

May 1

10:30 am –

WSC Processes

We will share ideas about what went well and how to improve the conference. This session also gives us an opportunity to talk together about how to increase communications between conferences. Because the 2008-2010 cycle was the first time we tried to direct WB members/RD interactions, we would like to hear how it has worked for RDs so that we can better this effort in the conference cycle ahead.

Jim B talks about how the WB is trying to refine CBDM so that the need to make a motion in order to be heard can be eliminated.

Because it is in our policy, right now, we can't completely go to CBDM. Would like to try as an experiment – engaging with us throughout the cycle via the idea submission sheet. They realize that it's not working as well as they would like. They want to continue to look for ideas and ways to receive new ideas and responding to these. How this would look in the CAR would be to place the idea in the CAR and give local communities the chance to give input on how to proceed with those ideas. See if they can come up with some process to be able to express ideas with discussion at the next conference.

Would you support the idea of the board discussing or looking for ways for regions to pass ideas for consideration without need to regional motions.

Straw poll – voice vote unanimous!!!!

Gene – Metro Detroit – asks if we may be able to see input earlier – not having the CAR released earlier, but just disseminating the information.

Jim suggests perhaps taking our ideas to our zonal meetings (peers) to get some feedback.

The same idea development process would also apply to new business:
Asked and answered

Zonal meetings or zonal reports – which is a priority?

Zonal meetings – over half

Zonal reports – about one-third

Calamigas Ranch

Straw poll – overwhelming support to keep it

RD Sharing Session – Was it valuable to you?

Straw poll – strong support to continue

Literature development process

We encourage you to continue to submit your ideas for the literature development process, so it can continue to be developed and refined.

The literature survey will still be released to the fellowship to get a sense of what the literature priorities are.

Internet Issues

NAWS Facebook – pursuing ways to use the tool as a means for communication and presence there, and looking for ways to preserve members' anonymity.

Straw poll – strong opposition

Service System

We will be framing the discussion and presentation tools (including visual aids) for you immediately following this conference. We have heard your comments about the names for the units.

We will also create a page on NA.org for the project where these materials will be made available.

NA Way Magazine

Do you support the idea of looking for ways to solicit donations to offset the cost of the magazine?

Straw poll – very strong support

Purging the *NA Way Magazine* subscription database and requiring those who wish to remain subscribed to re-subscribe? (It will still be available online free of charge; the purge may or may not be necessary for e subs)

TO REQUIRE ALL SUBSCRIBERS TO RE-SUBSCRIBE

Straw poll – unanimous support

Elections

What are the difficulties we have in establishing confidence in the nominees for WB elections? How can we be more effective? Would you be willing to answer questions (through some anonymous medium) about how to improve this?

DO YOU WANT TO BE SENT A QUESTIONNAIRE?

Straw poll – very strong support

Communication

Please help us by updating your RD contact information as your positions turn over. What do you think about the idea of keeping the conference participant bulletin more relevant to current participants by limiting use to current (single) previous cycle participants?

Straw poll – very strong support

We have tried to survey conference participants asking about the topics you would like hear discussed at the conference, but with limited responses. We will continue to look for ways to hear from you.

In this cycle, we expect that we will try to make use of zonal forum participation as a way to talk about the service system project. We would like our zonal participation to continue to grow as a part of the information feedback loop.

Each world board member will have a list of RDs to stay in on-on-one contact with. This is not meant to be your exclusive way to be in contact with NAWS, but it's an experiment to provide personalized contact. We will be making new assignments for the coming cycle. (Again, please update your contact information with us, especially if you don't hear from anyone from the board.)

FTP Access:

Much of the materials you have seen and some of the input we have collected will be put on a CD and mailed to conference participants, but it will also be available on the ftp site. We encourage you to use the information from these pieces responsibly.

As a multi-lingual conference, we have experienced challenges. We all need to strive to remain mindful of this in our participation at the WSC. Perhaps translators will come up with a list of suggestions for good communication skills at the conference.

Issue Discussion Topics:

We will provide session profiles on:

Self-Support IPS

In Times of Illness

A Vision of NA Service

A group/member focused topic

Moving Forward with a Common Vision 2010-2012

This session functions as a conclusion for the 2008-2010 conference cycle and a beginning to the two years ahead. We will review the progress we've made in the course of the last cycle, and the decisions we've made this week. In keeping with the theme for the 2010-2012 conference cycle, "Our Vision, Our Future", we will talk about how we can best move forward together and continue making progress.

In this session we were all given participation certificates with our names, service position and regions on it, along with a world "NA" map with all meetings shown. I managed to pick up a map for each area also. I'll bring them the next RSC.

All in all I really hope everyone enjoyed receiving my reports on the conference and if there are any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

ILS,
Karen