

April 25, 2010

9 am – 10:30 am

Open with moment of silence (3 minutes) and the Serenity Prayer and a portion of Jimmy K's speech from the 23rd anniversary of NA meeting

“Get to know each other session”

First time attendees acknowledged

2nd time conference attendees

3rd time

4th time

5th

6 – 10 conferences

Over 10 conferences (2 people)

As of April 2010 there are 58,390 meetings worldwide in 131 countries.

280 people seated today including staff

114 Seated Regions

111 Delegates in attendance – 67 from US – 5 from Canada – 39 from the remaining (14 Spanish speaking)

87 RDAs in attendance 64 from US – 5 from Canada – 18 from the remaining (6 Spanish speaking)

Seated but not in attendance

Ecuador

Nepal

Del Norte

157 – Men

60 – Women

Egypt – Seated in 2008. This is their first conference. They are in the final processes of approving the Basic Text in Arabic.

El Salvador – Seated in 2008 – 1st conference – Very thankful for being allowed to be here!

Nicaragua – Seated in 2008 – 1st conference – They are very grateful to be able to participate. He says that “You have helped us to strengthen the ties that bind us together!”

North Carolina – Seated in 2008 – Thank you! It's a privilege to be here. Their first conference.

Poland – Seated in 2008 – Her fellowship is very excited to hear what she brings back. She has had workshops with very good attendance. They called them Unity Through Service and Unity Through Communication.

Southern Brazil – Seated in 2008 – They have 200 groups and are very excited to be here.

Iran – seated in 2006 but have been unable to obtain visas until this conference. He had a message in Farsi from his people – They hope in the future that our delegate can travel to the US without difficulty. Not too long ago we were a very small NA community. We truly believe that without the support of world services, we would not have grown. We had no money, no direction and world helped us grow and survive. When my people found out that I had my visa and was able to attend, 350,000 people want me to say

“hello and thank you!” We are here to provide our share of financial support and responsible service.

Denmark – Up for seating – NA has existed in Denmark for 20 years but were paralyzed by internal discussion until 5 years ago when they asked for help from Sweden, then contacted NAWS. Many changes since then. They are now a member of the European Delegate Meeting (EDM) They are very excited to be here.

Lithuania – She is on the way.

Serenity Prayer was said in:

English

Spanish

Portuguese

French

German Hindi Hebrew

Italian

Greek

Japanese

Norway

Phillipines

Swedish

Russian

Polish

Lithuania

Arabic

Manipuri

Danish

Farsi

Closed morning session at 10:30 am

11:00 am

Session facilitated by board members, Tonya (Greece) and Arne (Canada).

Small group workshops with icebreaker. We then all got the opportunity to write an essay for the Living Clean project, chapter 7. These may or may not be used in the final work.

We then did an exercise where each small group was asked to share something of their experience, hope and fears about their attendance at WSC. The responses were interesting. Some tables were asked to read their answers aloud. One table there were 6 first time WSC participants. One table had mostly hope and little fear. One table had 4 people from outside US. One table said their experience was diversity. Another table talked their fears about the divisions in the fellowship, but they decided that the ties that bind us together are truly stronger than those that would tear us apart.

2:00 Navigating the WSC

Reviewed the agenda and deadlines through the week. Overview of rules and procedures, and etiquette used for business sessions.

Introduced co-facilitators, parliamentarian, and Human Resource Panel.

There are two different areas for our business. One area has round tables for small discussion workshops. The other area is set up with bleacher-style risers. (This is where all the actual business takes place.)

HRP (Human Resource Panel) Margaret explains her panel's agenda. Nomination deadlines Monday, 6 pm for open positions. 6 Board members, 2 co-facilitators, 2 HRP. Elections to be held Thursday.

We have received our Candidate Profiles which are the resumes of those who have been accepted as nominees by the HRP. These are very important and private documents, which must be returned as our regional vote is accepted. (They will be destroyed)

We have received feedback forms which NAWS finds very useful to help with future conferences. They really try to accommodate our needs by changing the way things are done during the week.

Ended this session at 3:30 pm