Sixth Edition in every language by the WSC 2010 or 2012.

Anthony (NAWS ED) explained our translation process. The challenge with translations is that we rely on local available resources. We cannot assure that this would get done. Tom McC (WB) reminded us that we also must consider that LTCs have their own work. It may be unwise to place this expectation on them.

Jim B (WB V-Chair) said that the WB recommends not to adopt.

ZONAL FORUM REPORTS

8:55 – 10:18 pm

Session led by Craig (WB Chair)

Following are highlights from the zonal reports.

ASIA PACIFIC FORUM

The APF gave part of their report in Hindi. There are over 30 languages in the zone. The NA communities included in the APF were identified, noting that Iran has recently joined them. Iran publishes an NA newsletter that circulates 450,000 copies per issue. They are committed to self-support and funded communities to attend the forum in Malaysia this year.

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AUTONOMY FORUM

The Autonomy Zone includes six regions. They meet twice per year on a rotating basis. Eastern PA continues to function as a region and the zonal forum supports them in their efforts to become seated. They have successfully compiled a multi-regional meeting list, but each region maintains its own websites. All regions have discussed IDTs.

CANADIAN ASSEMBLY

CANA includes six regions. They meet once per year and by conference call once per year. This cycle they made an effort to coordinate PR activities with local NA communities and NAWS. They recently adopted a vision statement. This has been a unifying force for CANA. In 2006, several areas implemented the APT with NAWS, identifying several areas for improvement, resulting in the development of a strategic plan.

EUROPEAN DELEGATES MEETING

The EDM's mission statement was reviewed. The EDM includes 29 regions, representing 21 languages and more than 3,000 weekly meetings. The EDM has invited South Africa to participate in their zonal forum. They meet twice a year in winter and summer during their convention. Fellowship Development is a primary activity, including "sponsorship" for emerging communities by neighboring ones that are more established.

LATIN AMERICAN ZONAL FORUM

This zone has two meetings per year. The LAZF has several workgroups including one for translations. They have a publication called Latinas, which circulates to all of the Latin American NA communities. They continue to focus on PI and H&I work. Thanks to NAWS who helped for a few years, we are now fully self-supporting. NAWS has helped emerging communities like Bolivia and places in Central America, but we are now helping them, too.

MIDWEST ZONAL FORUM

The MWZF originally got together as a caucus in the early 80s and have been consensus based since the beginning. Initially they provided no services, just shared information. Now they have evolved to having their two-year cycle planned including ZF facilitated workshops in conjunction with local events.

PLAINS STATES ZONAL FORUM

PSZF formed with the idea that the zones would become a part of the service structure. They are primarily rural communities. They have become a training ground for their RDs and RDAs. They meet on a rotating basis, three times a year. Their recent focus has been reaching out to Native American population.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ZONAL FORUM

This zone includes many rural communities, so they are always working to start and keep meetings going in small, remote communities. Their newest region is Southern Idaho. CO Region has an addiction behavior symposium.

SOUTHEASTERN ZONAL FORUM

SEZF includes six regions. They meet twice a year and have workshopped the IDTs. They have a newly created website at www.sezf.org.

SOUTHERN ZONAL FORUM

SZF began in 1992; the zone includes ten regions. They have discussed a variety of service-related topics and want to share information with other regions. They have created a banner

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and a journal to pass around to promote unity to close the gap between large cities, towns, and rural areas. They have decided to send this banner and journal to South Africa. South Africa Region was so touched by this gift that they reciprocated and presented a similar banner that was passed around in South Africa.

WESTERN STATES ZONAL FORUM

The WSZF uses consensus-based decision making; their zone includes twelve regions. They have been discussing insurance, incorporation, taxation, common needs, and NA youth committees.

Friday, 2 May

PUBLIC RELATIONS

9:28 – 10:58 am

Session led by Ron M (WB), Ron B (WB), and Jane Nickels (NAWS PR manager)

INTRODUCTION

Ron M introduced Ron B and Jane, and presented the goals of the session. He indicated we will be continuing the discussion of who is missing from our meetings, reviewing the membership survey results, and sharing about professional and cooperative PR events that took place this cycle.

Public Relations Statement

The Narcotics Anonymous message is “that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live.” Our relations with the public enable us to share this message broadly so that those who might benefit from our program of recovery can find us. We perform public relations service to increase the awareness and credibility of the NA program. We share our message openly with the public at large, with prospective members, and with professionals. Maintaining an open, attractive attitude in these efforts helps us to create and improve relationships with those outside the fellowship.

Establishing and maintaining a commitment to these relationships can help us to further our primary purpose. The spiritual principles of our steps, traditions, and concepts guide us in pursuing our public relations aims and our efforts to enhance NA’s public image and reputation. These principles apply to our community and service efforts as well as to the personal behavior and attitude of individual NA members.

WHO’S MISSING AND WHY

1. PI and PR efforts are geared toward informing those who work with addicts about NA, providing presentations to share information about NA and giving the general public information through bus signs, poster campaigns, and PSAs.
2. Ron B described the PR focus group activity of August 2006 where NAWS brought experienced members together to brainstorm addenda for the *PRHB* and discuss ways to improve our public relations efforts. Ron B explained that “Who’s Missing” was one of the more difficult IDTs to workshop.
3. Overall, we were challenged with identifying missing addict populations and attracting them to NA. A stumbling block seemed to be a perception by many who thought that we are responsible to welcome addicts in meetings, but not to attract and identify missing

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addict populations. In workshops we also recognized that having multilingual literature may help create a welcoming attitude for those who show up at our meetings.



PROFESSIONAL EVENTS

Ron M explained that the purpose of our participation in professional events is to inform professionals about NA and cultivate professional relationships. We provide professionals with NA recovery literature resources, listen to their concerns about issues, dispel any misconceptions, and show them how to access NAWS website.

Ron M talked about the PR forums held at WCNA 32 in San Antonio, Texas. The purpose was to have members discuss with professionals cooperative avenues and challenges with relating to criminal justice and medical/treatment referrals. The possibility of having information about NA in medical schools' curriculum was discussed. If we can become part of the curriculum,

we would inform more physicians about the disease of addiction and possibly have increased numbers of potential members referred to NA. This may also help physicians see NA as a viable program of recovery.

There were 41 PR trips during the past cycle. Many were US events; however, we also formally presented information about NA at international conferences, contributing to our vision that NA has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery. A few of the events we attended were:

- International Congress on Addictions, Mexico City, Mexico/December 2006
- United Kingdom/European Symposium on Addictive Disorders, London, UK/May 2007
- International Council on Alcohol and Addictions in Stockholm, Sweden/June 2007
- International Society of Addiction Medicine, Cairo, Egypt/October 2007
- National Seminar for Therapy & Rehab – Jakarta, Indonesia/March 2008

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Ron B presented results from the 2007 Membership Survey, distributed at WCNA 32 and through *The NA Way* magazine. Additionally, members had the opportunity to complete the survey online or by mailing and faxing. There were 13,489 respondents. Ron reviewed the results, noting changes since the last survey in 2003.

- Age – more in 51-60 age group
- Average age 40.9 in 2003 vs. 42.8 in 2007
- Ethnicity – slight increase in African-American members
- Education level – indicates that we often come into recovery and go back to school
- Years drug-free – significant increase in members with over 20 years clean. Average years drug free – went from 7.4 to 9.09 years

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- Attendance at other Twelve-Step fellowships – 25% less are attending other fellowships
- Service commitments – increase in group service, lower number of those not holding any service positions
- Average NA meeting attendance – 3.5 meetings per week in 2003, 4.2 in 2007
- Employment– a surge in full-time employment with progressive years clean

COOPERATIVE EVENTS

Jane reviewed the cooperative events of the past cycle. She explained that creating and maintaining relationships with various professionals helps us to overcome many preconceived ideas about the NA Fellowship. Through these interactions especially with follow-up, professionals will come to realize that NA has long-term recovery, membership is all-inclusive and that professional, educated persons can recover in NA.

At WSC 2006, we announced that world services would like to partner with regions and zones for local events that primarily attract professionals from a specific geographic area. In this last cycle, we increased our participation in cooperative events more than 400%. We partnered with many local communities in the US and internationally in over forty cooperative events in the cycle. A few included:

- Central Atlantic International Community Corrections Association, Norfolk, VA October 2006
- United Arab Emirates Addictions Conference – Abu Dhabi, UAE March 2007, members from UAE, Egypt, and Bahrain coordinated this event
- Addictions Conference, Bellevue, WA May 2007
- College on Problems of Drug Dependence – Quebec, Canada June 2007
- International Addictions Conference, Medellin, Colombia July 2007

CONCLUSION/WRAP-UP

In the coming cycle, Jane said, we envision more practical application of the *PRHB* addenda, increased planning for conferences and events with a modified Area Planning Tool, and continued cooperative events. Then Ron B wrapped up the session, encouraging participants to use the *Public Relations Handbook* and other tools available. The session closed with a brief question-and-answer segment.

2008 – 2010 IDTs: OUR FREEDOM, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

11:28 am – 12:27 pm

Session led by Jim B (WB V-Chair) and Tonia N (WB)

Jim explained that one of the IDTs and the theme for the 2008–2010 conference cycle is *Our Freedom, Our Responsibility*, and this follows from last cycle's IDT *Our Service System*. Jim and Tonia discussed what responsibility means to them. Responsibility can be rephrased as “the ability to respond” to our own needs, to the needs of those around us, and to the needs of our fellowship.

Several members then shared examples of a personal freedom, ranging from learning to be a parent, to beginning to recover by practicing spiritual principles, to taking responsibility for finances and buying a home.

SMALL GROUP EXERCISE: CREATING FREEDOM

Half the tables were given materials to assemble and half the tables were given pre-assembled houses and no direction. Everyone was given ten minutes.

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The exercise was designed to illustrate the difference between attendance and participation: When we participate, we create. When we work with others we co-create to build a better fellowship. We are responsible for our own freedoms.

Tables were asked how they feel about their houses.

First, the tables that didn't have to build were asked for their input. Members shared they wanted to add decorations to make it their own, felt the need to maintain it and talked about how to improve it and create a sense of ownership. Another member shared that

his table didn't know what to do with it. They thought about helping our neighbors.

Next, the tables that had to build houses were asked for input. One table felt sad at first when they did not get a pre-made house. Then they began to build and were so excited that they didn't stop when we were told to stop. Another table shared that they came together because they knew they needed help.

The point may seem an obvious one—we value what we are responsible for creating. When we are responsible for creating the freedoms we have, we cherish them, and in doing so we strengthen them for ourselves and for those we pass them onto.

SMALL GROUP EXERCISE: OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Each table answered the following questions and prioritized the results. (Complete summary of responses are found in Appendix F.)

Question 1: How do I exercise my sense of responsibility in NA? Answers included:

- Fulfill commitments
- Carry message to newcomers
- Encourage friends and sponsees to do service
- Put money in the basket
- Strengthen personal recovery
- Ask for help

Question 2: How can we help inspire others to become willing to share that responsibility? Answers included:

- Practice spiritual principles in service
- Show appreciation
- Carry a clear message
- Make service fun
- Stay involved
- Exercise our own responsibility to inspire others

WRAP-UP

Jim B (WB V-Chair) shared thoughts about freedom and responsibility as it relates to what we do in NA. He reminded everyone that this is a grassroots fellowship; we all have a stake in it. We don't just take what we want, but we get involved. Tonia shared in closing that responsibility takes us to joy and freedom. (See Appendix G for the 2008–2010 IDT questions on Our Freedom, Our Responsibility.)

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS

2:23 – 6:24 pm (dinner break at 6:25) and 8:17 pm – 1:15 am
Session led by Jimi S (WSC CF)

BUDGET /PROJECT STRAW POLLS

The project plans proposed for 2008–2010 are:

Motion 28: World Board

To approve the Business Plan Workgroup project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Straw Poll: Very strong support

Motion 29: World Board

To approve the Consensus-Based Decision Making at the WSC project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget. If the proposed changes to *A Guide to World Services in NA* concerning decision making are adopted, this project plan will be removed from the work list and budget.

There has been an amendment proposed, which would be motion 79.

Motion 79: Rick W (AD Mountaineer)

To strike the second sentence of Motion 29 and to add the sentence “The project plan will include a creation of a CBDM workgroup.”

Rick W (AD Mountaineer) would like to see a workgroup that addressed consensus-based decision making.

Craig R (WB Chair) stated that any project plan would need a scope and purpose, this motion lacks that. We would need further direction from you. We believe that the current system with the new rules is an acceptable way to do business at the conference. The board would recommend not to adopt. He also reiterated the point that if Motion 22 passes, we will not be offering Motion 29.

Straw poll on the amendment: Strong opposition.

Motion 22: World Board

To adopt the proposed language for the following sections of *A Guide to World Services in NA*: The World Service Conference, The Meeting of the World Service Conference, Consensus-Based Decision Making, and The Work Cycle between Conferences as a replacement and revision to current language.

Intent: To update these sections of *GWSNA* to better reflect current practices.

Straw poll on Motion 22: Strong support.

Based on the strong support of Motion 22, there is no need for further discussion on Motion 29.

Motion 30: World Board

To approve the Fellowship Issue Discussions project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Straw poll on Motion 30: Unanimous support

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Motion 31: World Board

To approve the Public Relations project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Straw poll on Motion 31: Unanimous support

Motion 32: World Board

To approve the Service System project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Straw poll on Motion 30: Unanimous support

Motion 63: David M (RD South Florida)

Amend motion 33 by adding language. The revised motion would read: To approve the Targeted Literature project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget. To approve all targeted literature project plans except those that express opinions regarding the use of prescribed medication or drugs of any kind by our members or potential members for the inclusion in the 2008–2010 NAWS Inc., budget.

Intent: To keep the focus of any future literature projects that touch on the topic of medication confined to our members' experience rather than the expression of an opinion.

David M (RD South Florida) shared that his personal experience with medication and health issues in recovery supports the idea that NA offers experience, strength, and hope that precludes the need to take mind-altering medication. I do not want to see our literature support the idea that members should seek prescribed medication in place of the support that the NA program can offer. Further I do not support any revision to *In Times of Illness*. Any suggestion for changes to that resource should come from the fellowship.

Straw poll on motion 63: Strong opposition.

Motion 33: World Board

To approve the Targeted Literature project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Straw poll on motion 33: Strong support.

Motion 50: David M (RD South Florida)

To direct the World Board not to revise the booklet *In Times of Illness*

Intent: Motions to revise the fellowship approved literature should come from the Fellowship not the World Board!

Straw poll on Motion 50: Strong opposition.

Motion 34: World Board

To approve the Workshops project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Dale W (RD Ohio) asked how many worldwide workshops would be included in this project plan.

Anthony E (NAWS ED) responded that this project plan included 6 workshops, but an additional number of NAWS workshops could be held throughout the cycle, including funded events.

Straw poll on Motion 34: Unanimous support

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Motion 35: World Board

To approve the *Living Clean – the Journey Continues* project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

There was discussion both for and against this motion, including the points below:

Bob G (RD Florida) spoke in support of the motion. Back in 1980 there was an idea to have a book called *Living Clean*. There was always an idea that a follow-up book to the Basic Text would be written. In 1984 the project was again revisited. Our fellowship is ready for this resource.

DW (RD San Diego Imperial) said that his region feels there is enough NA literature already.

Karyn W (AD Show Me) stated that her region wondered why we couldn't just do a book of personal stories. There is an overwhelming concern that this new book might resemble the sponsorship book. If this project moves forward, we should remember the lessons learned.

Tom McC (WB) shared that he understands the challenge with digesting all of the information in the CAT. There is a lot of passion behind this idea. Last night there was a sense that the conference did not support this project, now I am getting a different sense. Remember this project isn't just about retaining old timers it would be for everyone in recovery.

Straw poll on Motion 35: Strong support.

Motion 36: World Board

To approve the Leadership Orientation Material project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Straw poll on Motion 36: Unanimous support.

Motion 37: World Board

To approve the Service Material project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Craig R (WB Chair) clarified that this project is for handbooks.

Straw poll on Motion 37: Unanimous support.

Motion 38: World Board

To adopt the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Straw poll on motion 38: Strong support.

SEATING-RELATED MOTIONS

Motion 15: World Board

To recognize Egypt as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Straw poll on motion 15: Very strong support.

Motion 16: World Board

To recognize El Salvador as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Straw poll on motion 16: Very strong support.

Motion 17: World Board

To recognize Nepal as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Straw poll on motion 17: Very strong support.

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Motion 18: World Board

To recognize Nicaragua as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Straw poll on motion 18: Very strong support.

Motion 19: World Board

To recognize Poland as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Straw poll on motion 19: Very strong support.

Motion 61: Elliot L (RD ABCD)

To recognize North Carolina as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Intent: To seat a region which has met and fulfilled the seating criteria of the WSC for two consecutive cycles.

Elliot L (RD ABCD) said that North Carolina did everything we asked them to do and we need to let them know they are one of us.

Donald L (RD Carolina) said that he is speaking for an unseated region and it is a challenge when his region's conscience conflicts with the other region he speaks for. These unseated regions have waited patiently for seating, he said.

Mark H (WB) stated that at some point our size will become a substantial liability. It is important that we make space for representation from different cultures from around the globe, he said, and this is why he does not support seating regions that resulted from regional splits.

Among other points raised were the desire for an option like non-voting WSC participants, the fact that North Carolina has 400 meetings, the desire for diversity, and the fact that there are 67 seated US regions, the need to stop seating while we examine criteria, the need to have faith in a Higher Power that there will continue to be space for everyone, the fact that there are unseated regions who have their conscience carried by other seated regions, and whether zonal seating is a better approach.

Straw poll on Motion 61: Moderate support.

Motion 62: Elliot L (RD ABCD)

To recognize Southern Brazil as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Intent: To seat a region which has met and fulfilled the seating criteria of the WSC.

Jose M (AD Brazil) said he doesn't believe Southern Brazil is a regional split, we were constructively divided. There are 10 areas and over 140 groups in Southern Brazil. We want them to be seated and participate. He also wants to express concern regarding the growth of the fellowship and the size of the conference body. This all goes back to Resolution A, Jose said.

Ron H (WB) stated that his feeling on the moratorium is that we don't want to do this every conference. These regions are caught in the middle of the process but at some point the uncontrolled growth of the conference needs to be addressed.

Other points raised included regional growth after WSC seating, benefits to a region from conference participation, and the need to look at regional reunification or shared representation.

Straw poll on Motion 62: Majority support.

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Motion 67: Earl W (RD Greater Philadelphia)

To recognize Eastern Pennsylvania (EPARNA) as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of the WSC 2008.

Intent: To include a voice which will enhance the already diverse voice of the WSC. Through our experienced membership and our growth in a rural area we offer that experience to other regions in isolated areas all over the world.

Matt S (AD Northern California) considering the responsibility of service discussion we had this morning. I believe that by seating these regions we would be abdicating our responsibility to future regions

Elizabeth B (AD UK) we researched this issue prior to the conference. This region identified the fact that they missed the deadline. We also question their need to split.

Sherry V (RD Central Atlantic) E. PA attended WSC '06 and also sends donations to NAWs. Regional splits are not just about geography it's about service delivery efforts. My hope is that we would seat those regions who met the criteria for seating.

Diego M (RD Costa Rica) the solution to the situation is to find a new way to deal with seating regions at the conference. I hope we continue to grow. I am in favor that the US keeps growing but against the conference having more US votes.

Straw poll on motion 67: Majority opposition.

Motion 20: World Board

To place a moratorium on the current Criteria for Recognition of New Conference Participants from A Guide to World Services in NA until WSC 2012. The World Board would continue to make recommendations to the conference in 2010 and 2012 concerning regions that did not result from a division of a conference seated community.

Intent: To allow two conference cycles for discussion and creation of a new seating policy for the World Service Conference.

Tom McC (WB) mentioned that the spirit and intent of the seating policy is not being met. When the 2006 WSC chose not to seat regions we believed we needed to look again at the criteria.

Craig R (WB Chair) stated that it is not our intention to offer a recommendation; it's too soon to make a definitive statement for the next conference. We saw this as an opportunity to stop and have a full discussion about the issue.

Other points of debate included the role of technology in the future of WSC, whether regions should fund delegates, and how to deal with growth and diversity.

Straw poll on Motion 20: Majority support.

OTHER POLICY-RELATED MOTIONS

[Note: the proposed language referred to in motions 21–38 is found in the 2008 Conference Approval Track materials.]

Motion 21: World Board

To adopt the proposed Human Resource Panel External Guidelines and the proposed World Pool Policy as a replacement for the existing External Guidelines for the World Pool and the Human Resource Panel in A Guide to World Services in NA.

Intent: To update these sections of GWSNA to better reflect current practices.

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Greg S (HRP) responded to a question about the maximum number of nominees per position by explaining that the fewer nominees we place on the ballot, the more likely the conference is to elect any nominees.

Straw poll on Motion 21: Strong support.

Motion 24: World Board

To adopt the proposed language for the WSC Rules of Order as a replacement to the existing language in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Intent: To update this section of *GWSNA* to simplify the rules and better reflect current practices.

Straw poll on Motion 24: Unanimous support.

Motion 25: World Board

To adopt the proposed language for the NA World Services, Inc. Annual Report and The Conference Report as a replacement for the existing language for these sections and the Quarterly Report section in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Intent: To update these sections of *GWSNA* to better reflect current practices.

Straw poll on Motion 25: Unanimous support.

Motion 26 was introduced, but discussion was postponed until after the dinner break.

Motion 27: World Board

To adopt the proposed language and map for the World Convention Rotation Plan as a replacement to the existing language in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Intent: To extend the current rotation policy, and adjust the zonal boundaries for the World Convention through 2027.

Straw poll on Motion 27: Strong support.

Motion 23: World Board

To adopt the proposed Approval Processes for NA Material as a replacement for the current section for Approval Process for Service Material and amend the Approval Process for Recovery Literature in *A Guide to World Services in NA*. The proposed language was included in the CAT material except for the following passage which was offered as a friendly amendment to read “Before approval and distribution, Service Pamphlets will be sent out to conference participants for a 90-day review and input. Service tools, PR material, bulletins and other material will continue to be developed and approved by the World Board.”

Intent: To create a new section for *GWSNA* that reflects current practice and creates policy for the approval of service material by the World Board adopted at WSC 2006.

Craig R (WB Chair) explained that the term delegate was removed from the draft shown last night so that it was clear that alternates were also a part of this review and input process. He also said that the board would be responsive if a large percentage of delegates requested more time.

Anthony (NAWS ED) clarified that the “other material” is deliberately open-ended to enable flexibility.

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Craig R (WB Chair) explained the goal is to provide an opportunity for people to provide input. We would factor in the input that would improve the resource and then release it.

Straw poll on Motion 23 with friendly amendment: Overwhelming support.

Motion 64: David M (RD South Florida)

Amend Motion 23 by inserting into the WB Approved Section on page 50 in the 3rd paragraph of the CAT. The paragraph as revised would read:

All service related informational pamphlets, whether Conference Approved or World Board Approved, are easily distinguishable from recovery pamphlets by their appearance and should be used by members, groups, and service committees as a resource rather than being read in an NA meeting. The World Board has long been able to approve bulletins, but these bulletins only had limited distribution to those who knew that they were available. Any such material shall 1st be posted on the Conference participant Bulletin board, password protected for 90 days that RD's and World Board members have access to. The drafts with any revisions would then be sent out to the fellowship for an additional 90 days for review and input. This approval process would also apply to any Public Relations Addenda Material and Revisions. The advantage of this approval process for informational pamphlets is that material is made readily available, and can be easily changed or pulled from inventory if there are concerns.

Intent: To give Regional Delegates, RSCs, and the Fellowship a chance to give input on proposed literature projects by the World Board.

Straw poll on Motion 64: Overwhelming opposition.

Motion 26: World Board

To adopt the proposed language for the World Service Translation Policy as a replacement to the existing language in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Intent: To revise this section of GWSNA, upon adoption of the Sixth Edition Basic Text, with a new policy for personal stories.

Jimi S (WSC CF) called first for a straw poll of non-English speaking regions.

Straw poll on Motion 26: Unanimous support from non English speaking regions.

Straw poll on motion 26: Unanimous support.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS-RELATED MOTIONS

Motion 71: Martin G (RD Uruguay)

That NAWS study the possibility of investing in resources needed so that the material from the WPIFs for candidates for the WB, HRP, and Co-facilitators can be made available prior to the Conference in the languages of all regions seated in the conference.

Intent: Those RDs who cannot read English count on all the details to make an informed decision. It is important to vote on candidates consciously, keeping in mind our 9th Concept that reads: "All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes. When making a decision, our groups, service boards, and committees should actively seek out all available viewpoints. An effective group conscience is a fully informed group conscience."

Martin (RD Uruguay) shared that his region had a problem with the translation of the wording of the motions; we understand the difficulty this brings to the conference. We want the candidate

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profiles at the same time the English versions are available. We would like the HRP to take this into consideration.

Straw poll on Motion 71: Strong support.

Jimi S (WSC CF) asked the motion maker if he would be willing to commit this motion to the World Board as opposed to having a formal vote in the actual business session.

Martin (RD Uruguay) replied yes.

Motion 74: David M (RD Greater New York)

That the Human Resource Panel add the following policy: The HRP will send a confidential signed letter to candidates who will not make the list of nominees at the WSC. This letter will include some, not all, reasons why the candidate was not nominated and/or suggestions as to how the candidate might improve their next profile.

Intent: To allow Narcotics Anonymous trusted servants to participate in a process of self-examination and improvement in all their affairs.

Straw poll on Motion 74: Very strong opposition.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS

Motion 39: Mike T (RD Michigan)

To instruct the World Board to create a project plan for updating the video Public Service Announcements and hopefully complete them by WSC 2010.

Intent: To have relevant tools to use within our PR & PI committees.

Straw poll on Motion 39: Unanimous support.

Motion 51: David M (RD South Florida)

To direct the World Board to not remove Bulletin #29 “Regarding Methadone and Other Drug Replacement Programs” from the NAWS Website when the new construction takes place.

Intent: To ensure that the fundamental philosophy that Narcotics Anonymous is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs can't be misinterpreted.

Straw poll on Motion 51: No clear consensus.

Motion 52: David M RD South Florida)

To direct the World Board to remove from the NAWS website the language “use of psychiatric medication and other medically indicated drugs prescribed by a physician and taken under medical supervision is not seen as compromising a person’s recovery in NA” as posted at <http://www.na.org/basic.htm> program. This also includes the paper format considered addenda material.

Intent: 10th Tradition violation. Expresses an opinion on an outside issue.

Straw poll on Motion 52: Strong opposition.

Motion 53: David M (RD South Florida)

To direct the World Board to discontinue the distribution of the service IP titled “NA Groups & Medication”

Intent: 10th tradition violation. Expresses an opinion on an outside issue.

Straw poll on Motion 53: Unanimous opposition.

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Motion 65: David M (RD South Florida)

To amend the pamphlet NA Groups and Medication by removing the following language from the section “Service and the Use of Medication”: “not whether a member is taking medication” and “regardless of whether that member is taking medication.”

The revised sentences would read as follows:

Groups should exercise judgment in deciding if a member is able to perform the task associated with the service position, ~~not whether a member is taking medication~~. If a member seems acutely unstable, he or she would be unsuitable for a service position, ~~regardless of whether that member is taking medication~~.

Intent: 10th Tradition violation.

Straw poll on Motion 65: Strong opposition.

Motion 46: Dwayne B (RD Northern New Jersey)

That the World Board refrain from offering specific voting actions on regional motions published in the CAR.

Intent: To require members to read the World Board recommendation in order to gain an understanding of the board’s support (or lack of support) for regional motions.

Bobby S (AD Northern New Jersey) and Jimi S (WSC CF) clarified that the motion simply seeks to eliminate the one sentence-recommendation from the CAR, and keep the rest of the board text on regional motions.

Straw poll on Motion 46: Strong opposition.

Motion 56: Laura Z (RD New Jersey)

That the World Board members not be allowed to vote in the New Business portion of the World Service Conference

Intent: To be more reflective of the Fellowship conscience and not to have a duplication of the conscience.

Straw poll on Motion 56: Strong opposition.

Motion 54: David M (RD South Florida)

To direct the WB to include in the CAT the actual language of all motions that will be made by the World Board relative to the material contained in the CAT (example: project plans, budget, regional seating, etc.). Ex. Motion list 1.

Intent: Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.

Straw poll on Motion 54 as amended: No clear consensus.

Jimi S (WS CF) asked that, for the record, the WB give their recommendation

Craig R (WB Chair) stated that the WB had no recommendation.

Motion 55: David M (RD South Florida)

To direct the World Board to make all future *Conference Agenda Reports and Conference Approval Track* material available to the NA Fellowship in audio format.

Intent: Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.

Straw poll on motion 55: Very strong opposition.

Motion 58: Bob B (RD Western New York)

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan to create a policy that allows proxy voting at the WSC via email or postal service for seated regions.

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Intent: to allow a full voice of the conference participants to be heard when unable to attend.

Straw poll on motion 58: Strong opposition.

Motion 73: Bob B (RD Western New York)

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan to establish a process/policy that allows all established NA regions, either non-seated or seated, to participate in the decision making at the WSC as it relates to the CAR and CAT issues.

Intent: To allow participation at the WSC for all established regions.

Straw poll on motion 73: Strong opposition.

Motion 60: Sisko H (RD Sweden)

To include in the WSC agenda one small group session, facilitated by delegates, where delegates discuss topics of particular concern in their respective regions in order to enhance understanding, communication, and a feeling of unity.

Intent: To increase the awareness in delegates that we are resources for each other and also serve as a starting point for discussions between conferences.

Craig (WB Chair) shared that he spoke with Sisko and expressed the board's willingness to make this happen.

Jimi S (WSC CF) suggested committing the motion to the board.

Straw poll on committing to the WB: Unanimous support.

Straw poll on the actual Motion 60: Strong support.

Motion 78: Ed B (RD Mid-Atlantic)

To modify the *A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous*, Addendum D, Section 1, to add Section H, (Adoptions of Motions) Item 5 to read: All CAR motions not carried by unanimous consent will be voted using a roll call vote.

Intent: Concept #5. For each responsibility assigned to the service structure a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined. When we give our trusted servants responsibility for a particular service task, we hold them accountable for the authority we've delegated them. We expect them to remain accessible, consistency providing us with reports of their progress and consulting with us about their responsibilities.

Straw poll on Motion 78: Overwhelming opposition.

Motion 47: Jack H (RD Washington/Northern Idaho)

To make Chapters Five through Thirteen of the *Public Relations Handbook* adaptable and revisable with World Board approval.

Intent: Motion 6 from the 2006 WSC made Chapters Ten through Thirteen (Internet Technology, Event Planning, Fellowship Development, Government Relations) adaptable and revisable with World Board approval. Under current policy, Chapters Five through Nine (Media, Criminal Justice, Treatment, Healthcare, Phonelines) cannot be promptly updated. Since Chapters One through Four are philosophical and foundational and should rarely if ever require updating, and Chapters Five through Thirteen are specific and will sometimes require updating to better serve our members, Chapters Five through Nine should have the same revisable status as Chapters Ten through Thirteen.

Straw poll on Motion 47: Strong support from this body.

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Motion 59: Belinda H (RD Volunteer)

To approve *A Guide to Public Information* for publication and distribution to the Fellowship.

Intent: 1) The *Public Relations Handbook* is written beyond the 8th grade level and hard for most addicts to understand. 2) It promotes affiliation with outside entities. 3) 6th chapter opens the doors for the courts. 4) Region wants to be able to use the old resource instead of *Public Relations Handbook*

Craig R (WB Chair) Clarified that *A Guide to Public Information* was a draft that was never approved.

Lynn S (AD Volunteer) would like to amend the motion to read "To approve *Public Information Handbook* for publication and distribution to the Fellowship."

Straw poll on Motion 59 as amended: Very strong opposition.

Motion 76: Rick W (RD Region 51)

That the World Board hold common needs workshops only at WCNA-33.

Intent: To have these workshops and not events.

Rick W said that this motion is based on the issue discussed at WSC 2006; he was under the impression we would revisit the issue after WCNA 32.

Jimi S (WSC CF) clarified that the point of the motion is to not have a common needs dance.

Straw poll on Motion 76: Unanimous opposition.

Motion 57: Elliott L (RD ABCD)

To direct the World Board to electronically or professionally translate the Basic Text Sixth Edition approval form into every language which has a Basic Text, and to give those translations to the various translation committees for their editing and approval. And to direct the World Board to champion the cause of helping the translation committees accomplish the vision of having a Basic Text Sixth Edition in every language by the WSC 2010 or 2012.

Intent: The Basic Text with stories is only translated into 5 languages. Certainly we didn't create the Sixth Edition only for the English speaking regions. We must take a proactive approach to narrow the difference between the English speaking regions and the rest of the world. The *March Conference Report* states "while we hope that different choices will be made with the possible Sixth Edition. The reality is that there is a big difference between our vision of what these books would become and what has actually happened." What can we do besides hope & pray to help NA have a universal Basic Text translated so that every addict can experience having a complete Basic Text in their own language.

Elliott L (RD ABCD) would like to amend the motion to remove the entire 2nd section. He shared that his homegroup members have been waiting 20 years to get personal stories in Spanish.

Ron H (WB) stated that, as a WB member, he gets a lot of opportunities to interact with non English NA communities and they appreciate our concern for the availability of literature. But they prefer to do their own translations.

Jimi (WSC CF) asked the motion maker if he would be agreeable to an amendment removing the word "electronically".

Elliott L (RD ABCD) said that he is agreeable to anything that gets the job done

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Anthony E (NAWS ED) stated that we do not need conference action to do what we already do. We have a professional Spanish translator.

Straw poll on Motion 57: Strong opposition from this body.

Roll call #4 was conducted (See Appendix A), showing 116 participants present (101 regions) 78 represents a 2/3 majority, 59 represents a simple majority.

NEW BUSINESS DECISIONS

Motion 15: It was M/C World Board

To recognize Egypt as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 16: It was M/C World Board

To recognize El Salvador as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 17: It was M/C World Board

To recognize Nepal as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 18: It was M/C World Board

To recognize Nicaragua as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 19: It was M/C World Board

To recognize Poland as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 20: It was M/C World Board

To place a moratorium on the current Criteria for Recognition of New Conference Participants from *A Guide to World Services in NA* until WSC 2012. The World Board would continue to make recommendations to the conference in 2010 and 2012 concerning regions that did not result from a division of a conference seated community.

Intent: To allow two conference cycles for discussion and creation of a new seating policy for the World Service Conference.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

[Note: the proposed language referred to in motions 21–38 is found in the 2008 Conference Approval Track materials.]

Motion 21: It was M/C World Board

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To adopt the proposed Human Resource Panel External Guidelines and the proposed World Pool Policy as a replacement for the existing External Guidelines for the World Pool and the Human Resource Panel in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Intent: To update these sections of GWSNA to better reflect current practices.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 22: It was M/C World Board

To adopt the proposed language for the following sections of *A Guide to World Services in NA*: The World Service Conference, The Meeting of the World Service Conference, Consensus-Based Decision Making, and The Work Cycle between Conferences as a replacement and revision to current language.

Intent: To update these sections of GWSNA to better reflect current practices.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 23: It was M/C World Board

To adopt the proposed Approval Processes for NA Material as a replacement for the current section for Approval Process for Service Material and amend the Approval Process for Recovery Literature in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Note: The proposed language appears in the Conference Approval Track material except for the paragraph from the "World Board Approved" section which was amended without objection to read as follows:

All service related informational pamphlets, whether Conference Approved or World Board Approved, are easily distinguishable from recovery pamphlets by their appearance and should be used by members, groups, and service committees as a resource rather than being read in an NA Meeting. Before approval and distribution, Service Pamphlets will be sent out to conference participants for a 90-day review and input. Service tools, PR material, bulletins, and other material will continue to be developed and approved by the World Board. The World Board has long been able to approve bulletins but these bulletins only had limited distribution to those who knew that they were available. The advantage of this approval process for informational pamphlets is that material is made readily available, and can be easily changed or pulled from inventory if there are concerns.

Intent: To create a new section for GWSNA that reflects current practice and creates policy for the approval of service material by the World Board adopted at WSC 2006.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 24: It was M/C World Board

To adopt the proposed language for the WSC Rules of Order as a replacement to the existing language in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Intent: To update this section of GWSNA to simplify the rules and better reflect current practices.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion 25: It was M/C World Board

To adopt the proposed language for the *NA World Services, Inc. Annual Report* and The Conference Report as a replacement for the existing language for these sections and the Quarterly Report section in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

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Intent: To update these sections of *GWSNA* to better reflect current practices.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion 26: It was M/C World Board

To adopt the proposed language for the World Service Translation Policy as a replacement to the existing language in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Intent: To revise this section of *GWSNA*, upon adoption of the Sixth Edition Basic Text, with a new policy for personal stories.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion 27: It was M/C World Board

To adopt the proposed language and map for the World Convention Rotation Plan as a replacement to the existing language in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Intent: To extend the current rotation policy, and adjust the zonal boundaries for the World Convention through 2027.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 28: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Business Plan Workgroup project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion 30: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Fellowship Issue Discussions project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion 31: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Public Relations project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 32: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Service System project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion 33: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Targeted Literature project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 34: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Workshops project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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Motion 35: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Living Clean – the Journey Continues project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion 36: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Leadership Orientation Material project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion 37: It was M/C World Board

To approve the Service Material project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion 38: It was M/C World Board

To adopt the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 61: It was M/S/C Elliot L (RD ABCD) / Ed B (RD Mid-Atlantic)

To recognize North Carolina as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Intent: To seat a region which has met and fulfilled the seating criteria of the WSC for 2 consecutive cycles.

Action: Motion carried by roll call vote (78 in favor/35 opposed/2 abstaining/1 present, not voting). (See Appendix A).

Motion 62: It was M/S/C Elliot L (RD ABCD) / Rick W (RD Region 51)

To recognize Southern Brazil as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Intent: To seat a region which has met and fulfilled the seating criteria of the WSC.

Action: Motion carried by standing vote (94 in favor/17 opposed/2 abstaining/2 present, not voting).

Motion 74: It was M/S/F David M (RD Greater New York) / Laura Z (RD New Jersey)

That the Human Resource Panel add the following policy: The HRP will send a confidential signed letter to candidates who will not make the list of nominees at the WSC. This letter will include some, not all, reasons why the candidate was not nominated and/or suggestions as to how the candidate might improve their next profile.

Intent: To allow Narcotics Anonymous trusted servants to participate in a process of self-examination and improvement in all their affairs.

Action: Motion failed by voice vote.

Motion 46: It was M/S/F Dwayne B (RD Northern New Jersey) / Gail D (RD Northern New York)

That the World Board refrain from offering specific voting actions on regional motions published in the CAR.

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Intent: To require members to read the World Board recommendation in order to gain an understanding of the board's support (or lack of support) for regional motions.

Action: Motion failed by voice vote.

Motion 67: It was M/S/F Earl W (RD Greater Philadelphia) / Reesheemah P (RD Chesapeake & Potomac)

To recognize Eastern Pennsylvania (EPARNA) as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of the WSC 2008.

Intent: To include a voice which will enhance the already diverse voice of the WSC. Through our experienced membership and our growth in a rural area we offer that experience to other regions in isolated areas all over the world.

Action: Motion failed by standing vote (29 in favor/78 opposed/4 abstaining/5 present, not voting).

Motion 39: It was M/S/Committed Mike T (RD Michigan) / Joseph Y (RD Greater Illinois)

To encourage the World Board to update the Public Service Announcements as soon as possible.

Intent: To have relevant tools to use within our PR & PI committees.

Action: Motion committed to World Board by unanimous consent.

Motion 54: It was M/S/F David M (RD South Florida) / Cooper B (RD Mountaineer)

To direct the World Board to include in the CAT the actual language of all motions they plan to make relative to the material contained in the CAT (example: project plans, budget, regional seating, etc.).

Intent: Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.

Action: Motion failed by standing vote (48 in favor/52 opposed/8 abstaining/6 present, not voting).

Motion 52: It was M/S/F David M (RD South Florida) Natalia (RD Western Russia)

To direct the World Board to remove from the NAWS website the language "use of psychiatric medication and other medically indicated drugs prescribed by a physician and taken under medical supervision is not seen as compromising a person's recovery in NA" as posted at <http://www.na.org/basic.htm> program. This also includes the paper format considered addenda material.

Intent: 10th Tradition violation. Expresses an opinion on an outside issue.

Action: Motion failed by voice vote.

Motion 71: It was M/S/Committed Martin G (RD Uruguay) / Jorge B (RD Colombia)

That NAWS study the possibility of investing in resources needed so that the material from the CPRs for candidates for the WB, HRP, and Co-facilitators can be made available prior to the Conference in the languages of all regions seated in the conference.

Intent: Those RDs who cannot read English count on all the details to make an informed decision. It is important to vote on candidates consciously, keeping in mind our 9th Concept that reads: "All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes. When making a decision, our groups, service boards, and committees should actively seek out all available viewpoints. An effective group conscience is a fully informed group conscience."

Action: Motion committed to the World Board by voice vote.

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Motion 47: It was M/S/Committed Jack H (RD Washington/N. Idaho) / Rick W (RD Region 51)

To make Chapters Five through Thirteen of the *Public Relations Handbook* adaptable and revisable with World Board approval.

Intent: Motion #6 from the 2006 WSC made Chapters Ten through Thirteen (Internet Technology, Event Planning, Fellowship Development, Government Relations) adaptable and revisable with World Board approval. Under current policy, Chapters Five through Nine (Media, Criminal Justice, Treatment, Healthcare, Phonelines) cannot be promptly updated. Since Chapters One through Four are philosophical and foundational and should rarely if ever require updating, and Chapters Five through Thirteen are specific and will sometimes require updating to better serve our members, Chapters Five through Nine should have the same revisable status as Chapters Ten through Thirteen.

Action: Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion 56: It was M/S/F Laura Z (RD New Jersey) / Gail D (RD Northern New York)

That the World Board members not be allowed to vote in the New Business portion of the World Service Conference

Intent: To be more reflective of the Fellowship conscience and not to have a duplication of the conscience.

Action: Motion failed by voice vote.

Motion 73: It was M/S/F Bob B (RD Western New York) / Earl W (RD Greater Philadelphia)

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan to establish a process/policy that allows all established NA regions, either non-seated or seated, to participate in the decision making at the WSC as it relates to the CAR and CAT issues.

Intent: To allow participation at the WSC for all established regions.

Action: Motion failed by voice vote.

Motion 51: It was M/S/F David M (RD South Florida) / Natalia (RD Western Russia)

To direct the World Board to not remove Bulletin #29 “Regarding Methadone and Other Drug Replacement Programs” from the NAWS Website when the new construction takes places.

Intent: To ensure that the fundamental philosophy that Narcotics Anonymous is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs can't be misinterpreted.

Action: Motion failed by standing vote (33 in favor/68 opposed/7 abstaining/8 present, not voting).

Motion 58: It was M/S/F Earl W (RD Greater Philadelphia) / Bob B (RD Western New York)

To direct the World Board to develop a project plan to create a policy that allows proxy voting at the WSC via email or postal service for seated regions.

Intent: to allow a full voice of the conference participants to be heard when unable to attend.

Action: Motion failed by voice vote.

Motion 60: It was M/S/Committed Sisko H (RD Sweden) / Ana Luisa B (RD France)

To include in the WSC agenda one small group session, facilitated by delegates, where delegates discuss topics of particular concern in their respective regions in order to enhance understanding, communication, and a feeling of unity.

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Intent: To increase the awareness in delegates that we are resources for each other and also serve as a starting point for discussions between conferences.

Action: Motion committed to the World Board by unanimous consent.

Motion 59: It was M/S/F Lynn S (AD Volunteer) / Denise T (RD Pacific Cascade)

To approve A Guide to Public Information for publication and distribution to the Fellowship.

Intent: 1) The *Public Relations Handbook* is written beyond the 8th grade level and hard for most addicts to understand. 2) It promotes affiliation with outside entities. 3) 6th chapter opens the doors for the courts. 4) region wants to be able to use the *PIHB* instead of *Public Relations Handbook*

Action: Motion failed by voice vote.

Motion to close M/S/C Rod D (RD Mid-America) / Mark H (WB)

Passed by unanimous consent.

Saturday 3 May

THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY

9:31 – 10:37 am

Session led by Muk (WB) and Michael C (WB)

INTRO AND SET-UP

Muk H explained that some of the initial thoughts of how this session would work have changed by necessity. Within her opening remarks she stressed the necessity of sharing and giving to each other. To translate ideas into reality, Muk said we need resources. This is why we pass the basket. Michael C spoke of his experience growing spiritually. He focused on how he can help by putting more into the basket. Various participants shared some of their personal stories on spirituality and their spiritual awakenings.

Michael shared about the growth and development of NA and of the role of the individual member who persevered despite great odds to help this miracle come about. He encouraged the participants to realize their own strength, worth and contribution to that miracle and participants to call upon that same strength to challenge others to take part in the growth and development of this fellowship.

SMALL GROUP

Muk announced the room would be divided into two sections with different tasks, see below:

A. You have a sponsee who is generally not very giving. He is not of service at any level, he doesn't volunteer to help set up or clean up after meetings or events, and he says he is just too busy with the rest of his life to get more involved. Now, he has been asked by a newcomer for a ride to a meeting that he usually goes to, but he doesn't want to go out of his way to take the newcomer to the meeting. What can you do?

- How do you share your experience with him in a way that will help him to “see the light” about sharing of himself?
- What resources or tools do you have available to help in this discussion?
- What resources aren't available that you could use in this situation?

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B. Your area service committee keeps a prudent reserve of three months of operating expenses. In order to maintain that reserve, the area does not contribute financially to the region and the region is struggling to provide services. Now, there is a motion with a lot of support to increase the prudent reserve to six months. What can you do?

- What can you share from your personal experience with the spirit of generosity that will contribute to the area's discussion and decision?
- What resources or tools do you have available to help in this discussion?
- What resources aren't available that you could use in this situation?

SHARING WITH LARGE GROUP

Muk chose a few tables to share the discussions their groups had about the first scenario. One member expressed we have found that we have many resources available, that we can share our personal recovery how others have benefited from generosity in the past; they also connected their behavior back to active addiction and going to any lengths. Another table suggested that they would set an example for the sponsee and pick up the newcomer and the sponsee.

Michael chose a few tables to share their discussions about the second scenario. Members discussed personal experience that can be part of the solution; how the more you give, the more you get back. They also discussed having a simplified Area Planning Tool.

WRAP-UP

Muk thanked everyone for participating in this exercise and Michael told the participants the greatest resource we have is not our money, but our spirit. Love can cross all boundaries; use it and put it into all you do, be part of this miracle.

MOVING FORWARD WITH A COMMON VISION

11:28 am – 12:50 pm

Session led by Craig R (WB Chair) and Anthony E (NAWS ED)

The draft summary of WSC 2008 decisions was passed out. Anthony clarified the summary represents a correction in one of the vote counts. There were three more votes in favor of seating North Carolina than originally reported on the conference floor; the summary will represent this fact. We will make sure each region gets a summary.

Also, Anthony urged participants to turn in names of members for work groups in the next 30 days and to fill out the WSC evaluation forms; the form will be on the Internet. Your input will impact how the WSC is framed.

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

A straw poll was then conducted for project priority to give the board some idea of what to work on first. There were three choices: high priority, medium priority, or low priority with one vote per region per project. *Leadership Orientation Material* moved up in priority, based on poll results.

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WB Ranking	Project Plan	High	Medium	Low
Essential or Carryover	Workshops	76	17	0
	Fellowship Issue Discussion	58	32	0
	Public Relations	56	16	0
	Business Plan Workgroup	43	47	1
	Leadership Orientation Project	78	14	3
Priority Ranking	Service System	45	42	7
	Service Material Project	35	44	9
	Targeted Literature	37	38	10
Second Priority	Self Support IPs	29	41	21
	Living Clean	42	24	29

THANK YOU

Craig R (WB Chair) said that we opened this WSC with two words: Thank you! As we close, we say thank you for this week. We don't necessarily have a "super board." We have a Super Fellowship. We are grateful for all of you. Craig reminded participants that the IDTs for the next cycle are Building Communication and Our Freedom /Our Responsibility. In your handouts, you have the questions on the topics. We will continue to make Session Profiles available. Videos, handouts from this week will be available only to WSC participants. Please do not post that information elsewhere.

Craig spoke about Service Pamphlets, stating that this body voted in 2006 to entrust the WB with developing Service Pamphlets, and we want to continue to honor your trust. Prior to this WSC, we sent four drafts of SPs. The question to you is what are the next steps with those? We agreed upon the 90-day review and input period, by our board meeting in August, we'd like to be able to move forward with the pamphlets. Do May, June, and July sound reasonable? Ok, since no objection was voiced, we will post them to the FTP site and 31 July will be the final date for review and input for these SPs.

COMMUNICATION

Craig said that communication is a two-way street. Communication is the most important thing in relationships. Partners do not always agree. The point is that we have to talk during the conference cycle. We need input. He asked what would help delegates to communicate with us regularly. Several suggestions were made. These included a WB contact list and the name of the first point of contact at NAWS. Craig responded by saying that the first contact is eileen@na.org for World Board communication; we will put something up on FTP site.

Craig went on to say that when we don't hear anything, we do assume you are ok with our decisions. If you read something in *NAWS News* that gets your attention, tell us. When your members have issues or concerns, engage us in the discussion before the WSC, before you put

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a motion in the *CAR*. Let's try to do better. Let's communicate better. You know which projects we have approved. The best time to impact the project is up front. Tell us what a book-length piece like *Living Clean* looks like to you. Give us your best ideas about improving the service system; we need your help to make all these projects a success.

MAKING HISTORY

Anthony thanked all of the conference participants and NAWS staff. The unanimous decision to approve the revision of the Basic Text is a historical occasion in our fellowship, Anthony said. We plan to commemorate the release of the *Sixth Edition* Basic Text with a special edition. Also, new targeted literature will have a distinct appearance. The session ended and the conference closed with the group shot of all WSC 2008 participants.



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APPENDIX A: ROLL CALLS

Roll Calls	#1	#2	#3	#4
Name/Region	Here	Here	Here	Here
WB - Arne H	1	1	1	1
WB - Craig R	1	1	1	1
WB - Franney J	1	1	1	1
WB - Jim B	1	1	1	1
WB - Mark H	1	1	1	1
WB - Mary B	1	1	1	1
WB - Michael C	1	1	1	1
WB - Muk H	1	1	1	1
WB - Paul C	1	1	1	1
WB - Piet D	1	1	1	1
WB - Ron B	1	1	1	1
WB - Ron H	1	1	1	1
WB - Ron M	1	1	1	1
WB - Tom M	1	1	1	1
WB - Tonia N	1	1	1	1
ABCD Region	1	1	1	1
Alabama/NW Florida Region	1	1	1	1
Alaska Region	1	1	1	1
Al-Sask Region	1	1	1	1
Aotearoa New Zealand Region	1	1	1	1
Argentina Region	1	1	1	1
Arizona Region	1	1	1	1
Arkansas Region	1	1	1	1
Australian Region	1	1	1	1
Baja Son Region	1	1	1	1
Best Little Region	1	1	1	1
Brazil Region	1	1	1	1
British Columbia Region	1	1	1	1
Buckeye Region	1	1	1	1
California Inland Region	1	1	1	1
California Mid-State Region	1	1	1	1
Canada Atlantic Region	1	1	1	1
Carolina Region	1	1	1	1
Central Atlantic Region	1	1	1	1
Central California Region	1	1	1	1
Chesapeake & Potomac Region	1	1	1	1
Chicagoland Region	1	1	1	1
Chile Region	1	1	1	1
Colombia Region	1	1	1	1
Colorado Region	1	1	1	1

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Roll Calls	#1	#2	#3	#4
Name/Region	Here	Here	Here	Here
Connecticut Region	1	1	1	1
Costa Rica Region	1	1	1	1
Eastern New York Region	1	1	1	1
Florida Region	1	1	1	1
France Region	1	1	1	1
Free State Region	1	1	1	1
Georgia Region	1	1	1	1
German Speaking Region	1	1	1	1
Greater Illinois Region	1	1	1	1
Greater New York Region	1	1	1	1
Greater Philadelphia Region	1	1	1	1
Guatemala Region	1	1	1	1
Hawaii Region	1	1	1	1
Indiana Region	1	1	1	1
Iowa Region	1	1	1	1
Ireland Region	1	1	1	1
Israel Region	1	1	1	1
Italy Region		1	1	
Japan Region	1	1	1	1
Kentuckiana Region	1	1	1	1
Le Nordet Region	1	1	1	
Lone Star Region	1	1	1	1
Louisiana Region	1	1	1	1
Metro Detroit Region	1	1	1	1
Mexico Region	1	1	1	1
Michigan Region	1	1	1	1
Mid-America Region	1	1	1	1
Mid-Atlantic Region	1	1	1	1
Minnesota Region	1	1	1	1
Mississippi Region	1	1	1	1
Montana Region	1	1	1	1
Mountain Valley Region	1	1	1	1
Mountaineer Region	1	1	1	1
Nebraska Region	1	1	1	1
NE Regional Forum	0	0	1	1
New England Region	1	1	1	1
New Jersey Region	1	1	1	1
Northern California Region	1	1	1	1
Northern New England Region	1	1	1	1
Northern New Jersey Region	1	1	1	1
Northern New York Region	1	1	1	1
Norway Region	1	1	1	1

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Roll Calls	#1	#2	#3	#4
Name/Region	Here	Here	Here	Here
Ohio Region	1	1	1	1
OK Region	1	1	1	1
Ontario Region	1	1	1	1
Pacific Cascade Region	1	1	1	1
Panama Region	1	1	1	1
Peru Region	1	1	1	1
Philippines Region	1	1	1	1
Portugal Region	1	1	1	1
Quebec Region	1	1	1	1
Region 51	1	1	1	1
Region Del Coqui	1	1	1	1
Rio Grande Region	1	1	1	1
San Diego/Imperial Region	1	1	1	1
Show-Me Region	1	1	1	1
Sierra Sage Region	1	1	1	1
Society Indian Region	1	1	1	1
South Africa Region	1	1	1	1
South Dakota Region	1	1	1	1
South Florida Region	1	1	1	1
Southern California Region	1	1	1	1
Southern Idaho Region	1	1	1	1
Spain Region	1	1	1	1
Sweden Region	1	1	1	1
Tejas Bluebonnet Region	1	1	1	1
Tri-State Region	1	1	1	1
UK Region	1	1	1	1
Upper Midwest Region	1	1	1	1
Upper Rocky Mountain Region	1	1	1	1
Uruguay Region	1	1	1	1
Utah Region	1	1	1	1
Venezuela Region	1	1	1	1
Volunteer Region	1	1	1	1
Washington/N Idaho Region	1	1	1	1
Western New York Region	1	1	1	1
Western Russia Region	1	1	1	1
Wisconsin Region	1	1	1	1
Total participants present	116	117	118	116
Number of regions present	101	102	103	101
2/3 majority	78	78	79	78
Simple majority	59	59	60	59

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Roll Calls	#1	#2	#3	#4
Name/Region	Here	Here	Here	Here
Old Business--only RDs vote				
Number of regions present	101	102	103	101
2/3 majority	68	68	69	68
Simple majority	51	52	52	51

Seated but Not Attending this Conference - Ecuador Region, Finland Region, Greece Region, Iran Region

Roll Call Vote #1 for Motion 61

Name/Region	Yes	No	Abstain	Present
WB - Arne H	1			
WB - Craig R		1		
WB - Franney J		1		
WB - Jim B		1		
WB - Mark H		1		
WB - Mary B		1		
WB - Michael C	1			
WB - Muk H		1		
WB - Paul C	1			
WB - Piet D		1		
WB - Ron B		1		
WB - Ron H	1			
WB - Ron M		1		
WB - Tom M	1			
WB - Tonia N		1		
ABCD Region	1			
Alabama/NW Florida Region	1			
Alaska Region	1			
Al-Sask Region				1
Aotearoa New Zealand Region		1		
Argentina Region	1			
Arizona Region	1			
Arkansas Region	1			
Australian Region		1		
Baja Son Region	1			
Best Little Region	1			
Brazil Region	1			
British Columbia Region	1			
Buckeye Region	1			
California Inland Region	1			
California Mid-State Region	1			
Canada Atlantic Region	1			
Carolina Region		1		
Central Atlantic Region	1			
Central California Region	1			
Chesapeake & Potomac Region	1			

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Name/Region	Yes	No	Abstain	Present
Chicagoland Region		1		
Chile Region	1			
Colombia Region	1			
Colorado Region	1			
Connecticut Region	1			
Costa Rica Region		1		
Eastern New York Region		1		
Florida Region		1		
France Region		1		
Free State Region	1			
Georgia Region	1			
German Speaking Region		1		
Greater Illinois Region	1			
Greater New York Region	1			
Greater Philadelphia Region	1			
Guatemala Region	1			
Hawaii Region		1		
Indiana Region		1		
Iowa Region	1			
Ireland Region	1			
Israel Region	1			
Italy Region				
Japan Region			1	
Kentuckiana Region		1		
Le Nordet Region				
Lone Star Region		1		
Louisiana Region	1			
Metro Detroit Region	1			
Mexico Region	1			
Michigan Region	1			
Mid-America Region	1			
Mid-Atlantic Region	1			
Minnesota Region		1		
Mississippi Region	1			
Montana Region		1		
Mountain Valley Region	1			
Mountaineer Region	1			
Nebraska Region	1			
New England Region	1			
New Jersey Region	1			
North East Region	1			
Northern California Region		1		
Northern New England Region		1		
Northern New Jersey Region	1			
Northern New York region	1			
Norway Region	1			
Ohio Region		1		

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Name/Region	Yes	No	Abstain	Present
OK Region	1			
Ontario Region			1	
Pacific Cascade Region	1			
Panama Region	1			
Peru Region	1			
Philippines Region	1			
Portugal Region		1		
Quebec Region		1		
Region 51	1			
Region Del Coqui	1			
Rio Grande Region	1			
San Diego/Imperial Region	1			
Show-Me Region		1		
Sierra Sage Region	1			
Society Indian Region	1			
South Africa Region		1		
South Dakota Region		1		
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Upper Midwest Region	1			
Upper Rocky Mountain Region	1			
Uruguay Region	1			
Utah Region	1			
Venezuela Region	1			
Volunteer Region	1			
Washington/N Idaho Region	1			
Western New York Region	1			
Western Russia Region	1			
Wisconsin Region	1			
	Yes	No	Abstain	Present
Totals	78	35	2	1
Total participants voting	115			
Number of regions voting	100			
2/3 majority	76.66	77		
Simple majority	57.50	58		
Total Participants Present	116			
Total Regions Present	101			

APPENDIX B: MOTIONS CARRIED AND COMMITTED

OLD BUSINESS MOTIONS CARRIED:

Motion 13:

To use the proposed WSC Rules of Order on a trial basis for WSC 2008.

Motion 14:

To adopt the WSC 2006 Minutes.

Motion 1:

To replace the existing stories in the Fifth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* with those contained in Addendum B.

Motion 2:

To approve the remaining revisions to the Fifth Edition Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*, as represented in Addendum B. This includes

- the Preface to the Sixth Edition,
- the titles “Our Program” and “Our Members Share,” which would replace the titles “Book One” and “Book Two” respectively,
- the Introduction to Our Members Share,
- the abstracts,
- the reflections, and
- the titles and descriptions for the sections “Beginnings,” “Coming Home,” “Regardless of ... ,” and “Life on Life’s Terms.”

Motion 3:

To allow the World Board to approve updates to the statistical information (the numbers of meetings, countries, and so on) in the Preface to the Sixth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* regularly with an “as of” date in the footnote.

Motion 4:

To approve the removal of the specific source citations in *Just for Today* for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature. Also to approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to *Just for Today* to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.

Motion 5 as amended:

To approve the inclusion of an updated and revised index in the Sixth Edition of the Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*.

Motion 70

To return the word “attitude” to the index for the Sixth Edition of the Basic Text.

Motion 6:

To approve two specific copyedits to the Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous*: First, to replace the name “N.A.” (with periods after the two capital letters) with “NA” (with no periods). Second, to remove the footnote in Tradition Eleven that mentions *A Guide to Public Information Newly Revised*.

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Motion 7:

To replace the existing IP #13, *Youth and Recovery*, with the revised draft contained in Addendum C and change the title of this IP to *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts*.

Motion 8:

To approve the draft of *For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA* contained in Addendum E as IP #27.

NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS CARRIED

Motion 15

To recognize Egypt as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Motion 16:

To recognize El Salvador as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Motion 17

To recognize Nepal as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Motion 18

To recognize Nicaragua as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Motion 19

To recognize Poland as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Motion 20:

To place a moratorium on the current Criteria for Recognition of New Conference Participants from *A Guide to World Services in NA* until WSC 2012. The World Board would continue to make recommendations to the conference in 2010 and 2012 concerning regions that did not result from a division of a conference seated community.

Motion 21:

To adopt the proposed Human Resource Panel External Guidelines and the proposed World Pool Policy as a replacement for the existing External Guidelines for the World Pool and the Human Resource Panel in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Motion 22:

To adopt the proposed language for the following sections of *A Guide to World Services in NA*: The World Service Conference, The Meeting of the World Service Conference, Consensus-Based Decision Making, and The Work Cycle between Conferences as a replacement and revision to current language.

Motion 23:

To adopt the proposed Approval Processes for NA Material as a replacement for the current section for Approval Process for Service Material and amend the Approval Process for Recovery Literature in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Note: The proposed language appears in the Conference Approval Track material except for the paragraph from the "World Board Approved" section which was amended without objection to read as follows:

All service related informational pamphlets, whether Conference Approved or World Board Approved, are easily distinguishable from recovery pamphlets by

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their appearance and should be used by members, groups, and service committees as a resource rather than being read in an NA Meeting. Before approval and distribution, Service Pamphlets will be sent out to conference participants for a 90-day review and input. Service tools, PR material, bulletins, and other material will continue to be developed and approved by the World Board. The World Board has long been able to approve bulletins but these bulletins only had limited distribution to those who knew that they were available. The advantage of this approval process for informational pamphlets is that material is made readily available, and can be easily changed or pulled from inventory if there are concerns.

Motion 24:

To adopt the proposed language for the WSC Rules of Order as a replacement to the existing language in *A Guide to World Service in NA*.

Motion 25:

To adopt the proposed language for the NA World Services, Inc. Annual Report and The Conference Report as a replacement for the existing language for these sections and the Quarterly Report section in *A Guide to World Service in NA*.

Motion 26:

To adopt the proposed language for the World Service Translation Policy as a replacement to the existing language in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Motion 27

To adopt the proposed language and map for the World Convention Rotation Plan as a replacement to the existing language in *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

Motion 28:

To approve the Business Plan Workgroup project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Motion 30:

To approve the Fellowship Issue Discussions project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Motion 31

To approve the Public Relations project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Motion 32

To approve the Service System project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Motion 33

To approve the Targeted Literature project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Motion 34

To approve the Workshops project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Motion 35

To approve the *Living Clean – the Journey Continues* project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

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Motion 36

To approve the Leadership Orientation Material project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Motion 37

To approve the Service Material project plan for inclusion in the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Motion 38

To adopt the 2008–2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Motion 61

To recognize North Carolina as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Motion 62:

To recognize Southern Brazil as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.

Motion 47

To make Chapters Five through Thirteen of the *Public Relations Handbook* adaptable and revisable with World Board approval.

MOTIONS COMMITTED TO THE WORLD BOARD:

Motion 39:

To encourage the World Board to update the Public Service Announcements as soon as possible.

Motion 71:

That NAWS study the possibility of investing in resources needed so that the material from the CPRs for candidates for the WB, HRP, and Co-facilitators can be made available prior to the Conference in the languages of all regions seated in the conference.

Motion 60:

To include in the WSC agenda one small group session, facilitated by delegates, where delegates discuss topics of particular concern in their respective regions in order to enhance understanding, communication, and a feeling of unity.

APPENDIX C: STATISTICS FROM THE NAWS REPORT

MEDALLION SURVEY

5,739 responses

Nickel, for example, has gone up 1,600% in the past twenty months.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:

We have approximately 250 registrations of our name, logo, and symbols around the world. (This is in addition to our intellectual property/literature)

CHINA:

There are two indigenous Chinese meetings in China that didn't exist three years ago.

JUST FOR TODAY: DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS DAILY EXCERPT EMAILS:

As of the end of April, approximately 9,800 people have signed up.

TRANSLATED BASIC TEXTS:

We have seventeen translated versions of the Basic Text. Eleven of them are just Chapters One through Ten.

Their prices were set arbitrarily at five dollars upon initial release, and other than a fifty cent increase in 1996, prices have not changed.

COMMUNICATION WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES:

We can now contact about eighty percent of local areas in the fellowship due to work by regional delegates.

BRANCH OFFICES:

Iran represented 170,000 copies of a total of 470,000 Basic Text sales worldwide.

Last year, the Iran office distributed more than 200,000 multiple-year keytags, which is 9% more than the WSO in Chatsworth.

They use 1.7 million information pamphlets.

WEBSITE:

na.org had 62,022 meeting searches during February of this year.

Fellowship discussion board: 1202 active members who have posted 8723 times on 333 topics.

Conference area: 98 members, 83 topics and 461 posts.

APPENDIX D: APPROVAL TRACK SESSION SMALL GROUP RESULTS

SERVICE MATERIAL IS:

directed toward a service body or group policy
guidelines on how to do service
based on traditions and concepts
for more than one person/groups of people
directed toward a trusted servant
tools to use in service
adaptable to the country/NA community
similar to our bulletins/free online
explaining application of spiritual principles in service
about how to help others find the recovery process
guides me in HOW
to keep me from killing you
based on our collective experience with traditions and concepts
attractive to newcomers and tells them how we recover
guides me to help others

RECOVERY MATERIAL IS:

to help me stay clean
for an individual
about steps
universal for addicts everywhere
about spiritual recovery principles and how we apply them in our lives
about what helps us in our own personal recovery process
to guide me in my personal behavior
to keep me from killing myself
about steps
about the disease of addiction and the program of NA
something that helps me identify as a newcomer
how we live our lives today without using
to guide me to seek recovery

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APPENDIX E: WSC 2008 BALLOT & ELECTION RESULTS

WORLD BOARD 4 positions open

Vote for up to 10 candidates by marking the box next to their name.

HRP Nominees

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>RBZ Source, if any</u>
Bob G	Florida Region/Southeast Zonal Forum
Greg W	Arizona Region
Jim B	World Board
Junior Odilson Gomez B	World Board
Peter H	European Delegates Meeting
Pierrot G	

Regional Nominees

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Nominating Region</u>
Anthony L	Cal Mid-State Region
Linda L	Colorado Region
Marilyn Gail D	Mid Atlantic Region
Moina B	Indiana Region

HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL 3 positions open

Vote for up to 5 candidates by marking the box next to their name.

HRP Nominees

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>RBZ Source, if any</u>
Jeff B	
Margaret H-M	Tejas Bluebonnet Region
Paul F	
Valerie D	
Wesley K	Upper Midwest Region

WSC CO-FACILITATOR 2 positions open

Vote for up to 5 candidates by marking the box next to their name.

HRP Nominees

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>RBZ Source, if any</u>
Jack H	Washington/Northern Idaho Region
Jimi S	
Jimmy Lee P	
Ross M	Canadian Assembly

Regional Nominees

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Nominating Region</u>
Cooper B	Mountaineer Region

ELECTION RESULTS

WORLD BOARD

Junior Odilson Gomez B

Jim B

HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL

Margaret H-M

Valerie D

Paul F

WSC COFACILITATORS

Jimi S

Jack H

APPENDIX F: 2008 – 2010 IDTs: OUR FREEDOM, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

QUESTION 1: HOW DO I EXERCISE MY SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN NA?

- By working the steps and being vigilant in personal recovery
- By welcoming the newcomer
- By sharing an honest message of recovery
- By putting money in the basket
- Being involved with a home group
- Being open to new ideas
- By doing my fair share and then some – staying involved
- By facing challenges
- By doing service with a positive and humble attitude
- By being respectful in meetings
- By sponsoring people
- By following through with commitments
- By being visible and available at regular meetings
- By teaching sponsees to do service and mentoring people in service
- Asking for help and gratefully receiving it
- By trying to live by spiritual principles
- By leaving a service position in better shape than I found it
- By making an effort to represent NA in a positive light
- By sharing about the gifts of recovery with each other

QUESTION 2: HOW DO WE INSPIRE OTHERS TO BECOME WILLING TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY?

- By making them feel invited and included
- By loving and nurturing them
- By allowing them to make mistakes
- By being enthusiastic – make it fun!
- By letting them know we need them
- By stressing the importance of giving back
- By holding workshops
- By encouraging people to read NA Literature
- By giving positive feedback and saying thank you
- By knowing when to let go and let someone else take over
- By talking about the global history of NA
- By making sure we convey a sense of responsibility for our fellowship
- By setting a positive example
- By working with other addicts one on one
- By having a positive attitude

APPENDIX G: ISSUE DISCUSSION TOPIC QUESTIONS

BUILDING COMMUNICATION

1. How can I responsibly improve my communication?
2. What actions can we take to build communication throughout our service structure?
3. What resources/tools would help us to build effective communication links?

OUR FREEDOM, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

1. How do I exercise my sense of responsibility in NA?
2. How can we help inspire others to become willing to share that responsibility?