

April 30, 2010

New Business

As with old the business session, we will begin new business with a discussion session where we group motions by topic for a less formal discussion to prepare us for business. We will conduct straw polls on motions to get a sense of where the body stands on items before we move into a formal business session.

2:00 pm – 4:20 pm

#25 – To approve the Public Relations project plan for inclusion in the 2010-2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget. (has amendment #56 to vote on)
Straw poll – voice vote (very strong support)

#56 – M/2nd Rick (Mountaineer)/Jose (Brazil)
To amend Motion 25 (the Public Relations project plan) with the following change: the last sentence of paragraph two would be replaced with “This material would be conference approved.”
Straw poll – voice vote (very limited support)

#29 – To approve the Service Material project plan for inclusion in the 2010-2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget. (has amendment #55 to vote on)
Straw poll – voice vote (strong support)

#55 – M/2nd Rick (Mountaineer)/Jose (Brazil)
To amend Motion 29 with the following change: the last sentence in the purpose and scope would read “Resource material would be used to produce a conference approved handbook.”
Straw poll – voice vote (very limited support)

#31 To recognize Denmark as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010.
Straw poll – voice vote (near unanimous support)

#32 To recognize Lithuania as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010.
Straw poll – voice vote (near unanimous support)

#33 – To revise the conditions of the moratorium adopted at WSC 2008 as follows: To place a moratorium on the current *Criteria for Recognition of New Conference Participants* from A Guide to World Service 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~~
No regions will be considered for seating at WSC 2012.

Intent: To allow the conference time to discuss WSC seating and the attendant policies without the added consideration of new regions requesting seating for this one conference only.

Straw poll – voice vote (strong support)

#34 – To remove the following language about The NA Way Magazine, indicated by strike-through, from page 18 of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*.
The WSO publishes *The NA Way Magazine*: our fellowship’s international journal. The magazine provides both a forum for sharing about NA recovery, unity, and service, as well as information about world services ~~Produced in English, *The NA Way* is translated into the primary languages spoken in Narcotics Anonymous. The magazine is distributed four (4) time a year, at no cost to subscribers, to every trusted servant and NA group contact address in the WSO database, as well as any member who asks to be included in that mailing list.~~ The magazine is edited by WSO staff and an editorial board appointed by the World Board.

Intent: To allow the World Board the time and flexibility to experiment with changes to the automatic distribution of the *The NA Way Magazine*.

Straw poll – (very strong support)

#35 – To change the following language for the local Support Committee of WCNA, indicated by underline and strike-through, from page 39 of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*.

~~WCNA Workgroup Local Support Committee~~
Purpose

Although the World Board has the responsibility for the world convention, the WCNA Workgroup ~~local support committee~~ plays an important role in its success. The purpose of the WCNA Workgroup ~~local support committee~~ is to support the World Board World Services in specific areas of planning and implementations by providing input, volunteers, and assistance.

~~Composition~~

All information in this section will be removed down to:

Volunteer recruitment, training, and scheduling in one of the most important and time consuming jobs in the planning and success of a world convention.

The direction and focus is set by world services. The World board will provide each WCNA Workgroup support committee with a list of its responsibilities.

Intent: To make the language describing this workgroup better reflect the current practices of NAWS.

Straw poll – voice vote (very strong support)

#37 – M/2nd David M (South Florida)/Bob B (Western NY)

To amend GWSNA page 38 or 39, WCNA Workgroup, by adding language “only the World Board members assigned to the WCNA workgroup will be reimbursed for travel and expenses to the world convention.”

Intent: Save the fellowship the added expense that we would incur for this event because we have lost money at the last 2 world conventions.

Straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

2nd straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

4:40 pm – 7:40 pm

#20 – M/2nd Michel (Brazil Sul)/Dwayne (Northern New Jersey)

To recognize Malta as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2010.

Intent: That this community geographically isolated can bring its voice to WSC.

Straw poll – voice vote (limited support) (strong opposition)

#21 – M/2nd David (South Florida)/Phillip (Carolina)

At the close of the WSC the WB will provide each conference participant email addresses that can easily be merged with a database program such as Microsoft Access or similar database programs. This list will also be updated every 90 days by NAWS staff and included with the conference participant upon request.

Intent: The intent is to help generate pre-and post-conference discussion between delegates.

Straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

2nd straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

#22 – M/2nd David (South Florida)/Phillip (Carolina)

To put back the language that was removed from the GWSNA 2006-2008 on page #54 – WSC Rules of Order “standing rules” 1, G, last paragraph. “Any conference participant has the right to ask the conference to consider if an item is conference business or if it should be returned to each group for a “Group Conscience” vote. The conference then has to decide if the issue requires the efforts of the NA groups.

Intent: The intent is that we should never remove this from the GWSNA because of our 2nd Tradition.

Straw poll – voice vote (very limited support)

2nd Straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

#23– M/2nd David (South Florida)/Jim (British Columbia)

To amend GWSNA Addendum D WSC Rules of Order #5 to read, “When a motion has been introduced and seconded it will be displayed and then posted on the NAWS Discussion Board so that it is visible to all members of the fellowship.”

Intent: To build better communication throughout the fellowship by providing complete transparency to all NA members of what is happening at the WSC, and to make use of the NAWS Discussion board to stimulate more interest from the fellowship of what happens at the WSC.

Straw poll – voice vote (very limited support)

2nd Straw poll – voice vote (very limited support)

#36 – M/2nd David M (South Florida)/Bob B (Western NY)

In addition to the NAWS Annual Report NAWS will create a separate profit and loss statement for all future world conventions. This report will be event specific and will include all expenses for NAWS staff and the World Board to attend the events.

Intent: To give the fellowship the exact cost to have these events.

Straw poll – (limited support)

2nd Straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

#38 – M/2nd Junior B (WB)/Mark H (WB)

To develop a plan of sending an H&I panel to the translators booth and help those two guys

Intent: To help the translators live in the cage or get it out of it, according to the 3rd tradition.

#39 – M/2nd Chris K (Wisconsin)/Brad K (Utah)

To limit the World Board responses on regional motions in the CAR to the same word count as the regional rationale.

Intent: To ensure equality in our discussions of issues.

Straw poll – (limited support)

2nd – voice vote (very little support)

❖ Proposed amendment: WB responses and the regional rationale for regional motions are limited to 1000 words each.

Straw poll – voice vote (close but ayes may have it)

2nd – voice vote (close but ayes may have it)

8:15 pm – 10:30 pm

#45 M/2nd Chris K (Wisconsin)/Gary V (OK)

To direct the World Board to discontinue the practice of publishing its recommendations – to adopt, not to adopt, commit, etc., on motions in the *Conference Agenda Report*. To amend GWSNA, page 14, paragraph 1 indicated by strike-through.

The *Conference Agenda Report* includes reports, proposals, and motions from the WB and any proposals or motions submitted from regions. (Regional motions will be included in their own section and have the same number when presented on the conference floor.) Regional motions must be submitted two hundred and forty (240) days prior to the opening of the conference. All motions will include a written intent. Regions are allowed up to 150 words to describe the reasoning behind, and consequences of, their regional motions in the *Conference Agenda Report*. ~~The WB also includes a recommendation in order to provide the fellowship with as much information as possible when considering the idea.~~

Intent: To encourage and preserve the objectivity of our members when discussing the motions

- ❖ WB will agree to leave off any recommendation from the 2012 CAR on advice from straw poll

Straw poll – raised hands (even)

WB wants to have process in place to consider various ideas and move closer to CBDM and away from a motion driven conference. It was discussed and decided that this motion will not amend the GWSNA. Sweden opposes this and wants to keep the regular order. She does not want to take one straw poll. Wants discussion – straw poll – discussion 2nd straw poll. Discussion ensues for 1½ hours.

2nd Straw poll – card vote (fail)

#40 – M/2nd Chris K (Wisconsin)/Brad K (Utah)

To designate all motions from the CAT material as old business and to delete language in GWSNA, page 9, paragraph 3 as shown below.

New business sessions usually take a bit more work. They are scheduled late in the conference week to allow the discussions and ideas of the week to come to bear on the discussions and decisions. The new business session focuses on ~~items contained in the Conference Approval Track, including the budget and project plans for the next cycle, seating of new regions and approval of service material as well as~~ the ideas that conference participants have come to during the week. The discussion on these items typically requires a much more fluid process than items in old business. Ideas are discussed and are often adapted and changed as the discussion begins to frame the will of the body. This is especially true for items being considered for the future or still in some stage of development. This can seem uncomfortable or strange to those of us only familiar with more formal processes. Straw polls and questions are used frequently to try to mold and frame the ideas being considered. Often the conference chooses not to hold any discussion on those items it does not wish to entertain.

Old business is defined as being whatever is in the CAR. New business is budget material, and any motions submitted after the motion cut off. WB does not vote on old business.

Straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

#41 – M/2nd Ken (SoCal)/Dan (WA No Idaho)

To change the language in the GWSNA, on page 16 and 25 from “eight (8)” to “six (6)” as listed below.

Terms

The length of term for board members shall be six years. All members of the board are eligible for election for two consecutive terms.

To maintain the ideal of one-third of the board seats rotating every two years, if the WSC chooses to elect more than six (6) ~~eight (8)~~ board members at the same time, the terms lengths will be determined by volunteers and then by random drawing at the first WB meeting following the WSC.

Elections

1.

a) In order to keep the ideal of one-third of WB seats and one-half of the Human Resource Panel rotating every two years, open positions at the conference on the WB above six ~~eight~~ and on the HRP above two will be considered vacancies. If the conference chooses to fill a vacancy, the same majority is required for these positions as listed above but the WB of the HRP respectively will determine the term length after the election.

Intent: To eliminate the contradiction on this section of the GWSNA.

Straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

#42 – M/2nd Brad K (Utah)/Chris K (Wisconsin)

To include a section about the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) in the Guide to Local Service. This section will include things such as information about the six guidelines included in the NA Intellectual Property Bulletin 4 and guidelines for the proper use of the NA trademark and symbol.

Only NA groups have the authority under IP bulletin #1 to reproduce fellowship-approved recovery literature in certain instances. When preparing to reproduce NA Fellowship-approved recovery literature, we suggest that NA groups discuss the Fourth Tradition and follow these six general guidelines:

1. An NA group shall only reproduce NA Fellowship-approved recovery literature when it has a clear need to do so.
2. NA Fellowship-approved recovery literature reproduced by an NA group should be distributed only within that group. Such materials should always be given away free of charge; they should never be sold to generate income.
3. The text of NA Fellowship-approved books and pamphlets reproduced by an NA group should not be altered nor modified in any way.
4. The copyright for the item being reproduced should be shown prominently as follows: “Copyright ©” (year of first publication by NAWA), Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.”
5. As long as the conditions of IPB#1 and this IPB#4 are met, no advance permission is required. Groups need not, but are encouraged to register themselves with the WSO.
6. In the event that there is any conflict relating to the enforcement or interpretation of this bulletin, the procedure outlined in IP Bulletin #5, Conflict Resolution within the NA Fellowship, will govern.

Intent: To inform groups and committees of the correct use of the NA symbol, trademark and reproduced literature.

Jim B (WB) states that language could be added to the FIPT without this motion. Jim B commits to this.

No need for straw poll. Motion maker consents.

#43 M/2nd Jeff K (Greater NY)/Jeremy F (Northern New England)

To remove the following language from “Approval Process for Recovery Literature,” indicated by a strike-through from page 36 of the 2008 GWSNA.

Approval Process for Recovery Literature

...B. Approval-form literature

1. Approval-form literature is prepared by the WB and is distributed for a period of time, considering translations, determined by the WB of not less than one hundred fifty (150) days. The length of this approval period is determined by the WB based on the needs of the fellowship and the piece being considered for approval. ~~The approval form of book length pieces will be available for one year prior to the conference where it is being considered.~~

Intent: To allow the WB the option of more time and flexibility in the creation of book length pieces.

WB recommends to adopt

Straw poll – voice vote (very strong support)

#44 M/2nd David M (South Florida)/Bill H (New England)

A free Internet connection will always be provided in the conference room at the WSC for all conference participants.

Intent: 8th Concept – Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.

Straw poll – voice vote (very limited support)

2nd Straw poll – voice vote (very limited support)

#46 – M/2nd Ken (SoCal)/Dan (WA No Idaho)

To change the following language about the length of term for co-facilitators indicated by underline and strike-through, from pages 23 and 25 of the 2008 GWSNA.

The WSC co-facilitators are two (2) individuals elected by a simple majority of the WSC. The purpose of the WSC co-facilitators is to preside over the business meeting of the WSC. WSC co-facilitators must have a minimum of eight (8) years clean time. The term for each position will be ~~one~~ is two (2) conference cycles. ~~The co-facilitators may be elected to two consecutive terms.~~ **WSC co-facilitators may not serve two full consecutive terms.** WSC co-facilitators are accountable to the WSC.

“The ~~two~~ co-facilitator nominee(s) receiving the most votes above the required 50% majority will be elected as the WSC co-facilitator(s).”

“In order to keep the ideal of one-third of WB seats, ~~and~~ one-half of the HRP **and one co-facilitator** rotating every two years, open positions at the conference on the WB above eight, ~~and~~ on the HRP above two and co-facilitators above one will be considered vacancies. If the conference chooses to fill a vacancy, the same majority is required for these positions as listed above but the WB or the HRP **or the co-facilitators** respectively will determine the term length after the election.

Intent: To make the co-facilitator service position a two conference term immediately so at least one of the co-facilitator has previous experience facilitating WSC business sessions.

Straw poll – voice vote (strong support)

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10:45 pm – 12:35 am

#47 – Matt (NorCal)/Tony O (Georgia)

That the World Board undertake an evaluation of the efficacy of discontinuing the Human Resource Panel, and replacing their functions with a process for the world board members to forward direct nominations for prospective WB members or conference co-facilitators to the WSC. The board will submit a recommendation on this issue for possible action at WSC 2012.

Intent: After a decade of amendments and adjustments to the HRP process, it may be time to look at other methods for identifying and forwarding prospective nominees for world service positions to the WSC. The World Board has active contact with ‘shining stars’; members throughout our fellowship that have special talents and experience or who have helped in developing NA communities or participated in World Service Projects. Perhaps the boards itself would be the best entity for identifying and bringing for candidates for consideration by the WSC

Straw poll – voice vote (some support)

WB recommends to commit

Straw poll to commit: (commit is to direct the WB to have the issue in their discussion plans for the upcoming cycle for their direction)

Straw poll to commit – voice (strong support) It was decided that this motion to commit was essentially that same as the motion itself so we only polled th motion itself

Straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

#54 M/2nd Ed (Mid-Atlantic)/Ron Buckeye)

To allow any WB, HRP, or co-facilitator nominee to have five minutes of time prior to the election process to verbally qualify themselves to the conference delegates by personal appearance, video conference, phone conference, or any other technology that can be used to do so.

Intent: Allow nominees to qualify in conjunction with the world pool information, due to the sense and personal input that often may get lost in written translation. This would at least allow the candidate the opportunity to express their qualifications personally.

WB recommends to commit

Straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

2nd Straw poll motion to commit – voice vote (very limited support)

Straw poll motion to commit – voice vote (limited support)

2nd Straw poll motion to commit – voice vote (very limited support)

#48 M/2nd Ron (Buckeye)/Chris K (Wisconsin)

To immediately cease production of IP#27 for *The Parents and Guardians of Young People*.

Intent: Primary purpose to carry the message to family members and friends of addicts. This piece of literature would be more appropriate for Nar-Anon.

Distribution of:

IP#27 For the Parents – 129,546 in one year

IP#13 By Young Addicts for Young Addicts 303,724 in same year as above

Straw poll motion – voice vote (very limited support)

2nd Straw poll motion – voice vote (extremely limited support)

#49 – M/2nd Elliot (ABCD)/Ed (Mid-Atlantic)

That any motions that change the service structure **substantially** or change the **basic** make-up of the conference be **presented at the WSC for discussion** and then made **a** ~~in~~ **the CAR motion sent back to groups** and require a 2/3 majority to pass.

Intent: The groups do care about this and want to be included in this decision. Since it required 2/3 majority to seat conference participants, it should require the same to remove them.

Straw poll for motion without amendment – voice vote (very limited support)

2nd Straw poll for motion without amendment – voice vote (very limited support)

Amended by maker; changes are bold and underlined and removals are strike-throughs.

Straw poll – voice vote (limited support)

2nd Straw poll – voice vote (very limited support)

12:45 am – 3:15 am

#50 – M/2nd Ken (SoCal)/Dan (WA No Idaho)

To add a brief description of the conference approval track in future editions of the GWSNA, to be listed under the World Service Conference Publications heading (on page 13-14 of the GWSNA).

Intent: This section includes description of other WSC publication but doesn't have a brief description of the CAT. This motion would hopefully bring together both the brief description on page 9, paragraph 3 of the CAT and its distribution timeline on page 35, paragraph J.

Jim B, WB, commits to taking care of this. Ken accepts

#51 – M/2nd Konstantine (Greece)/Veronica (Sweden)

That bi-lingualism i.e., a working familiarity with a language additional to English, is made by the World Board one of the selection criteria for members of workgroups developing new literature.

Intent: There is a specific cultural outlook built into the language of recovery. This is sometimes evident in terminology but more often in the cultural assumptions behind the words. This cultural bias (specificity) can detract from the universality of the NA message. Translations can certainly go a long way in expressing the message of NA in ways that are culturally appropriate. Still, the fellowship globally stands to benefit by having members develop new literature who have a greater frame of reference and of thinking than the one central language of NA (English).

Maker withdraws motion – no discussion

#52 – M/2nd Karyn (Show Me)/Kitty (Australian)

We move that the World Board, using WSC participants, develop a plan to implement a Consensus Based Decision Making process, that among other things would eliminate the use of motions at the WSC.

Intent: To provide a more spiritual method of doing business

Jim B recommends this motion be committed to the board

Straw poll – voice vote (strong support)

Straw poll to commit – voice vote (very strong support)

#53 – M/2nd Wesley (Upper Midwest)/Chris (Wisconsin)

To direct the WB to post and/or send to RDs a copy of the minutes of the WB meetings within a timely manner after meeting. This practice to start at the close of WSC 2010.

Intent: To make a step in the direction of fulfilling our Eighth Concept by allowing some transparency of the WB to the RD.

Straw poll – voice vote (very little support)

1:06 am moved into Formal Business

Roll call

Missing: Israel, Poland, Philippines

Greece chooses to abstain

123 participants

108 regions

Majority 62

2/3 82

#25 – Voice Vote – Passes 1 nay

#29 – Voice Vote – Passes several nay votes

Postponed from 4/28/10

#30 – To adopt the 2010-2012 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

(Contingent upon passing #25 and #29 with or without amendments)

Straw poll – voice vote (very strong support)

#30 – Voice Vote – Passes 1 nay

#31 – Voice Vote – Passes 1 nay

#32 – Voice Vote –

#33 – Voice Vote – Too close co-facilitator asks for standing vote. Need 2/3 vote 80 aye

– 40 – 1 abstain Motion fails

#34 – Voice Vote – Passes several nay votes

#35 – Voice Vote – Passes several nay votes

#52 – Jim B (WB) motions to commit to WB Passes unanimous consent

#23– M/2nd David (South Florida)/Jim (British Columbia)

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As amended with bold/underline and strike-throughs

Voice Vote – Fails

Motion to commit M/2nd Marc H(WB)/JJ

Voice Vote – Fails

Question called and 2nd Passed

#49 as amended M/2nd Elliot/65

Motion for roll call vote – failed

Voice Vote – Fails

Motion to make a substitute motion M/2nd Jeremy (N Dakota)/68

To remove the last two sentences in GWSNA in the first paragraph of page number 14 and to replace those sentences with: “Both the region and the WB have a limit of 500 words of commentary regarding the motion made by that region.”

Intent: In an attempt to achieve a “we” atmosphere throughout local and world services of Narcotics Anonymous and to allow for an even response to a motion as a result of consensus based decision making.

Vote to approve substitute motion

Voice vote – Fails

#39 – As amended M/2nd Jeremy (N Dakota)/68

Voice vote – Fails

#54 – Voice vote – Fails

#43 – Voice vote – Passes by 2/3

#46 – Voice vote – Passes

#41 – Voice vote – Fails

#36 – Voice vote – Fails

#20 – M/2nd Ron H(WB)/Tommy O (Rocky Mtn)

– Voice vote – Fails

Commit motion to WB
Call the question– Voice vote – Fails

Motion M/2nd to adjourn 3:15 am