

RDA Report to Kentuckiana RSC

(May 2016)

The 33rd World Service Conference (WSC) was held in Woodland Hills CA from April 22 –May 1st 2016. 112 of the 116 seated regions were represented. El Salvador, Greater Illinois, Le Nordet and Iran were not present. Many topics were covered including information from the Conference Agenda Report (CAR), Conference Approval Track (CAT), the Future of the WSC, the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT), and the distribution of illicit literature. Also included in this report will be a summary of the Narcotics Anonymous World Service (NAWS) Annual Report.

The Conference began with an open discussion forum with the World Board. There were concerns raised over decisions made at the last conference that were not being followed at this conference. Anthony E. the NAWS Executive Officer explained that some of the polls taken were not decision making votes, only tools for the Board to use while planning the conference. They will try to be more clear this conference as to the intention of the polls. Frannie J, the World Board Chair, was questioned about comments she had made at another event regarding the distribution of illicit literature where she had allegedly called the people distributing it “f***ing thieves”. Frannie said the comments made were at a function where she was asked to share. They were her personal beliefs and in no way was she acting as a representative of the World Board. She also stated that she would continue to express her opinion on this matter. A participant at the forum video recorded this event and posted it on a social media page. Frannie J received threats over her comments. The Participant was asked to remove the post immediately and the conference participants were reminded that videos were not allowed and not to post pictures without the consent of everyone in the photo.

For the first time at this conference, electronic remotes were used for taking attendance, polling and voting. This tool was designed to help us do what we already do more effectively and efficiently, not to do something new. We began the session testing the remotes. There were a few bumps encountered but eventually a mock vote was conducted and successfully performed.

Motions and proposals from the CAR/CAT as well as new motions and proposals were presented and discussed over the period of several days in many sessions. They were presented in categories instead of numerically. I will also present them in the order they were presented at the conference, however I will combine the sessions as to not have to revisit motions over and over. After the motion or proposal, I will summarize any discussion on that motion or proposal and then the final vote tally. There will be four sets of numbers. This is the order in which they appear: Yes-No-Abstain-Present but not voting.

Motions and Proposals

Motion 18, World Board: To approve 2014 World Service Conference Minutes.

Passed 106-0-5-1

Motion 15 World Board: To adopt for WSC 2016 only, the following approaches for use in all business and business discussion & proposal decisions sessions:

Measuring Consensus:

Consensus will be measured as 80% or more of voting participants in agreement with (identified as consensus support), or 80% or more of voting participants not in agreement (identified as consensus not in support) with a motion or proposal.

Introducing Motions and Proposals:

Once a motion or proposal is presented, the maker can comment and the World Board can comment. The facilitator will then conduct a straw poll to measure the initial level of support for the motion or proposal.

- If there is a consensus not in support of the motion or proposal, the facilitator will select two members who are not part of the consensus, to comment on the motion or proposal. The facilitator will then conduct a second straw poll.
 - If a consensus not in support remains, discussion ends. For a proposal, the results of the straw poll will be considered a vote and the proposal will fail. Final decision of a motion will happen during the business session, if presented then.
- If there is consensus support for the motion or proposal, the facilitator will select two members who are not part of the consensus, to comment on the motion or proposal. The facilitator will then conduct a second straw poll.
 - If consensus support remains, discussion ends. For a proposal, the results of the straw poll will be considered a vote and the proposal will be adopted. Final decision of a motion will happen during the business session if it is presented then.
- If the motion or proposal receives more than 20% but less than 80% support in the first or second straw poll, the facilitator will allow for discussion of the motion or proposal, as discussed in A Guide to World Services and using these tools.

Intent: To continue our evolution towards a consensus based conference

(Motion 15) **Passed 105-7-0-0**

Motion 16 World Board: To adopt for WSC 2016 only, the following approaches for use in all business and business discussion & proposal decisions sessions:

Managing Discussions:

The facilitator has the ability to manage the discussion by using the following approaches:

- The facilitator may conduct intermediate straw polls to measure any change in support for the motion or proposal.
- The facilitator may declare that discussion will end after a specific speaker, or the facilitator may close the discussion queue.
 - If there is an objection, the facilitator will conduct a vote to determine support for the facilitator’s decision. Consensus support for the facilitator’s decision is required for the decision to prevail.
- Members may speak for a maximum of three minutes each time they are recognized by the facilitator. The facilitator may extend the time limit when they believe such action is warranted.
Intent: To give the WSC Cofacilitators more tools to use to facilitate discussion.

(Motion 16) **Passed 107-4-1-0**

Motion 17 World Board: To adopt for WSC 2016 only, the following changes to A Guide to World Services, page 10.

The following terms are used by the WSC Cofacilitator when announcing the results of a straw poll:

Unanimous support

Strong support (meaning 2/3 majority support)

Support (meaning simple majority support)

~~Opposition~~ Lack of support (meaning less than simple majority ~~opposed~~ support)

Strong ~~opposition~~ Lack of support (meaning ~~2/3 opposed~~ less than 1/3 support)

~~Unanimous opposition~~ No support

Intent: To change terminology so that it reflects the level of support when straw polling. 103-5-2-1

Motion 1, World Board: *To approve the book contained in Addendum A, "Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions," as Fellowship-approved recovery literature.*

Proposal R, Greater New York Region: *To amend Motion 1 to change one word in the introduction to Guiding Principles on page 63 of the 2016 CAR, 4th paragraph, 3rd sentence. What now reads "Earlier programs for addicts, including some bearing the same name, did not practice Traditions and did not survive," would be changed to "Earlier programs for addicts including some bearing the same name , did not have Traditions and did not survive."*

Intent: To accurately reflect the history referred to in the introduction.

Discussion on this proposal was that the introduction did not specifically refer to New York and the information is correct. **Proposal failed, strong lack of support 13-96-3-0**

The question was raised as to whether or not this is truly "fellowship approved" since it hasn't been translated into any other language. The Board said that English is the official language of NAWS and if we were to have to wait for translations of all our literature into all the languages of NA, it would take years and years to ever approve new literature.

(Motion 1) **Passed Strong Support 111-1-0-0**

Motion 2, World Board: *To approve the following changes to the World Board External Guidelines contained in A Guide to World Services in NA (GWSNA):*

- *To change the size of the board from up to 18 members to up to 15 members*
- *To remove the obligation for staggered terms if more than eight (8) members are elected at one time.*
- *To change the limitation from two consecutive terms to two terms in a lifetime.*

Proposal V, Northern California Region: *To commit motion 2 to WB for further clarification and submit at the WSC 2018 seperated.*

Intent: To communicate effectively with the fellowship to clarify the intent of each section of the motion.

This proposal was **withdrawn** after the conclusion of proposal G.

Proposal P, Mountaineer Region: *To amend Motion 2 to Strike the words "up to" that precedes 15 members. The new sentence would read "To change the size of the WB from up to 18 members to 15 members."*

Intent: To create policy that 15 members must be elected to the World Board.

The Board spoke against this proposal because we cannot make people take a position.

(Proposal P) **Failed 7-110-1-1**

Proposal G, German Speaking Region: *To divide Motion 2 into 3 separate motions comprised of the bullet points in Motion 2.*

Intent: To allow each bullet point to be considered separately.

(Proposal G) **Passed, simple majority 74-35-0-3**

Proposal N, Mountaineer Region: *To divide Motion 2 into 3 separate motions. Each corresponding to the bullet points in Motion 2*

Intent: To separate the ideas in Motion 2 to decide separately.

Proposal N Withdrawn

Motion 2a Passed, Strong Support 104-8-0-0

Motion 2b Passed, Strong Support 106-6-0-0

Motion 2c Passed, Unanimous Support 112-0-0-0

There was discussion concerning the size of the world board and when the new policy would go into effect. It was suggested that we vote for it to be policy for this cycles election, however, it was explained that the board is under the rules and laws of the State of California and has to report all board changes. It will be at least 30-60 days after the conference before the new rule can go into effect.

Motion 3, Eastern New York Region (seconded by Chicago): *That the NA World Board develop a project plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an informational pamphlet specifically about mental illness and recovery for consideration at the 2018 World Service Conference.*

The ABCD Region requested a “friendly amendment” to change the wording from “Mental Illness” to “Mental Health”. The Eastern New York Region said no. There is a difference between mental illness and mental health and they are specifically addressing mental illness.

The German Speaking Region requested a friendly amendment to change it from an IP to a Booklet. The Eastern New York Region said no. They feel that IP’s are more accessible to the fellowship.

(Motion 3) **Passed, Strong Support 93-17-1-0**

Motion 4, Show Me Region (seconded by South Florida): *That all future approved World Board Minutes be posted on na.org for download.*

The World Board stated that the minutes are already available to any member upon request and they are summarized in NAWNews. The Mid-Atlantic Region spoke in favor of the transparency of this motion.

(Motion 4) Strong Support required, **Failed 29-79-0-2**

Motion 5, Show Me Region (seconded by Mid-America Region): *That all financial reporting of the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous be provided in a detailed line item format and not in a summary as is currently available. This report will be available on na.org and downloadable.*

(Motion 5) Strong Support Required, **Failed 34-76-1-0**

Motion 6, San Diego Imperial Region (seconded by Ohio): *That all face to face World Board meetings be open to any NA member on a space available basis; unless the topic(s) being discussed are required by law to be confidential.*

The Co-facilitator announce this would require 2/3 (strong support) to pass. The San Diego Imperial Region appealed the decision of the Co-facilitator over the 2/3 requirement. The question was turned over to the parliamentarian who explained that since there is no policy regarding this, it would be creating policy, which is a change and requires 2/3 majority. A poll was taken to uphold the decision of the Co-facilitator, it passed 60-40-4-2.

After the ruling, South Florida Region, Northern California and Colombia all motioned to appeal the decision of the co-facilitator, they were all ruled out of order.

Discussion and debate followed with multiple regions expressing opinions on the proceedings but not giving pros or cons on the motion. The Wyoming Region asked where this motion would be applied if passed. Frannie J (WB member) said it would change the Guide to World Services and the World Board external guidelines.

Mexico spoke against this motion saying that “Transparency does not equal efficiency”

(Motion 6) 2/3(Strong Support) required, **Failed 51-58-0-2** (I would like to point out that this motion would have failed even if simple majority was required)

The Tejas Bluebonnet Region requested a standing revote. The request failed 16-95-0-1

Motion 7. San Diego Imperial Region: *That if there continues to be a WSC Participants Discussion Board on na.org that it be made accessible to non WSC Participants; only for viewing, not posting.*

This motion was **withdrawn** by the maker.

Motion 8, OK Region (seconded by Utah): To direct NAWS to produce a low-cost paperback English version of the Basic Text which contains only the first ten chapters called “Our Program”

The non-English speaking members were opposed to this motion as it specifically stated that it only be printed in English. The ABCD region also opposed this motion because of the importance of the Personal Stories.

(Motion 8) Requires 2/3 to pass. **Failed 14-95-1-1**

The Utah region asked, if the maker of a motion withdraws a motion, can another region make the same motion? The answer was yes.

Utah then reintroduced **Motion 7**, *That if there continues to be a WSC Participants Discussion Board on na.org that it be made accessible to non WSC Participants; only for viewing, not posting.* It was seconded by the Connecticut Region

Another long discussion ensued. There was debate over who ran the discussion board, who decides who can see it, when was it started, why was it started, who started it and who said they could start it, did the format change, when did it change, etc. One region tried to appeal the decision before a decision had been made. Eventually there was a move to vote.

(motion7) required 2/3 majority to pass. **Failed 59-50-1-1**

As a result of the lengthy discussion of Motion 7, the Co-facilitator was asked if there was any procedure that can be evoked to “stop the madness”. It was suggested that we could eliminate the discussion portion of the business session and limit the debate to 2 pros and 2 cons. This was voted on and passed 76-35-0-0

Motion 9, Western Russia Region: *To Direct the World Board to post a PDF version of all approved English and translated Basic Texts on na.org for free download.*

The World Board stated that their attorney had informed them that making our literature free for download jeopardizes our copyright. It was asked if there was documentation of the lawyer’s statement. WB member Frannie said there was no written documentation, it was a conversation.

(Motion 9) Died from lack of second

Motion 10, Western Russia Region: *To hold every other WSC outside of the US and to begin this rotation with WSC 2020 to be held in Moscow.*

Proposal I, German Speaking Region: *To Change Motion 10 to: “To hold one WSC outside the US”*

Proposal M, South Florida Region: *To change Motion 10 to strike “to be held in Moscow, Russia” and replace with “to be held in an easily accessible location outside of the United States.”*

Proposal J, German Speaking Region: *To change Motion 10 to “To host one WSC outside the US in 2020 or 2022 in a non-English speaking country. To allow bids in 2018 to host such an event and allow WSC 2018 to choose one region from the bids.”*

Intent: To explore the impact of rotation on WSC. This would also allow US delegates a first-hand experience of issues like translations and fellowship development.

Intent: To explore the opportunity of furthering a Global fellowship.

(Motion 10) Died from lack of second. Proposals I & J were withdrawn and Proposal M died from lack of support.

Motion 11, Western Russia Region (seconded by Finland): *To allow a delegate from any Zonal Forum who requests it to be seated at the WSC as a non-voting participant. The expense of attendance will be the responsibility of the Zonal Forum and not the WSC.*

The maker of this motion asked to amend it to add “on a one cycle trial basis” and then to add the year “2018”, The Utah Region seconded it. The world board asked for clarification about “zonal forums” and if this motion referred to only currently established ones. The maker then amended the motion again to add the words “currently existing” to the motion. The Utah Region also seconded this amendment.

The motion now reads: *To allow a delegate from any currently existing zonal forum who requests it to be seated at the WSC 2018 as a non-voting participant for one conference only. The expense of attendance will be the responsibility of the zonal forum and not the WSC*

The vote to approve the amendments passed 84-22-3-1

(Motion 11) Requires 2/3 to pass. **Failed 72-35-3-1** (73 yes was required to pass)

The delegate from Greece addressed the conference. He explained how far many of the delegates had travelled to be a part of the conference and how they had to sit through hours of bickering over “American problems” that have no real effect on them. Now, when a motion has been made that they can actually support and does affect them, we vote it down. All they are asking for is to sit with the conference, and feel that they really are a part of the fellowship. He was very disappointed that this motion failed.

The NY Region, who voted on the non-prevailing side made a motion to reconsider, the Tri-State Region seconded it. Vote to reconsider passed 81-22-1-3

(Motion 11 reconsidered) Requires 2/3 to pass. **Passed 72-29-2-4** (7 fewer regions voted on the reconsidered motion making the 2/3 yes votes required to pass 69)

Motion 12, Western Russia Region (seconded by Sweden): *That Narcotics Anonymous World Services add the following “What is NA service” card as part of the Group Readings offered by the World Service Office. (The complete reading is available in the Conference Agenda Report)*

Proposal T, Mountaineer Region: *To refer Motion 12 to the World Board for study.*

Intent: To commit to the World Board.

(Proposal T) **Withdrawn**

Proposal Q & K, Central California Region, and German Speaking Region, were the same: *To amend Motion 12 by substitution- To direct the World Board to create a project plan to create a reading card about service to be included in the 2018 CAT.*

Intent: To create the reading through the current process to allow the fellowship involvement rather than a single region.

(Proposals Q & K) **Failed 29-81-2-0**

Proposal W: Israel Region: *To amend Motion 12 to read: That Narcotics Anonymous World Services create a project plan to develop a “What is NA Service card as a part of group readings offered by World Service Office.*

Intent: To create a new reading card using the literature process we have in place.

(Proposal W) **Withdrawn**

(Motion 12) **Failed 30-79-1-0**

Motion 13, South Florida, Michigan, & Mid-Atlantic Regions (seconded by New Jersey): *Each World Board member votes only in elections and may make motions in all sessions. The world Board has one collective vote (made by the chairperson of the World Board) in new business sessions.*

(Motion 13) Required 2/3 to pass. **Failed 47-58-3-2**

Motion 14, Mid-Atlantic Region (seconded by Arkansas): *That the World Board members of the World Board no longer make motions or proposals for decision at the WSC. The World Board may still forward ideas or work that regional delegates may present as a motion or proposal to the WSC for a decision.*

(Motion 14) **Failed 16-91-0-1**

The Venezuela delegate attempted to appeal the co-facilitators decision to call a vote because he had left the room and wasn't there to cast his vote. This was denied

Motion 19, World Board: *To approve the Recovery Literature project plan for work in the 2016-2018 cycle. (This will include the publication of “Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions” and developing a new meditation book and the mental health IP as the result of the Literature survey.)*

(Motion 19) **Passed 123-1-2-0**

Motion 20, World Board: *To approve the Service Tools project plan for work in the 2016-2018 Conference cycle. (This will include Group, Area, Events and Convention tools. Anything developed will be sent to the fellowship for approval)*

(Motion 20) **Passed 120-5-1-0**

Motion 21, World Board: *To approve the Collaboration in Service project plan for work in the 2016-2018 conference cycle.*

(Motion 21) **Passed 120-3-3-0**

Motion 22, World Board: *To approve the Future of the WSC project plan for work in the 2016-2018 conference cycle.*

(Motion 22) **Passed 119-6-1-0**

Motion 23, World Board: *To approve the Fellowship Development and Public Relation project plan for work in the 2016-2018 conference cycle.*

(Motion 23) **Passed 120-3-2-1**

Motion 24, World Board: *To approve the Social Media as a PR Tool project plan for work in the 2016-2018 conference cycle.*

(Motion 24) **Passed 116-6-2-2**

Motion 25, World Board: *To approve the 2016-2018 Narcotics Anonymous World Services Inc. Budget.*

(Motion 25) **Passed 121-3-2-0**

Proposal A, World Board: *To seat the Grande Sao Paulo Region at the WSC.*

(Proposal A) **Passed 110-9-3-3**

Proposal B, World Board: *To seat the HOW Region at the WSC.*

(Proposal B) **Passed 115-6-2-3**

Proposal C, World Board: *To seat the Rio de Janeiro Region at the WSC.*

(Proposal C) **Passed 116-5-2-3**

Proposal D, World Board: *To remove Le Nordet Region from the list of seated regions at the WSC.*

(This Region no longer exists, it has merged with the Quebec Region)

(Proposal D) **Passed 124-1-1-1-0**

Proposal Y, Kentuckiana Region: *To seat the Bluegrass/Appalachian Region at the WSC*

The initial straw poll was 48-67-4-7. Two Regions in the minority (Carolina and North Carolina) spoke in favor of this proposal.

(Proposal Y) **Failed 50-65-6-5**

Proposal AK, South Florida Region: *To seat the Brazil Nordeste Region.*

Intent: To seat a region with 127 groups and 287 meetings and increase the diversity of the World Service Conference.

(Proposal AK) **Failed 67-53-2-4**

Proposal AL, South Florida Region: *To seat the Rio do Sul Region*

Intent: *To seat a region with 78 groups and 216 meetings and increase the diversity of the World Service Conference.*

This region does not meet the time requirement to be seated.

Initial straw poll was 53-70-2-1. Two regions spoke in favor of the seating.

(Proposal AL) **Failed 55-67-2-1**

Proposal AM, South Florida Region: *To seat the Brazil Central Region*

Intent: To seat a region with 89 groups and 239 meetings and increase the diversity of the World Service Conference.

This region does not meet the time requirement to be seated.

Initial straw poll was 54-69-2-1

A non-English speaking region (I didn't get the name) spoke out saying that we are limiting the growth of NA for economic reasons. The Sierra Sage Region stated that we were going against our 1st and 5th traditions by not seating regions.

The San Diego Imperial Region stated that there should be no debate because they do not meet the criteria not for economic reasons.

The Australian Region reminded the conference that we had voted out the discussion portion and that we need to move on.

(Proposal Am) **Failed 55-68-2-1**

Proposal AX, Nebraska Region: *To seat Turkey Region*

Intent: In the spirit of unity and goodwill.

(Proposal AX) **Withdrawn**

Future of the WSC

Proposal BA, Chicagoland Region: *For the World Board to initiate a process, which could last more than one conference cycle, that would produce proposals for a new structure of the World Service Conference.*

Intent: To direct the WB to formulate a new and potentially, vastly different conference structure that celebrates recovery, improves the decision making process and accommodates growth in regional representation.

It was agreed that there needs to be change but it should be made by the regions, not the board.

(Proposal BA) **Failed 36-83-4-3**

Proposal BT, Costa Rica Region: *Seating to be proportional to the meetings we serve and /or delimited by geographical country limits. In regards splitting regions: seating to be available through a zonal forum. A Zonal Forum will have a limited number of reps. the maximum will be proportional to a 10% of the meetings they serve.*

Intent: Create seating criteria

Hawaii Region asked if they meant 1%. Their answer was no, they meant 10%

(Proposal BT) **Failed 17-101-5-3**

Proposal AE, Costa Rica Region: *To hold the WSC every 3 years with the CAR released no less than 240 days prior to the conference.*

Intent: To change the frequency of the WSC and extend the time to translate and review the CAR

The Argentina Region spoke in favor of this proposal saying that it would not only give them more time to translate the CAR, it would give them more time to raise money to fund a representative to attend the WSC.

(Proposal AE) **Failed 39-77-4-6**

Proposal AH, ABCD Region: *To create a project plan and workgroup to study the feasibility of turning WSC into a planning conference. The planning conference could be similar to, though not identical to, the idea laid out in pages 61-63 of the 2016 Conference Report*

Intent: To move toward a planning conference, based on CBDM principles, where we hear from every participant, produce ideas, project plans, and/or motions that we have reached by consensus, to allow a full 2 year cycle for fellowship discussion that has already been translated and to present ideas, project plans and/or motions that are clear and well-reasoned to the fellowship for the consideration.

(Proposal AH) **Withdrawn**

Proposal BC Italy Region: *To have interpreting service available at WSC for delegates of regions who request so.*

Intent: To extend the WSC resource pool to more recovering addicts willing to serve, regardless their English language skill.

The Portugal Region stated that certain skills are required for service positions and speaking English should be one of them.

(Proposal BC) **Failed 52-70-0-4**

Proposal BD, Greece Region: *To ask the delegates to go back to their regions with the question/workshop below: "What is that your region thinks and feels about zonal representation?"*

Intent: To bridge the gap of lacking information about what zones/WSC/seated/unseated are and could work better

The world Board agreed that this is a good question to ask

(Proposal BD) **Passed 79-40-2-5**

Proposal BB, Southern California Region: *To have NAWs create a separate donation fund through which individual members, groups, areas, regions, or zones can contribute funds to help zones with limited resources send a participant to WSC 2018 if requested.*

Intent: To not let funding be a barrier to be a potential zonal participant as WSC 2018.

(Proposal BB) **withdrawn** after being declared Out of Order

Proposal E, World Board: *To adopt as policy: If the WSC takes action that changes the name or title of a Conference- or Fellowship-approved document, that name or title change may then be reflected everywhere the name or title appears without requiring further action by the WSC.*

Intent: To allow the will of the WSC to be reflected in NA Service manuals and materials.

(Proposal E) **Passed 17-2-2-2**

Proposal AF Free State Region: *To change the current review and input guidelines for Fellowship-approved literature from 90 days to 9 months.*

Intent: To enlarge the review and input period for Fellowship-approved literature.

The Free State Region Asked to amend the proposal to say 6 month review and input for IP's and 9 month review and input for Book length material. The maker said no.

One of the Spanish speaking regions said that it is very difficult for non-English speaking countries to review the material within the time frame.

(Proposal AF) **Failed 42-80-2-2**

Proposal AI, South Florida Region: *To create a workgroup to review our literature processes (review and approval) and propose options that will make those processes more accessible for our members who do not speak English.*

Intent: To look for ways in which we can remove the language barriers to participation in the creation, development and approval of our literature and move closer to the spiritual goals encompassed in our Vision Statement

(Proposal AI) **Failed 68-55-1-2**

Proposal BI Northern New York Region: *That the NA World Board develop a project plan which includes a budget and timeline to create an information pamphlet specially regarding DRT(drug replacement therapy) and MAT (medically assisted treatment) for consideration at the 2018 World Service Conference.*

Intent: To have easily accessible Fellowship-approved literature available to members that helps address who we are and who we are not, in a loving and welcoming manner in accordance with our 3rd tradition. Just as with mental illness in recovery, too many addicts are dying for our message due to not having a clear, but loving, fellowship position on this issue.

The Connecticut Region Spoke against this saying that the process of starting any new fellowship-approved literature should be in the CAR. The Washington North Idaho Region said the same thing but it was nice to hear their voice again.

(Proposal BI) **Failed 47-72-3-4**

Proposal AP South Florida Region: *To direct the World Board to prioritize IP #26 – Accessibility for Those with Additional Needs, and the Additional Needs Resource Information SP be updated to reflect current practices.*

Intent: To prioritize IP #26.

The recovery literature project plan has already been approved in Motion 19 based on the literature survey and fellowship input.

(Proposal AP) **Failed 48-73-1-4**

Proposal BK Washington/N Idaho Region: *To direct the World Board to develop a project plan for 2018 to update the Living Clean: The Journey Continues book with a subject and also spiritual principle index.*

Intent: To make Living Clean: The Journey Continues more easily referenced and improve it as a resource for recovery research.

The representative from the Pacific Cascade Region explained that the index in the Basic Text “saved his life” because if he didn’t have the index he would not have been able to look up spiritual principles and would have surely died.

(Proposal BK) Failed 10-110-0-3

Proposal BL Louisiana Region: *To Direct the World Board to create a project plan to be included in the 2018 CAT to develop an Informational Pamphlet on Bulletin 13 "Some Thoughts Regarding Our Relationship to Alcoholics Anonymous".*

Intent: To provide a cost effective, useful, and accurate solution in the form of an IP that will assist our members in answering questions regarding the relationship between our fellowships.

The recovery literature project plan has already been approved in Motion 19 based on the literature survey and fellowship input.

(Proposal BL) **Failed 19-102-4-1**

Proposal O Greater Philadelphia Region: That the following changes be made to PR Pamphlet “Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication Assisted Treatment”. On page three (3) under " NA and people on medically assisted treatment." The third (3rd) sentence be changed to “However, within the context of NA and its meetings, we have generally accepted principles, and one is that NA is an abstinence based recovery program. Persons who are taking drug replacement medication are not considered drug free.”

Intent: This will present a CLEAR message of what Clean is according to our Basic Text and will not allow our definition of "Clean" be confused or up for interpretation by individuals outside or inside our Fellowship.

(Proposal O) **Ruled Out Of order.** We cannot change literature that has not been published.

Processes & Procedures

Proposal X Mountaineer Region: *That the conference change policy affecting the percentage needed for election to the World Board from 60% of the WSC to simple majority.*

Intent: To change the percentage needed for election to the World Board

(Proposal X) **Failed 23-98-2-2**

Proposal AD Costa Rica Region: *To reconsider Motion 2C and change the motion to read "No more than 1 term in a lifetime."*

Intent: To reconsider Motion 2C and change the WB term limits.

The World Board stated that the entire fellowship voted on motion 2c and we shouldn't try to change it on a vote at the conference.

(Proposal AD) **Failed 13-112-0-0**

Proposal AG German Speaking Region: *To direct the World Board to present a motion in the 2018 CAR to limit service on any WSC position to 2 terms in total for lifetime.*

Intent: To have the WB create a motion.

(Proposal AG) **Failed 15-112-0-1**

The next three proposals, **BO**, **BP**, & **BR** were introduced by the World Board. They were to add the language used in **motions 15, 16 & 17** to A Guide to World Services

(Proposal BO) **Passed 118-8-1-0**

(Proposal BP) **Passed 107-17-2-0**

(Proposal BR) **Passed 117-6-2-0**

Proposal AA Costa Rica Region: *Move the processes outlined in Motions 15, 16, 17 into our Guide to World Services*

Intent: To add the procedures in Motions 15, 16, 17 to GWSNA.

(Proposal AA) **Withdrawn** because it was covered by Proposals BO, BP, & BR

The World Board requested that we bundle the next four proposals and commit to eliminate formal business sessions:

Proposal AY Washington North Idaho: *To eliminate formal business session at WSC in old and new business. Final straw polls on all matters in discussion sessions will be final decisions.*

Proposal BJ Central California Region: *To eliminate formal business from the decision process of a motion and a proposal. When the body comes to a consensus in the discussion session, that consensus completes the decision making process.*

Proposal AS Metro-Detroit Region: *For the 2018 World Service Conference we eliminate the separation between the old business discussion and old business decision sessions. The old business session will involve discussions of motions and proposals followed by decisions in a series fashion.*

Proposal AR Ireland Region: *To change the old business process into the following: As informal discussion on each motion and its amendments and proposals related to the motion are completed, the conference immediately enters formal old business to ratify the decisions agreed to in straw polls.*

Vote to bundle proposals **Passed 94-26-2-4**

Proposal AC Costa Rica Region: *Establish a guideline limiting conference business sessions to no more than 8 hours.*

Intent: To establish a guideline for maximum time of business session.

The World Board commented on this proposal saying they believed the bundled proposals would be an efficient time-saving tool.

(Proposal AC) **Passed 17-102-2-1**

Proposal BM Wisconsin Region: *The creation of a rule for conference participants, in which when the same Proposal / Motion appears in 2 consecutive conferences and fails in both conferences, a moratorium be placed on the Proposal / Motion (length of time determined by the conference participants).*

Intent: To minimize or eliminate Proposal / Motion repetition conference after conference. This will increase conference productivity which is estimated to currently cost the fellowship approximately \$6000.00 per hour.

The Michigan Region pointed out that this proposals would prevent regions from being seated if they had not been approved two previous times.

The California Inland Region asked to make a friendly amendment to add “excluding seating of new regions” to the proposal. The maker said no.

The California Mid-State region asked if this would include nominations. No, it would not

(Proposal BM) required 2/3 **Failed 70-49-4-3**

Proposal AW Metro-Detroit Region: *To eliminate the requirement that regional motions need a second or add the requirement that World Board motions need a second.*

Intent: To require that regional motions and World Board motions meet the same criteria.

The World Board said the proposals and/or motions made by them have already been seconded (and are required to be to move forward) at the Board meeting.

The Buckeye Region said this motion should be ruled out of order because it does not meet the requirement of being able to be answered with a simple yes or no.

The maker amended the motion to read: "To eliminate the requirement that regional motions need a second"

The poll to accept the amendment passed 80-34-7-3

(Proposal AW) **Failed 55-66-8-2**

Proposal AT Metro-Detroit Region: *To require that only motions from the World Board or seated regions appear in the 2018 Conference Agenda Report (no proposals resolutions or straw polls).*

Intent: To simplify the process of gathering a conscience from the fellowship.

(Proposal AT) **Failed 23-92-4-6**

Proposal BE Italy Region: *To have the Conference Agenda Report sent translated by NAWs into the language of a region who requests it.*

Intent: To permit a wider understanding of the CAR content to local service committees and servants.

The World Board understands the concern but can't guarantee that this could be done even if the proposal passes

(Proposal BE) **Failed 30-92-1-2**

Proposal BF Region Del Coqui: *To revise the GTWS so that the Conference Agenda Report and the Conference Approval Track are released in Spanish at the same time as the English versions.*

Intent: To change the way the CAR and the CAT are distributed

World Board said it wouldn't make sense to hold back the release of the English version. It would actually slow down the translation process of other non-English speaking regions.

(Proposal BF) **Failed 27-92-2-3**

Proposal AV Metro-Detroit Region: *To require that World Board Internal Guidelines be subject to World Service Conference approval.*

Intent: Accountability to the fellowship

The Board may not be able to function if they did not have the flexibility to operate without having to take every decision to the conference

(Proposal AV) **Failed 24-89-3-5**

Proposal U Connecticut Region: *To change the policy in the GWSNA regarding double room occupancy to allow for single room occupancy, for World Board members, without the need for prior request and approval.*

Intent: To update our policy to reflect our current practices.

(Proposal U) **Failed 51-59-2-9**

At this point in the conference it was late Friday night. We had been in New business sessions for 16 ½ hours. The Japanese translator said that he couldn't go on. A motion to Adjourn was made and passed.

The next morning we informed that according to A Guide to World Services a motion to adjourn ends the conference immediately upon approval. This motion is only appropriate when the body is ready to end the conference. Since the motion had been made and passed the business sessions of the conference were over but there was still business to discuss so the following options were presented on how to proceed.

	Results
1. Do nothing, the conference has ended	6
2. Re-open old business	46
3. Straw Poll remaining proposals. Forward results to the World Board.	59

The Following proposals were polled:

Proposal AZ Western Russia Region: *We suggest to develop a multilingual service network which would reflect our core service structure.*

Intent: We feel this network would be a practical service aid that helps to improve our communications, establish better connections with remote groups and regions and make our worldwide fellowship more accessible.

(Proposal AZ) **Poll result 67-35-5-8**

Proposal AQ South Florida Region: *To create a project plan for inclusion in the 2018 CAT to review the HRP processes and present proposals in the 2018 Conference Agenda Report for improvements to those processes.*

Intent: To create a project plan for 2018 CAT

(Proposal AQ) **Poll result 69-40-2-4**

Proposal BH California Mid-State Region: *Begin a dialog among seated regions regarding how nominations should be made for election to the World Board*

Intent: To begin a discussion to continue throughout the cycle until 2018

(Proposal BH) **Poll result 44-61-8-3**

Proposal AO Quebec Region: *That the second bullet of our Vision Statement-Every member inspired by the gift of recovery, experience spiritual growth and fulfilment through service-which encompasses among other things, the topic of Atmosphere of Recovery in NA service be adopted as one of the IDT-Issue Discussion Topic- for this coming cycle.*

Intent: To create a prioritized IDT on service and spiritual growth.

The IDTs were selected from the CAR survey but there was no objection to substituting the wording of the first topic with this proposal since they both focus on the atmosphere of recovery in service.

Proposal AJ South Florida Region: *Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) will be selected based on the following process: By August 1 following the World Service Conference (WSC) NAWS will create a section on na.org for IDT submissions. Any member, group, area, region or zone will be able to add an item to the poll. Beginning February 1 in the year before the WSC the process of voting on the poll will start. Any member, group, are. Region or zone will be able to vote on the choices in the poll. The poll will close on the final day as set by the Guide to World Services (GTWS) for regional motion submissions. The top six Issue Discussion Topics in the poll will be placed in the Conference Agenda Report and voted on in old business at the World Service Conference with the top three being the Issue Discussion Topics for that next conference cycle.*

Intent: To have more direct and specifically defined fellowship involvement in the creation and selection of Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics.

(Proposal AJ) **Poll Result 59-51-4-3**

Proposal L German Speaking Region: *To direct the WB to create a project plan to be included in the 2018 CAT to study sustainability of WCNA in the future.*

Intent: To increase sustainability of WCNA

(Proposal L) **Poll result 59-55-1-2**

Proposal AB Costa Rica Region: *Establish a rotation schedule for WCNA that holds WCNA outside the US every third convention.*

Intent: Make WCNA more sustainable

(Proposal AB) **Poll result 49-61-1-5**

Proposal BN Wisconsin Region: *To create a workgroup who shall develop a methodology to assess the progress of NAWS since the creation of a single unified board as a result of the World Services Inventory conducted in the mid to late 90's.*

Intent: As a worldwide fellowship, we need to occasionally examine the performance of NAWS in order for the relationship of the worldwide fellowship and NAWS to remain focused and on course. This performance appraisal to be made by the worldwide fellowship appears to be overdue. This project will undoubtedly honor the theme of the 2016 WSC; Honesty, trust and Goodwill, thereby fostering unity and our common welfare which is in keeping with values and ideals alluded to in the First Tradition of Narcotics Anonymous.

(Proposal BN) **Poll result 56-55-3-2**

Regional seating and the roles of zones

There were nine proposals regarding seating at the WSC. One was to remove a region and eight were to seat new regions. One of the eight proposals to seat a region was withdrawn and only three of the remaining seven were seated. The Le Nordet Region was removed from the list of seated regions because it no longer exists and has become a part of the Quebec Region. The removal of one and addition of three brings the total of seated regions at the WSC to 118.

Seated regions are regions that are able to participate at the World Service Conference by making motions, proposals and voting. Non seated regions may not participate at the conference. The passing of motion 11 will allow a non-seated participant from a zone to participate as a non-voting member at the 2018 conference.

With the growth of the world-wide fellowship seating and maintaining a manageable conference size is becoming a greater concern. The conference was polled to see what they thought were the best options for the future of the conference and seating.

The results were:

1. No change 18.3%
2. No change in representation, but other changes such as delegates-only at the WSC 20.2%
3. Zonal seating (whether current zones or something else) 41.3%
4. Some other basis for change in representation such as state/nation/province, continental, etc. 20.2%

The highest percentage of participants favored zonal seating in some form. There were small group discussions concerning the roles of zones during the conference. It was encouraged that delegates report back to their regions the importance of discussing this matter throughout the next conference cycle. It was also addressed in proposal BD.

Literature Survey and project plans

The literature survey included in the Conference Agenda Report was used by the World Board to determine the priority of literature project plans introduced and approved in Motion 19. The approval of Motions 1 & 3 Direct the world board to publish the new book “Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions” as well as developing a budget and timeline to create an IP on “mental illness and recovery”.

The survey results indicated that the fellowship would like a new Daily Meditation Book and a book on Service in NA. A booklet or pamphlet on mental health, which would be different from the IP on Mental Illness from motion 3 and handbooks on service material including Local/Area tools, Events and Conventions, and Group Service Tools. The complete results of the literature surveys are included at the end of this report.

The conference was polled on the priorities of the project plans approved in Motions 19-24

Motion	Project Plan	Low	Medium	High
19	Recovery Literature	34	37	45
20	Service Tools	23	44	49
21	Collaboration in Service	31	41	44
22	Future of the WSC	21	13	82
23	Fellowship Development and PR	15	32	69
24	Social Media as a PR Tool	40	35	39

Project Plans ranked Highest to lowest:

1. Future of the WSC
2. Fellowship Development and PR
3. Service Tools
4. Recovery Literature
5. Collaboration in Service
6. Social Media as a PR tool

Also included in the Survey were Issue Discussion Topics for the 2016-2018 cycle. The top three results were:

1. Atmosphere of recovery in service (*Every member inspired by the gift of recovery, experience spiritual growth and fulfilment through service*)
2. Applying our principles to technology and social media
3. How to use “Guiding Principles”(which would cover any tradition)

Proposal AO from the Quebec Region was accepted as a substitute focus for the first topic with no objections from the body.

FIPT and Illicit literature

The Fellowship intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) describes in detail how NA's name, trademarks, and recovery literature are protected and administered by NAWS. It covers NA's name, trademarks, and recovery literature in all forms, including translations and all mediums, whether printed, electronic, or any other media that may be developed in the future.

There has been an increasing amount of distribution of illicit literature as well as the illegal distribution of our own literature. NA groups can copy and distribute NA literature for use within their groups, but that right does not extend outside the group or to individuals and service bodies.

The world board had previously released this statement "The only people who can really protect the fellowship's property are NA members and groups. Only our members and groups can effectively enforce the decisions made by the fellowship and put a stop to illicit distribution of NA literature. We are asking you to not participate in this sort of activity and not to condone it. Please help us protect NA's property and take a stand against its illegal production."

With continued pressure from the fellowship the board polled several questions about the FIPT how we would like them to proceed.

Do we believe that the Fellowship still affirms the rules we have agreed on in the FIPT?

- 96 (95%) yes
- 5 (5%) no

NAWS encourages, but does not require, groups to register.

- With or without registration, NA groups may use NA's intellectual property
- Inclusion in the meeting locator motivates many to register their groups

On average, NAWs processes 170 group registrations each month.

Should we register and list on the meeting locator, NA groups that clearly intend to use material that is not NA-Fellowship approved?

- 28 (26%) yes
- 78 (74%) no

Should we take action to remove NA recovery literature from ASC/RSC sites, even if it means shutting down the site? (This may require ongoing action if a new site is created.)

- 75 (71%) yes
- 31 (29%) no

Do we want to say that NA groups use current editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature?

- 71 (61%) yes
- 39 (33%) no
- 3 (3%) abstain
- 4 (3%) present not voting

Are former editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature different in your mind than the hybrid versions that have been created and never approved in that form?

- 93 (79%) yes
- 12 (10%) no
- 7 (6%) abstain
- 6 (5%) present not voting

Do we want an additional statement from WSC 2016?

- 79 (66%) yes
- 40 (34%) no

Any statement created by the board will be sent to delegates for a 90 day review and input.

HRP and Elections

At the beginning of the Conference there were 16 board members. Eight member’s terms were up. Of those eight, five had completed two terms as board members and were not eligible for re-election. One chose not to run again. That left ten World Board positions vacant. Six members were elected, including MaryEllen P and Tali M for their second terms.

The current board is made up of fourteen members, which works well with the next conference cycle that will limit the size of the board to “up to 15 members” per Motion 2a approved at this conference.

Our current World Board is:

Board Member	Elected	Ends	Location
Tana A	2012	2018	Saugerties, New York, USA
Irene C	2012	2018	Westmeath, Ireland
Paul F	2012	2018	Mumbai, India
Arne H	2006	2018	Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Mark H	2006	2018	Las Vegas NV, USA
Franney J	2006	2018	Olympia, Washington, USA
Tonia N	2006	2018	Athens, Greece
Junior O	2008	2020	Sao Jose dos Campos, Sao Paulo Brazil
Jose Luis A	2016	2022	Region Del Coqui
Jack H	2016	2022	Washington North Idaho Region, USA
Khalil J	2016	2022	Georgia Region, USA
Tali M	2012	2022	Anahola, Hawaii Region, USA
MaryEllen P	2012	2022	Simi Valley, California, USA
Tim S	2016	2022	Australia Region

Two members were elected to the Human Resource Panel, maintaining a four member HRP

The current HRP is:

HRP	Elected	Ends	Location
Michael B	2014	2018	Nashville TN, USA
Sherry V	2014	2018	Bunker Hill, West Virginia, USA
Veronica B	2016	2020	Sweden
Jim B	2016	2020	Chicagoland Region, USA

One Cofacilitator was elected maintaining the two member position

The WSC Cofacilitators are:

Cofacilitator	Elected	Ends	Location
Laura B	2014	2018	Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA
Mark B	2016	2020	Florida, USA

David J of the Human Resource Panel briefly explained the function of the HRP, the election process and the World Pool. Members of the fellowship are asked to fill out the “World Pool Information Form”. This information is used to help determine nominations for service positions and service projects. If a member is seeking a position as a World Board member, HRP, or Cofacilitator the Candidate Profile Resume (CPR) is scored based on Recovery Questions, Leadership Service, Overall Service History, Service Preference, Relevant Life Experience and General Questions. The scores are tabulated and candidates are determined by the Scores of the CPRs and the number of open positions. Interviews are conducted by the HRP using the same set of questions. The strongest candidates have a World Services “perspective”, complete, focused and succinct response to the questions and supportive references. All nominees are selected by consensus of the entire HRP and are announced in the Conference Report.

Candidates nominated by Regions, Boards, and Zones are included in this process.

Candidates must receive a percentage of votes at the conference to be elected into a position.

- World Board: Most over 60%
- Human Resource Panel: Most over 50%
- Cofacilitators: Most over 50%

There is no way to vote against a nominee, you simply don’t vote for them. There has never been a tie so there is no policy for what to do in that situation.

The World Board also uses the information from the world pool information form to choose members to work on service projects, and work groups.

If you are interested in serving at this capacity and have submitted a World Pool Information Form, here are a few suggestions:

- Update your information annually.
- Be as detailed as you can regarding your service experience.
- Do not fill out the form with a crayon
- English is the official language of NAWS

After three years your resume is removed if you haven’t updated it. There are currently only 577 members in the pool which the HRP feels does not meet the current needs of the fellowship. More people need to get involved. David J stated they have enough “Old, overweight, white guys” and we need more diversity in the pool.

Annual Report

The 2015 Annual Report is available to view online at na.org. It covers Projects, Workgroups, and Fellowship discussions, Fellowship Development, The World Convention and Fellowship Contributions.

A few highlights from the report:

Translations

There are 80 languages spoken in NA. We have books translated into 26 languages, booklets in 27 and IPs in 47. The most recent translations are:

- IP#1- Zulu & Cree
- Basic Text –Swahili
- Introduction Guide- Chinese

Fellowship services

NAWS Fellowship Services Team provides resources and information to people contacting the office. I have received two messages from the staff regarding people in our Region (specifically Shelby County, Louisville Area) looking for information on our fellowship. I was able to follow up with both people and point them in the direction they needed.

Fellowship services by the numbers:

- 5640 letters from inmates
- 1279 books provided at no cost to inmates and other members
- 33 Institutional Group starter kits
- 412 Starter kits
- 24,357 group registrations and updates

Production and Distribution

Top three most distributed:

Books:

- Basic Text
- Step Working Guide
- Just For Today

Booklets:

- White Booklet
- Intro Guide
- Resource in your Community

Information Pamphlets:

- #7 Am I an Addict
- #22 Welcome to NA
- #16 For the Newcomer

Keytags:

- Welcome
- 30 days
- 60 days

Medallions:

- 1-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 21-30 years

The Iranian office distributes more literature than all the other offices combined and of the 1-10 year medallions distributed in 2015, more than half were distributed in the Iranian NA community. This corresponds with the rapid membership growth of NA in Iran over the last decade.

World Convention

The 36th World Convention was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Due to the change in economic, social and political factors the convention faced many problems. Faced with the choice of going forward knowing the financial price or canceling altogether knowing the cost in both money and reputation, we “held our collective breath and put on a great convention.”

The Total expense for the convention was \$822,930. Total income was \$438,220. Even with the loss of \$384,710 many positive things happened as a result of the convention. NA has increased access to their federal prison system, local PR has been given the opportunity to participate in professional conferences, they have established a regional helpline and the local NA community has grown immensely.

It was also stated that by the time it became apparent there were going to be unforeseen obstacles, we had already invested about the same amount of money that we ultimately lost. If the convention had been cancelled, we would have lost the same amount of money but not had the benefits of carrying our message.

Contributions

Fiscal Year 2015	
Approximate number of meeting worldwide	63,000
Total contributions received from meetings worldwide	\$1,028,126
Annual contributions received per meeting worldwide	\$16.49
Cost to fund Fellowship services	\$4,511,580
Dollars needed worldwide annually per meeting to cover fellowship services	\$71.61
Percentage of expenses covered by fellowship contributions	%23

If every meeting in the US and Canada contributed \$151.01 annually the cost of fellowship services would be covered solely by contributions.

The following table shows the Kentuckiana Region's contributions for the 2014/2015 fiscal year and the year to date contributions as of July 2015 (Our fiscal year is July-June)

Number of Contrib.

Kentuckiana Region	(YTD)	YTD	Jul 2014/ Jun 2015
Dayton Ohio Area	0		5.00
How it Works Group	5	126.92	0
Individual Members	6	60.00	5.00
Just Us Home Group	5	70.00	0
Kentuckiana RSC	1	1,062.61	2,183.98
Living The Program Group	3	100.00	10.00
Louisville Area	10	500.00	50.00
Ohio Valley Area	0	0	5.00
Serene Warriors Group	1	50.00	0
South Central Kentucky Area	0	0	195.54
Therapeutic Value Meeting of NA	2	55.00	0
Kentuckiana Region Totals	33	2,024.53	2,454.52

I received a check from KRSCNA in March for the amount of \$1395.69. \$395.69 was reimbursement for my flight to the WSC (that receipt was turned in at the March Meeting). The remaining \$1000 was for lodging at the WSC. There was an error with the hotel reservations by the hotel and as a result the first two nights of the conference my roommate and I had a single room with a roll-away bed. At the insistence of NAWS, these nights were comped to all conference participants that it affected. That made my total expense for lodging \$568.04. I noticed an error in my math from the January Southern Zonal Forum. I had returned \$40.18 that remained after expenses, I should have returned \$40.82. I am including the \$.64 discrepancy with the \$431.96 remaining after expenses for the WSC. I am returning a total of \$432.58. My total expenses for the conference that was reimbursed by KRSCNA was \$827.65.

The conference was long and often stressful. There were many conflicting opinions and personalities but I believe after all was said and done, the conscience of the groups was heard and the work done truly reflected the principles of our fifth tradition to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

