

AREA MINUTES

Date: July 19, 2015
Held at Bridge to Freedom



1. **Called to Order.** 3:19pm
2. **12 Traditions.** Read by Jason T (RCM)
3. **12 Concepts.** Read by Greg C
4. **Purpose.** Read by Jon (Last Chance)

5. Roll Call.

Administrative Committee:

Chair: Present (*Brenda M*)

Vice-Chair: Present (*Ned T*)

Treasurer: Absent (*Justin A*)

Alt Treasurer: Vacant

Secretary: Present (*Anna K*)

Alt Secretary: Vacant

RCM: Present (*Jason T*)

RCM 2nd: Absent (*Tammy A*)

Subcommittee Chairs:

Activities: Absent (*Mary*)

Policy: Vacant

ECPRS: None

GSRs:

Bridge to Freedom: Present (*Shaun M*)

New Attitudes: Present (*David D*)

Beach N.A: Present (*Patrick*)

Last Chance: Present (*Jon D*)

High on Life: Present (*Derek Y*)

6. Reports.

Administrative Committee:

Chair: Report (attached)

Vice-Chair: Report (verbal)

Treasurer: Report (not present)

Secretary: Report (verbal/read)

Subcommittees:

Activities: (none)

Policy: No report

ECPRS: No report

Minutes: Last minutes read and accepted with Jon D motioning and Derek Y seconding.

RCM: See attached. The October Regional meeting will be held here (Panama City Beach). More will be revealed. Jason T (RCM) said we need to decide on a date, time and location for the workshop we requested. Jason said there were other interesting workshops at Region and specified "Welcoming Members" and "H & I Do's and Don'ts" workshops. He suggested we could benefit from these. Jason asked that you see him for information on CAR/CAT. He also said the PO address needs to be posted on the website.

The issue with Watershed was brought up at Region and Jason produced a letter stating what is being done to correct the issue. The letter is attached to these minutes.

The Southeastern Zonal Forum needs to be voted on. This is also attached.

There will be an Outreach meeting via Skype at his house. Please see attached or Jason for details on date and time.

There is an "Outreach Carpool" available for struggling meetings in this area. See attached flyer or Jason for more information.

Jason asked that we ask people who receive incorrect information about area meetings which app they used.

Jason said the regional webmaster said they could add a link to the Region website leading to our website and add a calendar of events for our area. This may save us the cost of running a separate website.

The Regional Secretary position is open if anyone is interested. The region Treasurer's report is attached.

Brenda (Chair) Pointed out that from the Area's perspective, the RCM is in charge of set-up for the Regional Committee meeting being held here in October and asked Jason (RCM) what we can do to help. Jason urged everyone to attend; to bring sponsees, and mentor them so they can learn about what to expect and how to serve.

Brenda (Area Chair) pointed out that the area workshops fall under the PR umbrella and asked Jason to take it up with PR and bring the resulting info to the next area meeting. Jason spoke briefly with Ned (Alternate Chair) and they decided with others input that the workshop "Mentoring Trusted Servants" will be held on 9/13 at 12:30pm (before the Area meeting).

Jason said he will forward the Region minutes to this writer.

Motion to accept by Anna K (Sec) and seconded by David D (NA).

Donations:

Bridge to Freedom: None.

High on Life: None

New Attitudes: None

Beach N.A.: None

Last Chance: None

Total Donations: None

7. **Continuing Business and Any Tabled Motions.** The position of Area Activities is open again.

A.) Nominations & Elections. None.

B.) Date/Location of Next Meeting. August 16, 2015 @ Bridge to Freedom at the regular times (H&I and PR at 2pm and Area at 3pm)

C.) Basket for 7th Tradition was passed \$16.01 was collected and given to Shaun (BTF)

8. Recess: 3:55-4:12pm

9. Open Forum.

Meeting was reopened with the Serenity Prayer. All GSR's were present after the recess.

Shaun (BTF) had several issues for open forum.

The first was in reference to the New Hope meeting. Shaun said that they are not following the NA guidelines and the HUGS meeting has no signs posted for the Tuesday meetings, making it difficult for attendees to find the room where the meeting is held (the Thursday meetings were cancelled but the Tuesday meetings remains open).

Brenda M (Area Chair) said that neither meeting is part of area and the best way to change a meeting is from the inside: attend the meetings so any complaints or requests to remove the meeting from the Area schedule is based in facts and not rumors.

Jon D (Last Chance) said that the issue with HUGS could have been an isolated incident and that folding a meeting is the worst possible action.

Derek Y (HOL) pointed out that if a meeting is not open consistently, it should not be listed on the schedule.

Brenda M (Chair) suggested someone talk to the trusted servant of HUGS about the issue and be part of the solution.

Next, **Shaun M (BTF)** requested a hard copy of the Area minutes be mailed to him.

Anna K (Secretary) noted that everyone was asked a couple months ago how they wanted to receive the minutes and some people have changed their request since then. It is difficult to keep up with changing requests.

Brenda M (Chair) checked again with everyone and **Jon D (Last Chance)**, **Shaun M (BTF)** and **Patrick D (Beach NA)** will be receiving hard copies of the minutes.

Jason T (RCM) advised that the Regional Committee minutes can be located on the Region website.

Jon D (Last Chance) asked if the people running for Region positions were running unopposed and Jason said that they are.

Shaun M (BTF) said that his group would like the Chair or the Alt Chair to be present at all area meetings.

Brenda (Area Chair) said that plenty of notice was given prior to her and the Alt Chair being absent for the last meeting. She also pointed out that the meeting was conducted without issue according to ASC Policy.

10. Old Business. None.

11. New Business. **Motion 15-05** made by **Derek Y (HOL)** to change the date and time of the September Area meeting to Sept. 13th at 12:30 pm to allow for the workshop. Jon D (Last Chance) seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

12. Second Open Form. None

13. Treasurer Report (none, Justin A was not present).

Starting Balance:	\$784.57
Prudent Reserve:	690.00
Total Donations:	120.00
Total Pay Outs:	220.00
Ending Balance:	\$5.25

(Below Prudent Reserve)

These numbers are from June 2015.

14. Birthdays and Announcements.

BTF July Birthdays –Roger R with 2 years and Patrick with 1 year (celebrating last Saturday of month).

August Birthdays-Erin G 1year and Bob K with 8 years.

HOL July birthdays–Cherill with 3 years and Brenda W with 3 years.

August Birthdays- none

NA June birthdays—David D with one year and Chris B with 1 year.

August Birthdays- Anna K with 2 years

Beach NA July Birthdays–Mary C with 18 months

August Birthdays- none reported

Last Chance July Birthdays—None noted.

August Birthdays- None noted

Jon D (Last Chance) made a motion to close the meeting and it was second by *David D (NA)*.

15. Meeting closed with serenity prayer at 5:00 pm.

July 19, 2015

ECANA Chair Report

I am sorry I missed the meeting last month – I was out of town but I would like to thank Jason T. for overseeing the meeting last month. I understand we had quorum and business got handled quickly and efficiently. I have nothing else to report.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Brenda M.

Emerald Coast ASC Motion Form

Motion # 15-05

Originator HoL Seconded Last Chance
Motion to hold Mentoring Trusted Servants Workshop at 1230pm on 9/13/2015 before Area
Intent to carry the message

5-0-0
Passed RTG RTS Defeated Died Lack of 2nd



EMERALD COAST AREA GSR REPORT

Name of Group LAST CHANCE
Of Meetings per Week 2
Of Members 3 OR 4
Of Newcomers 1 A MONTH

Date 7-19-15
Regular H&I
Average Attendance 1

Topics for this Month Discussion _____

TRUSTED SERVENTS

GSR Name Jon DYELL
Address 15284 331 BUSINESS 3A
FREERPORT, FL 32439
Phone 850-830-1439

GSRA Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Secretary Name TINA S.
Address _____
Phone _____

Treasurer Name TINA S.
Address _____
Phone _____

GROUP INFORMATION

How are meetings going? THEY'RE NOT, BUT I'M NOT READY TO GIVE UP ON IT. NOT GONNA DROP EITHER MEETING JUST YET.

Are there any problems that the group needs to discuss with the ASC? _____

How could the ASC or any subcommittee help your group? DRIVE TO DEERUNIAK SPRINGS

Who will celebrate their birthdays this next month & their amount of clean time?
Name & # Years Clean _____ Name & # Years Clean _____

Donation to ASC _____
Ending Balance _____

GSR/GSRA Jon Dyell



EMERALD COAST AREA GSR REPORT

Name of Group Beach WA
Of Meetings per Week 3
Of Members 10
Of Newcomers 1-2

Date 7/19/15
Regular H&I
Average Attendance 7

Topics for this Month Discussion Open, Book Study

TRUSTED SERVANTS

GSR Name Patrick D
Address _____
Phone _____

Secretary Name Matt P.
Address _____
Phone _____

GSRA Name Kristina L.
Address _____
Phone _____

Treasurer Name Craig C.
Address _____
Phone _____

GROUP INFORMATION

How are meetings going? Great

Are there any problems that the group needs to discuss with the ASC? Not at this time

How could the ASC or any subcommittee help your group? Show up

Who will celebrate their birthdays this next month & their amount of clean time?
Name & # Years Clean _____ Name & # Years Clean _____

Donation to ASC 0
Ending Balance _____

GSR/GSRA Patrick D



EMERALD COAST AREA GSR REPORT

Name of Group BRIDGE TO FREEDOM Date 7/19/15
 # Of Meetings per Week 5 Regular 5 H&I 0
 # Of Members 40 Average Attendance 30
 # Of Newcomers 8

Topics for this Month Discussion NOON MEETINGS TO OPEN BY TIM AND
CARRY THE VA MESSAGE. HAND COPY OF AREA MEMBERS GIVEN TO THE GROUP?
IF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR CANNOT ATTEND AREA. RESCHEDULE AREA

TRUSTED SERVENTS

GSR
 Name JIMMY K
 Address _____
 Phone 772-743-9845

Secretary
 Name VETA
 Address _____
 Phone _____

GSRA
 Name SHAWN M
 Address _____
 Phone 850-624-0030

Treasurer
 Name CHAD S
 Address _____
 Phone 850-624-7357

GROUP INFORMATION

How are meetings going? GOOD

Are there any problems that the group needs to discuss with the ASC? NOON MEETINGS
HAND COPY OF MSG, AND CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ATTENDANCE

How could the ASC or any subcommittee help your group? SUPPORT ATTENDANCE

Who will celebrate their birthdays this next month & their amount of clean time?
 Name & # Years Clean
FRANK 5 YEARS Name & # Years Clean
ROBIN R 2
BOB & EVANS PAUL 1

Donation to ASC 0
 Ending Balance _____

GSR/GSRA SHAWN AMOS



EMERALD COAST AREA GSR REPORT

Name of Group New Attitudes Date 7-19-2015
 # Of Meetings per Week 2 Regular H&I
 # Of Members 15 Average Attendance 15
 # Of Newcomers 4

Topics for this Month Discussion _____

TRUSTED SERVANTS

GSR
 Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Secretary
 Name Cherie
 Address _____
 Phone _____

GSRA
 Name David
 Address _____
 Phone 908-213-2422
 Treasurer
 Name Thomas W
 Address _____
 Phone _____

GROUP INFORMATION

How are meetings going? good, good attendance and enthusiasm

Are there any problems that the group needs to discuss with the ASC? Not at this time

How could the ASC or any subcommittee help your group? Show up and support

Who will celebrate their birthdays this next month & their amount of clean time?

Name & # Years Clean
David D 1yr
Cherie 1yr

Aug. Name & # Years Clean
Anna K 2yrs

July

Donation to ASC None
 Ending Balance _____

GSR/GSRA [Signature]



EMERALD COAST AREA GSR REPORT

Name of Group High on Life
Of Meetings per Week 2
Of Members 5
Of Newcomers 2

Date 7/19/15
Regular H&I
Average Attendance 22

Topics for this Month Discussion Open / Book Study

TRUSTED SERVENTS

GSR Name Derck Y.
Address _____
Phone 850 691 6314

GSRA Name Jonathan P.
Address _____
Phone _____

Secretary Name Kortnie M.
Address _____
Phone _____

Treasurer Name Kortnie M.
Address _____
Phone _____

GROUP INFORMATION

How are meetings going? well

Are there any problems that the group needs to discuss with the ASC? support through attendance NO

How could the ASC or any subcommittee help your group? support through attendance

Who will celebrate their birthdays this next month & their amount of clean time?
Name & # Years Clean None Name & # Years Clean _____

Donation to ASC 0
Ending Balance _____

GSR/GSRA Derck Y.

7/19/15

Need people for P.R. A lot of positions
Are open chair

vice chair

Secretary

Public information coordinator

Literature coordinator

Also need people for HET we need some
help please pass the message

Also get meetings sch for G.S.R's

And H.I comments

Ned T

Hey Family

We had a really good region with a ton of info to bring back. We have several votes to take to the groups.

John R for regional vice chair

Kelly S for Webmaster

Reed H for Firs vice chair

Firs to set aside 2000 for lawyer fees

And Outreach to have their policy added to the Reg. policy

The next region is Oct 24, 25 here in Panama City ~~at the~~ I took the request of the area to region for a mentoring trusted servants workshop and we have been approved for it. We need to set a date and location. I also have some other workshop material that we can do. ~~Delor~~

I will be passing around a regional meeting schedule for editing. After it is done and sent off we will be sent a pdf format to apply to the website.

There will be a car/cat workshop ~~at the~~ around December

We need the P.O. Box address on the website.

In loving service
Garry J



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES

19737 Nordhoff Pl
Chatsworth, CA 91311 USA
Phone (818) 773-9999
Fax (818) 700-0700

MEMORANDUM

To: Reed H, RD Alabama Northwest Florida Region
From: Anthony Edmondson, Executive Director
Date: May 27, 2015
Subject: Watershed

Per your request I wanted to try to provide you with some specific information about our lengthy experience with Watershed and the 800 telephone number issue that we brought to our attention. First, I want to say that no one has been more frustrated with the amount of time this issue has taken to, hopefully, finally address than I have. However, given the unreliability of the court system has been in dealing with these types of issues, I still believe that we took the proper course. I also want to thank those members in your region for their vigilance regarding this frustrating issue.

In 2006 as I reported on the floor of the WSC that members in Florida were making us aware of this issue and we requested that people send us the telephone directories that contained this number so we could initiate a process to work on bringing about an end to this entity using our name in this way. Over the course of the next two years we dealt with the entity's repeated assertion that it had already discontinued the practice. We continued to supply our attorney with the telephone directories to demonstrate their continuance of the practice. In 2007 we were assured that we had finally come to what we thought was a resolution to the issue of Watershed utilizing the NA name in conjunction with an 800 telephone line that was a treatment referral service. We entered into an agreement with Watershed to surrender the telephone number to NA and that we would re-direct it to our primary telephone number here at NAWS. That was finally concluded 21 August 2013 with a notarized transfer of the number dated that same day.

In the spring of 2015 a member in Florida who had previously brought the Watershed issue one again informed us that Watershed was once again answering the 800 number that it had previously surrendered on 21 August 2013. Upon checking it was in fact true that Watershed had in fact reactivated the line. We had our attorneys contact them and were informed "that the number reverted back to them automatically and that they felt compelled to answer it." Recognizing that this was in conflict with the surrender agreement we contacted Bell South to investigate.

That began a stream of communication with Bell South and subsequently ATT that began in August of 2013 and continues today. Despite multiple clear instructions to initially transfer the number to NAWS and then lacking success in those efforts to disconnect the 800 number, Bell South and ATT have failed to get this seemingly simple thing accomplished. As

a result the line did revert back to Watershed as the listed owner in their records. We are having back and forth communications with Bell South and ATT sixteen (16) in fact since August 2013. The actual notarized transfer responsibility documents required by Bell South were executed by NAWA on August 24, 2013. As of the writing of this memo the 800 number in question is no longer being answered by Watershed it is a recorded message that directs people who are looking for information about NA to contact our main telephone number. We initially were trying to have the number transferred to us since it had been published in so many telephone directories. However, after our experience with both Bell South and ATT all of our efforts now are to have the number disconnected, and despite many assurances from the two phone companies involved that has not happened as of today.

Some have asked why we just didn't take Watershed to court and force them to stop using our name. We have examined that possibility very carefully and realized that there was no reasonable way to recoup the tremendous costs associated with such actions and there are no guarantees in the court system. Additionally, since we were able to get Watershed to surrender the telephone line to our control in August 2013, using the fellowship's resources in such a manner just did not make sense. Since then the principal challenge has been with the telephone companies.

Certainly, there were times along this aggravating path of trying to bring this experience to a fast conclusion that I wanted to recommend to the World Board that legal proceedings against the telephone companies were in order; however, I quickly realized that it was my emotions driving that thinking and such a recommendation would not have been in the fellowship's best interests for a multitude of reasons.

I have been expecting this to be resolved, now with the phone companies, any day now which is why we had not sent any specific information out or to the fellowship in general or the specific interested members regarding this until now. In so many ways our experience with Watershed and resultingly the telephone companies, has acted to inform our actions with others engaged in similar activity. We are in communications with entities that are conducting similar and other activities that involve our name all the time as a routine ongoing function. This is especially true with both the member and non-member Internet name use issues that arise. I have attached a copy of the actual surrender from Watershed as additional information.

I hope that this memo helps to shed some light on the subject. I have attached the release from Watershed just to validate the timeline described above.



AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE NOTICE

The undersigned subscriber does hereby agree to transfer subscriber's telephone numbers 800-711-4375

_____ and thereby relinquish all claims to this number, together with all rights, privileges, benefits, refund rights and credits (excluding deposits) which may accrue or have accrued and are not yet actually furnished to subscriber. BellSouth Business is neither required nor obligated to extend service to new customer under the above number, nor bound in any respect, by this document, or by any contract/ agreement between subscriber and new customer or any other person.

Payment of any refund or extension of any credits or other rights required by law in connection with the above number must be made by BellSouth Business in the manner and to the person required by the applicable tariff or regulatory authority, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this document.

Billing name of former subscriber: CHRISTOPHER CROSBY, CEO

Legal name of former subscriber: CHRISTOPHER CROSBY

Printed name of former subscriber: CHRISTOPHER CROSBY

Signature of former subscriber: [Signature] Date: 8/21/13

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21ST day of August, 2013

Notary Public signature: [Signature]

Printed name: KATHRYN A. REESE

My commission expires: 8/18/17 (DATE) 8/18/17

**NOTE: This form becomes void if altered in any way.

Fax to: 800 330-5169

Then mail original to: BellSouth Business
Suite 500
13450 W. Sunrise Blvd.
Sunrise, FL 33323



**STATEMENT OF ASSUMPTION OF
ALL OUTSTANDING AND FUTURE CHARGES**

The undersigned new subscriber does hereby assume and agree to pay to BellSouth upon demand all future, current, past due, and presently outstanding bills and charges which are attributed to or associated with telephone number 800-711-6375

including such bills and charges as were incurred during the time period the account was in the name of WATERSHED as well as any and all charges incurred during the time period that the undersigned is a subscriber. This includes directory advertising charges and all non-regulated billing.

Billing name of new subscriber: NA WORLD SERVICES, INC.

Legal name of new subscriber: NA WORLD SERVICES, INC.

Printed name of new subscriber: PER STEPHAN LANTO

Signature of new subscriber: *Stephan Lanto* Date: 8/21/13

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21 day of August, 2013

Notary Public signature: *Rochelle Medina*

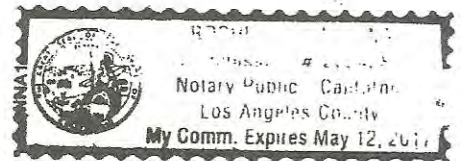
Printed name: Rochelle Medina

My commission expires: 5-12-2017 (DATE) 8/21/13

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Fax to: 800 330-5169

Then mail original to: BellSouth Business
Suite 500
13450 W. Sunrise Blvd.
Sunrise, FL 33323





SOUTHEASTERN ZONAL FORUM

Guidelines for the Southeastern Zonal Forum of Narcotics Anonymous

Draft March 23, 2015

Mission Statement

The mission of the Southeastern Zonal Forum is to provide a regularly scheduled time and place where representatives of the member regions come together to further our primary purpose, "to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering addict", through service oriented discussions, workshops, events and task forces. The Southeastern Zonal Forum's primary function is to facilitate joint, multi-regional efforts that serve our member regions and are directly responsible to the Regional Service Committees within the zone.

- The Forum is comprised of Regional Delegates and Alternate Delegates from within the geographical boundaries of the Southeastern Zone.
- To accomplish its primary purpose, the Southeastern Zonal Forum has established guidelines that provide direction and accountability for its actions. The member Regions must approve these guidelines unanimously before being enacted, amended, added to, deleted or changed in any way.
- The Southeastern Zonal Forum will conduct itself in accordance with the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts for NA Service so that a spirit of selfless service and not of government remains always as its guidepost.
- It is clear that this structure shall act as a service to the Regions and not as another level of service between the Regions and NAWS.

Meetings and Rotation

- The Forum location will rotate among the participating regions according to the following schedule (or a schedule agreed to among the zonal participants based on pricing and availability): Florida, Alabama/NW Florida, Carolina, Georgia, South Florida and North Carolina. The host Region is responsible for providing meeting space for the Forum.
- The Southeastern Zonal Forum will meet in February or March in even years in the Georgia Region. This will be a Zonal CAT Workshop held after the publishing of the Conference Approval Track. Typically, this workshop will occur in the years that the WSC will be meeting. The Georgia Region will host the CAT Zonal Workshop as their Regional rotation in the meeting schedule. Other multi-regional events, workshops, learning days etc. may be held as needed or requested by member Regions.
- The December meeting in odd numbered years will include a zonal CAR workshop held after the publishing of the Conference Agenda Report.
- The Zonal Facilitator will request participation from NAWS at least 3 months prior to the proposed date of the zonal CAR and CAT workshops.
- Typically the Southeastern Zonal Forum workshop(s) occur on a Saturday, be located near a major airport with shuttle service available to the facility, and include other service and/or recovery oriented topics as requested by the region hosting the zonal forum.
- The time, location and date for Zonal meetings for conference cycle will be set at the zonal meeting at the WSC.
- The agenda for the next Forum may be set prior to the close of each meeting. The Saturday workshop schedule is set by the hosting Region, with the exception of the zonal weekends specifically designated as zonal CAR/CAT workshops.

Zonal Trusted Servants

Elections

1. Elections are held the first meeting following the WSC
2. All positions are two year terms coinciding with the cycle for a maximum of two consecutive terms
3. Nominations will be taken at the meeting before the WSC

Facilitator

Requirements

1. 8 years continuous clean-time
2. Previous service experience in NA at the Area, Regional, or Zonal level
3. Ability to lead a meeting and guide the workgroup

Responsibilities

1. Is the single point of accountability and primary contact for the Southeastern Zone
2. Facilitate all regular meetings of the SEZF
3. Set the agenda in writing and make it available to all participants at the meeting
4. Co-signer on the checking account
5. The Zonal Facilitator will request participation from NAWS as needed

Secretary/Treasurer

Requirements

1. 8 years continuous clean time
2. Previous service experience as a Secretary and a Treasurer of a committee or subcommittee in Narcotics Anonymous at the Area, Regional, or Zonal level

Responsibilities

1. Keep accurate financial information in a clear and concise manner
2. Present complete written and oral report at each zonal meeting
3. Prepare copies of bank statements with written a report
4. Maintains physical custody of the checkbook, receipts, reports and electronic records of the treasury

5. Co-signer on the checking account
6. Is responsible for obtaining a tax ID number
7. Keep accurate minutes and distribute within 10 days

Budgeting

1. The Budget will be prepared by the secretary/treasurer and submitted at the first meeting in odd numbered years and voted on by the member Regions at the next meeting.
2. The budget will be for a two year cycle
3. The budget will include:
 - a. Travel, lodging and per diem for trusted servants
 - b. Cost of zonal weekends
 - c. Funding of NAWS/WB participation if requested

Definition: Consensus Based Decision Making

Consensus is defined as the decision making process used by the SEZF in which discussion and compromise are used to reach agreement. For example, if a proposal /topic is introduced to change, or create a practice of the Southeastern Zonal Forum and consensus is not reached, the practice will continue as it currently stands or will not be implemented.

Procedure: Consensus Based Decision Making

1. Proposal / Topic is introduced.
2. The facilitator opens the dialogue. Begin with the maker of the proposal / topic.
3. Clarifying questions are taken. This is when questions are asked to ensure that all participants understand the proposal / topic. This is not the time for general discussion.
4. Facilitator asks for concerns or reservations (General Discussion). This is when modifications may be made to the proposal / topic in an effort to address expressed reservations or concerns.
5. Facilitator asks for Consensus

There are four (4) positions an RD may take on a proposal / topic:

ASSENT: Agree with proposal / topic.

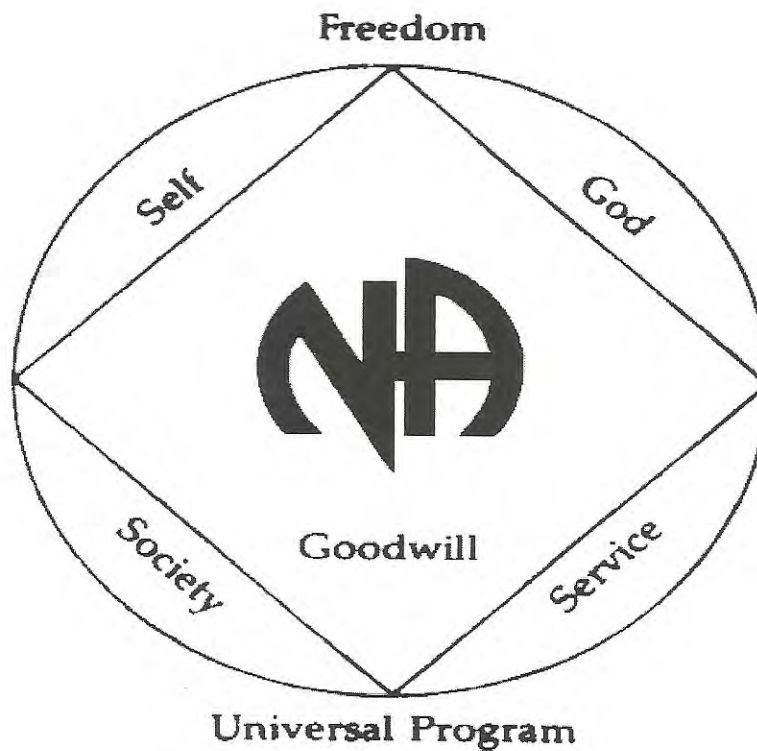
ASSENT with RESERVATION: Although there are reservations or concerns, the individual will trust and go along with the body's decision.

STAND ASIDE: Based in strong personal reservations which prevents support for the proposal / topic.

BLOCK: (NO) based on spiritual principles expressed in our Traditions or Concepts. A block must be followed by speaking to the specific Tradition or Concept, which would be violated. A block will prevent a proposal / topic from being adopted. A block may be overridden by the body: If the validity of a block is not questioned, the block will stand and the proposal / topic is not adopted. If the validity of a block is not questioned, the body must then reach consensus on whether the block should stand. The same process is used for this as for reaching consensus on the proposal / topic. If the block is overridden, the facilitator will again ask for consensus on the proposal / topic.

CONSENSUS is reached when 80% of the RDs Assent or Assent with Reservation. The number which represents 80% shall be determined based on the number of RDs present at the start of old business.

Outreach Subcommittee Skype Meeting



August 23rd, 2015

2:00 PM

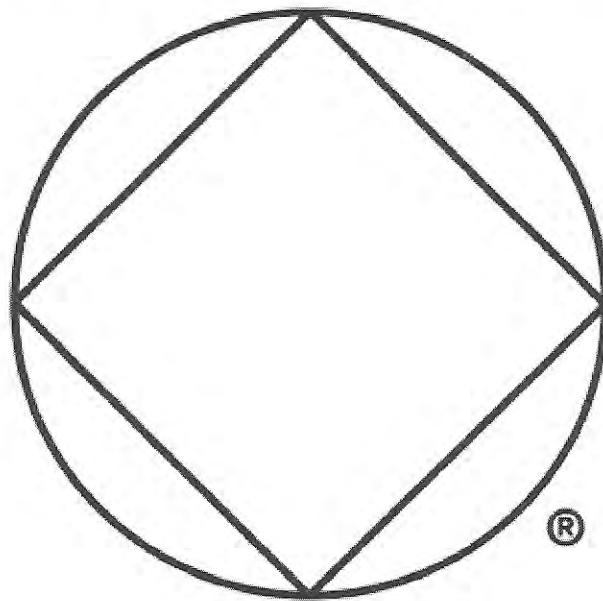
Add ALNWFL on skype.

Outreach Car Pool

What can a car pool do? the outreach committee can encourage the members of an isolated group to attend any other meetings that are within driving distance for them, or by coordinating carloads of outreach members to attend the isolated group on a weekly or monthly basis.

August 11th 2015 at 7:00PM

Address 935 Plowman St. Montavallo, AL



Please come out and support! This is our first regional outreach car pool!

Regional
Treasurer's
Report
9 pages

ALNWFL Regional Service Committee
 February 2015
 Donations, Returns and Expenses

	Donations/Returns		Advances/Payments		Reimbursements		Totals/Balances	
	Mtn.	#	Mtn.	#	Mtn.	#	Mtn.	#
Area Donation - Greater Mobile Area	257.63	N/A	399.80	N/A	235.66	9	984.42	
Group Donation Mon Night Mtng	40.00	N/A	400.00	12	80.00	7	1,999.80	
Area Donation - Northeast	11.00	N/A	1,200.00	3	185.00	8		
Gary S Return Funds	253.08	N/A			104.58	6	2,984.22	
*FITS (Taxes) Return Funds	700.00	2			19.29	5		
					114.23	4	9,240.72	
					245.66	10		
							-984.42	
							-1,999.80	
							6,256.50	
							1,261.71	

Total Revenues	1,261.71	Total Advances	1,999.80	Total Reimbursements	984.42	Ending Balance	7,518.21
Checks	521.71					Prudent Reserve	-6,000.00
Cash	40.00					WSO Conf Funds	-1,750.00
Deposit	561.71					Balance minus resv.	-231.79
						WSO Contribution	
						Final Balance	-231.79
						Prudent Reserve	6,000.00
						WSO Conf Funds	1,750.00
						Actual Balance	7,518.21

* = No RSC Check ever written.

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Check Register

Alabama NW Florida Regional Service Committee of NA

Chk #	Date	Payable to/From	Type	For	Cleared?	Debit (-)	Credit (+)	Balance
2083	10/26/2014	Rhonda Richardson	R	Tresurer Supplies	yes	8.53		14,124.41
2096	10/26/2014	Chris Schwab	R	Surrender Chair RSC Travel	yes	195.30		13,929.11
2097	10/26/2014	Reed Holloway	R	RD RSC Travel	yes	180.80		13,748.31
2098	10/26/2014	Chris Montanari	R	AD RSC Travel	yes	299.10		13,449.21
2099	10/26/2014	Lydia Pentras-Mann	R	Secretary RSC Travel	yes	263.85		13,185.36
2100	10/26/2014	Michelle Figueroa	R	RSC Chair For RSC Travel	yes			13,185.36
	10/26/2014	Michelle Figueroa	R	Mailing Minutes & Mailbox	yes	516.00		12,669.36
2101	10/26/2014	Fred Sulzbach	R	Surrender Treasurer (Audit)	yes	41.00		12,628.36
2102	10/26/2014	Harold Holloman	R	FITS Chair RSC Travel	yes	314.60		12,313.76
2103	10/26/2014	Terrance Ham	A	RSC Hosting	yes	400.00		11,913.76
2104	10/26/2014	Michelle Figueroa	A	WSC Literature	yes	200.00		11,713.76
2105	10/26/2014	George Lee	R	FITS Treasurer (Audit)	yes	6.90		11,706.86
	10/26/2014	Greater Mobile Area	D	Area Donation			126.96	11,833.82
	10/26/2014	WCAANA	D	Area Donation			425.00	12,258.82
	10/26/2014	Gratitude Group	D	Group Donation			24.00	12,282.82
	10/26/2014	Surrender Convention	D	Convention Donation			407.67	12,690.49
	10/26/2014	ALNWFL	D	Member Donation			11.02	12,701.51
	10/26/2014	Chris Montanari	Rtn	RD/AD returned funds			139.01	12,840.52
	11/3/2014	Onebox	VP	Phone Line Oct 2014		99.95		12,740.57
	12/2/2014	Onebox	VP	Phone Line Nov 2014		99.95		12,640.62
	1/2/2015	Onebox	VP	Phone Line Dec 2014		99.95		12,540.67
	2/2/2015	Onebox	VP	Phone Line Jan 2015		99.95		12,440.72
2106	2/28/2015	Chris Montanari	A	To have H&I/PR attend ASADS conference	yes	1,200.00		11,240.72
	2/28/2015	Struggling Areas	A	For Support		1,000.00		10,240.72
	2/28/2015	Outreach	A	Committee		1,000.00		9,240.72
	2/28/2015	Gary S.	Rtn	Regional Meeting Schdls Rtn of Funds	yes		253.08	9,493.80
	2/28/2015	Greater Mobile Area	D	Area Donation	yes		257.63	9,751.43
	2/28/2015	Mon Night Mtng	D	Group Donation	yes		40.00	9,791.43
	2/28/2015	Northeast Area	D	Area Donation	yes		11.00	9,802.43
	3/2/2015	Onebox	VP	Phone Line Feb 2015	yes	99.95		9,702.48
	4/2/2015	Onebox	VP	Phone Line Mar 2015	yes	99.95		9,602.53
	5/4/2015	Onebox	VP	Phone Line Apr 2015	yes	99.95		9,502.58
	6/2/2015	Onebox	VP	Phone Line May 2015	yes	99.95		9,402.63
2107	3/1/2015	Harold Holloman	Rtn	FITS Taxes (Set Aside)	yes		700.00	10,102.63
2111	3/1/2015	David Carver	R	Alt Treasurer Travel	yes	235.66		9,866.97
2112	3/1/2015	John Richarson	R	Policy Chair Travel	yes	245.66		9,621.31
2110	3/1/2015	Reed Holloway	R	R.D. Travel	yes	265.00		9,356.31
2109	3/1/2015	Curtis Rambo	R	Outreach Lodging	yes	104.58		9,251.73
2108	3/1/2015	Dustin Bushy	R	Lydia P - Secretary Reimbursement	yes	133.52		9,118.21
2113	3/1/2015	Rob May	A	Rob M - June 2015 RSC Host Funds	yes	400.00		8,718.21
2114	3/1/2015	Reed Holloway	A	R.D. Travel to Fl Serv Syp	yes	1,200.00		7,518.21

Type Codes: A=Advance
R=Reimbursement
D=Donation
Dbt=Paid with Debit Card
S=Seed or other support

A/S=Area Support
Rtn=Return of Funds
V=Voided Check
VP=Vendor Payment



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LIFEGREEN CHECKING FOR BUSINESS
 January 31, 2015 through February 27, 2015

SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	\$13,540.67	Minimum Daily Balance	\$13,440
Deposits & Credits	\$0.00 +	Average Monthly Statement Balance	\$13,447
Withdrawals	\$99.95 -		
Fees	\$0.00 -		
Automatic Transfers	\$0.00 +		
Checks	\$0.00 -		
Ending Balance	\$13,440.72		

WITHDRAWALS

02/02	Recurring Card Transaction J2 *onebox Call 5968 800-669-5400 CA 90028 2931	99.95
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DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
02/02	13,440.72				

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LIFEGREEN CHECKING FOR BUSINESS

February 28, 2015 through March 31, 2015

SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	\$13,440.72		Minimum Daily Balance	\$11,018
Deposits & Credits	\$561.71	+	Average Monthly Statement Balance	\$11,644
Withdrawals	\$99.95	-		
Fees	\$0.00	-		
Automatic Transfers	\$0.00	+		
Checks	\$2,884.42	-		
Ending Balance	\$11,018.06			

DEPOSITS & CREDITS

03/02 Deposit - Thank You 561.71

WITHDRAWALS

03/02 Recurring Card Transaction J2 *onebox Call 5968 800-669-5400 CA 90028 2931 99.95

CHECKS

Date	Check No.	Amount	Date	Check No.	Amount
03/13	2107	300.00	03/02	2111	235.66
03/05	2108	133.52	03/02	2112	245.66
03/10	2109	104.58	03/04	2113	400.00
03/03	2110	265.00	03/10	2114	1,200.00
			Total Checks		\$2,884.42

* Break In Check Number Sequence.

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
03/02	13,421.16	03/04	12,756.16	03/10	11,318.06
03/03	13,156.16	03/05	12,622.64	03/13	11,018.06

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AL NW FL R S C N A 2107
209 20th St N Box 170 Birmingham, AL 35203
DATE 3/1/15
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Fan Fin the Sun \$ 300.00
Three hundred even
REGIONS *Apollonia Peterson-Mann*
FOR The Top Reimbursement *M. Nichole Liguori*
⑆063104666⑆ 5509048847⑆02107

Check# 2107 03/13/2015 \$300.00

AL NW FL R S C N A 2108
209 20th St N Box 170 Birmingham, AL 35203
DATE 3/1/15
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Dee \$ 137.52
One hundred and 57/100
REGIONS *Apollonia Peterson-Mann*
FOR RSC Security *M. Nichole Liguori*
⑆063104666⑆ 5509048847⑆02108

Check# 2108 03/05/2015 \$133.52

AL NW FL R S C N A 2109
209 20th St N Box 170 Birmingham, AL 35203
DATE 3/1/15
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Curtis Ramba \$ 104.58
One hundred, four and 58/100
REGIONS *Apollonia Peterson-Mann*
FOR Outranch Reimbursement *M. Nichole Liguori*
⑆063104666⑆ 5509048847⑆02109

Check# 2109 03/10/2015 \$104.58

AL NW FL R S C N A 2110
209 20th St N Box 170 Birmingham, AL 35203
DATE 3/1/15
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Reed Holloway \$ 265.00
Two hundred and sixty five even
REGIONS *Apollonia Peterson-Mann*
FOR R.D. Reimbursement *M. Nichole Liguori*
⑆063104666⑆ 5509048847⑆02110

Check# 2110 03/03/2015 \$265.00

AL NW FL R S C N A 2111
209 20th St N Box 170 Birmingham, AL 35203
DATE 3/1/15
PAY TO THE ORDER OF David Carter \$ 235.66
Two hundred, thirty five and 12/100
REGIONS *Apollonia Peterson-Mann*
FOR Att. Towner Tow Rent *M. Nichole Liguori*
⑆063104666⑆ 5509048847⑆02111

Check# 2111 03/02/2015 \$235.66

AL NW FL R S C N A 2112
209 20th St N Box 170 Birmingham, AL 35203
DATE 3/1/2015
PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Richardson \$ 245.66
Two Hundred Forty Five and 12/100
REGIONS *Apollonia Peterson-Mann*
FOR RSC Travel *M. Nichole Liguori*
⑆063104666⑆ 5509048847⑆02112

Check# 2112 03/02/2015 \$245.66

AL NW FL R S C N A 2113
209 20th St N Box 170 Birmingham, AL 35203
DATE 3/1/2015
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Rob May \$ 400.00
Four hundred even
REGIONS *Apollonia Peterson-Mann*
FOR Host RSC *M. Nichole Liguori*
⑆063104666⑆ 5509048847⑆02113

Check# 2113 03/04/2015 \$400.00

AL NW FL R S C N A 2114
209 20th St N Box 170 Birmingham, AL 35203
DATE 3/1/15
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Reed Holloway \$ 1200.00
Twelve hundred even
REGIONS *Apollonia Peterson-Mann*
FOR R.D. FL. Sec. System *M. Nichole Liguori*
⑆063104666⑆ 5509048847⑆02114

Check# 2114 03/10/2015 \$1200.00



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LIFEGREEN CHECKING FOR BUSINESS
 April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015

SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	\$11,018.06		Minimum Daily Balance	\$9,718
Deposits & Credits	\$0.00	+	Average Monthly Statement Balance	\$10,081
Withdrawals	\$99.95	-		
Fees	\$0.00	-		
Automatic Transfers	\$0.00	+		
Checks	\$1,200.00	-		
Ending Balance	\$9,718.11			

WITHDRAWALS

04/02 Recurring Card Transaction J2 *onebox Call 5968 800-669-5400 CA 90028 2931 99.95

CHECKS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
04/10	2106	1,200.00			

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
04/02	10,918.11	04/10	9,718.11

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AL NW FL R S C N A 209 20TH ST N Box 170 Birmingham, AL 35203	#	2106
	DATE	3/5/2015
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	Chris Montasari	\$ 1,200.00
Twelve hundred even		
REGIONS		
FOR DEPOSIT ONLY		
MICR LINE: ⑆053104666⑆ 5509048847⑆02106		

check# 2106 04/10/2015 \$1200.00



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LIFEGREEN CHECKING FOR BUSINESS
 May 1, 2015 through May 29, 2015

SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	\$9,718.11		Minimum Daily Balance	\$9,618
Deposits & Credits	\$0.00	+	Average Monthly Statement Balance	\$9,628
Withdrawals	\$99.95	-		
Fees	\$0.00	-		
Automatic Transfers	\$0.00	+		
Checks	\$0.00	-		
Ending Balance	\$9,618.16			

WITHDRAWALS

05/04 Recurring Card Transaction J2 *onebox Call 5968 800-669-5400 CA 90028 2931 99.95

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
05/04	9,618.16				

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Account Number	x-48847	OVERDRAFT Protection	Enroll
YTD Interest	\$0.00	Posted Balance	\$9,518.21
INTEREST RATE	0.00 %	Available Balance	\$9,518.21

Pending Transactions

Date	Type	Description/Category	Debit (-)	Credit (+)	Projected Balance
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There are no current day transactions pending.

Transaction History

From: 06/01/2015 To: 06/27/2015 Current Month Previous Month

cashback rewards

\$0.00 Total Earned (last 3 months) 0 New Offers

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Date	Type	Description/Category	Debit (-)	Credit (+)	Posted Balance
06/02/2015	CARD	J2 *ONEBOX CALL 2931	\$99.95		\$9,518.21

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NA WORLD SERVICES THAT YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW...

We hope you will continue to forward this page by email, or copy it for interested members, your ASCs, and your RSCs. We continue to encourage people to obtain e-subscriptions to *The NA Way* and *NAWS News*. This helps us to communicate more effectively and control distribution costs.

- **Traditions Project:** Chapters 2–6 are out to the Fellowship for review and input! Your input is valuable: www.na.org/traditions. The final chapters (7–12) will be released for review and input early June 2015.
- **Decision Making at the WSC:** Our first focus was the Old Business session. We encourage those who have proposals amending *Conference Agenda Report* motions to submit them for inclusion in the *Conference Report* so all conference participants can review them prior to the WSC. We are also looking at tools and resources to assist the WSC Cofacilitators, and looking into electronic voting for the WSC.
- **Planning Our Future:** The workgroup has focused on developing the Role of Zones workshop, which is intended to help zones think about what is important to them and what they do well. The workshop material is available at www.na.org/idt. The workgroup has also had brainstorming sessions about 'our' WSC future, but is nowhere near a recommendation; they are simply discussing ideas. The overarching question is: "How can we improve our processes so that members and groups feel a connection to and a part of worldwide NA?" Please share your thoughts with us at worldboard@na.org.
- **Delegate Sharing:** The workgroup is charged with framing a session at WSC 2016 for RDs to talk about issues and experience in order to foster unity, as well as planning the Saturday afternoon workshops preceding the opening of the WSC. The workgroup is developing a brief survey to gather input from conference participants to help plan these sessions.
- **WSC Seating:** A WSC Seating workgroup was created with three Regional Delegates who are currently serving on the Planning Our Future workgroup and one World Board member. This workgroup will initially meet virtually. We aim to revise the Regional Profile to include more objective and measurable questions for regions who request seating.
- **Service System:** We hope to accomplish the following tasks this cycle. Draft Service System Basics, Local Service Basics, and Group Support Basics; hold web meetings; establish a webpage for locally developed tools; and begin to revise some of the draft tools posted on www.na.org/servicesystem.
- **Service Pamphlets:** We are highlighting this valuable resource for groups and members—available online here: www.na.org/?ID=servicemat-svc-pamphlets.
- **Web Meetings:** Participation continues to increase. If you would like to join us and discuss issues and solutions, please send your name, trusted servant position, and region and/or area to events@na.org for conventions, Handl@na.org for H&I and Inmate Step Writing committees, PR@na.org for PR/PI trusted servants, and servicesystem@na.org for Service System.
- **World Convention:** WCNA 36 is two months away! We encourage you to register at www.na.org/wcna and share with us at this multicultural, multilingual recovery celebration.
- **Financials:** We continue to encourage members to participate in the work of NA World Services by contributing financially through our portal at www.na.org/contribute.

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THE TIES THAT BIND US TOGETHER

UNITY AND COMMON WELFARE FOREFRONT IN THIS CYCLE

Our board meeting was held 4–7 March 2015 in Chatsworth, California. We opened the board meeting on Wednesday with discussions centered on board operating values such as commitment, mutual respect, integrity, consensus, and service along with obstacles we need to overcome to consistently operate within our values. This board-facilitated session was productive as we move forward with our own efforts to better serve the fellowship. We moved from that session to the Traditions Book, where we had a recap of progress to date and participated with input to specific traditions and the freedoms the traditions give us. We ended the day with our first discussion regarding the seating policy for WSC 2016.

Thursday we heard reports from board persons who are facilitating the virtual workgroups this cycle. The Decision Making at the WSC workgroup had met virtually and had their face-to-face meeting prior to the board meeting. They reported their progress and requested a second face-to-face meeting. The Planning Our Future workgroup provided the board with an update from their workgroup web meetings. Both virtual workgroups noted the challenge with meeting virtually; 90 minutes seems to set a stage, yet deliberate steps tend to be difficult to obtain virtually. Additional challenges with this platform include: that the virtual workgroup format seems prone to environmental distractions (in a home many things may be going on simultaneously); there are radical time differences for workgroup participants; and many members participate with English as their second language. In essence, we are trying to evaluate the merits of virtual workgroups versus face-to-face meetings. Later in *NAWS News* there will be more detailed information from these two workgroups. We explored WSC seating for the present cycle and the challenge with the current policy that lacks any criteria that help ascertain whether an applicant region is fully functioning as a region. We discussed how we can seat additional regions given the reality of space confines and cost. As is so often the case these days, it seems that to add something, we need to consider what we are willing to give up.

Our first strategic planning session was held Friday. We are focused on simplifying the process. We looked at external trends that are possible issues and alerts we need to pay attention to as they may affect NA; we looked at NA needs from WSC 2014 and service provision within NA—strengths, opportunities, and challenges. We examined financial resources with strengths, weaknesses, and changes over the

last few years. We are committed to finding ways both to involve conference participants in this process in a meaningful way, and to simplify the plan itself. We will continue building a streamlined strategic plan in August 2015.

We opened Saturday with a focus on a financial update and moved to discussions on WCNA 36 and obstacles we have encountered. We reviewed the World Board External Guidelines and will be offering changes, which are highlighted later in this *NAWS News*. We affirmed our decision to have a seating workgroup for this cycle.

FISCAL UPDATE

We were provided with a general overview of the first two months of 2015, which is two-thirds of the third quarter. January and February contributions were healthy, with some of the influx stemming from events. Our current reserves are 124 operating days. This is a working reserve that is affected by any increase in expense or downturn in income. Cost-cutting efforts over the past 7–8 years yielded a reduced staff complement; we didn't replace many staff who left. Our current special workers are dedicated and constantly overworked. Our desire is to maintain the same level of service we are providing, yet we cannot prudently maintain these services without increasing staff at some point. As many are aware, our aim is 365 operating days in reserve, which is conservatively realistic for a global organization. All our actions aim toward actualization of A Vision for NA Service, and responsible international organizations have operating reserves to ensure furtherance of their goals and sustainability. We discussed creating a short, simple video that shows the flow of money and where it is allocated; we expect that this will happen following the literature distribution evaluation. Thus far, in the first quarter of 2015, recovery literature book sales are down.

EFFICIENCY, SUSTAINABILITY AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WORLD BOARD

We revisited our discussion on the number of board members needed to be productive, efficient, and effective. Following our dialogue at this meeting, we will be offering a recommendation in the 2016 *Conference Agenda Report (CAR)* for our external guidelines that, in our experience, the ideal size of the World Board is 15 members. We think this recommendation reflects our need to ensure sustainability, increase our discussion base and diversity, ensure the effectiveness of our discussions in board meetings, and be cost-effective.

Because we believe that any proposed changes to the World Board Guidelines should be included in the *CAR*, we looked at other areas of our guidelines in *GWSNA* to see if they reflect current practice and experience. There are two other recommendations for change that we will be making. We will also be recommending removing from our external guidelines the requirement for the board to create staggered terms if more than eight members are elected. We believe when a person is elected to the World Board, the WSC is voting for a six-year term. When this policy was

created in 1998, it assumed that all elected members would be new to the board rather than a mix of new members and existing board members running for a second term. This has not been the case in the two times we have used this provision since 1998.

Finally, we will be recommending that the current policy which states that a board member can only be elected to two consecutive terms be changed to that a member can be elected to only two terms. Many board members choose to run for election for two consecutive terms. We considered the principle of rotation and the value of a member who has already served for twelve years standing for reelection. Although a member may have value to bring to the board, we considered two terms as a sufficient and worthy contribution and decided that rotation needs to be demonstrated for its spiritual merits, one of which is humility. Additionally in our discussion, we recognized that former board members' experience is valued and we utilize those former board members in a number of ways. They continue to contribute to the NA Fellowship. Very few members ever have the opportunity to serve in this position and we do not want to further limit that opportunity.

FELLOWSHIP INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRUST

We have disseminated a memo titled "September 2014 Bulletin about NA Copyrights and Literature," which is posted on www.na.org/fipt. We have received quite a bit of response—both from members who are actively supportive and from others who claim that this is creating an adversarial climate among members. Since this was part of a discussion that occurred at WSC 2014, we do not believe our memo was a surprise or really contained any new information. This issue is not really, at its heart, even about literature but seems much more directly related to our First Tradition and NA's common welfare. While we are at a bit of a loss as to what else to say about the responsibility assigned to us to protect NA's literature, we do know that the conference has been very clear that only literature written by addicts for addicts and approved through global decision making at the WSC should carry the NA name, and that NA World Services is the sole publisher and distributor of that literature, in a delegated responsibility from the fellowship. We welcome any and all ideas and opinions and plan to ask delegates to share their local experience with us in order to share that with others. We are simply the custodians of the fellowship's property, trying to carry out the responsibilities assigned to us clearly on more than one occasion. We believe we all want NA literature to help to better carry the NA message to the addict who still suffers—in his or her own language and culture—and it is heartbreaking to see it being used once again as a political weapon. As we have stated previously, we believe that members with information remain in the most advantageous position to curtail copyright infringements, and we welcome opportunities to help.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

We spent a full day in our strategic planning process, which we aim to streamline. Initially, we brainstormed what shifts need to happen in our fellowship by 2020. We identified fellowship-wide unity and cooperation; all members will broaden to a global perspective, communication strategy will be developed, and evolution of our processes during the 1970s and 1980s are a few that we mentioned. Consider this thought: what needs to be done to have a new NA member in a rural community or urban community fully embrace the global nature of NA?

We moved to our evaluation phase. Initially, we considered external (outside of NA) trends that may have an effect on our Fellowship, such as medication to treat addiction; the ever-expanding drug court system; and emerging communities in Southeast Asia, China and Africa that may come with requests for government interface. Next we moved to looking inside our Fellowship, starting with the Needs of NA mind map from WSC 2014 and how the service system facets may complement it with principles such as collaboration, inclusivity of the NA Fellowship, and common welfare. Specifically, we identified that we need to have service tool basic resources to support members in their service efforts.

Our third area for evaluation was to review financial resources, identifying strengths and weaknesses and how the financial picture has changed over the years. We identified that planning for service delivery and adjusting the WCNA cycle may be considered strengths; yet, we realize that financial resources are tightening, which challenges what we can do and affects sustainability.

In our second strategic planning meeting scheduled for August 2015, we will continue to frame our streamlined strategic plan and process.

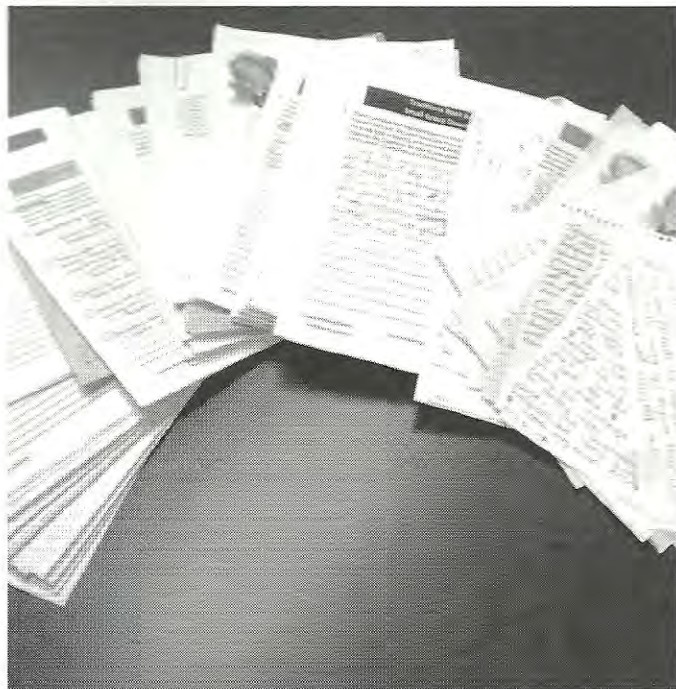


TRADITIONS PROJECT

The Traditions Project is continuing to move forward, with the second batch of chapters for review and input (R&I) having been released on 1 March. The accelerated timeline is certainly a challenge, but the high level of participation of members, combined with a devoted workgroup, is helping to produce strong material. Delaying the release of the second batch allowed the workgroup to thoroughly discuss the input we received on the first batch and incorporate the helpful suggestions into the way the chapters in the second batch are structured and organized.

We continue to urge members to send input and ideas sooner rather than later, as the input can be most useful to the workgroup in reworking the drafts with your input as we did with the first batch of input. Our current target date for release of the third batch is in early June, shortly after the deadline for input on the second batch of R&I material. The third batch will be out for R&I for a minimum of 90 days. Per conference policy, the approval draft will be published no later than the 2016 *Conference Agenda Report*.

The levels of participation and input have been quite impressive, both for the front-end input and for the R&I material. For each of the Traditions, we have received at least a hundred pages of front-end input, with some Traditions gathering as many as 300 pages. Additionally, the total count of pages of input received for the review period on the Introduction and Tradition One was well over 300 pages. The participation has consisted of members, groups, and a variety of service workshops from before or after ASC meetings to specially organized local Traditions Project workshops in a number of communities. We received input from throughout North America, as well as from at least ten countries abroad. The broad range of input and ideas will certainly help to create the best literature possible. We look forward to your continued participation.



VIRTUAL WORKGROUPS

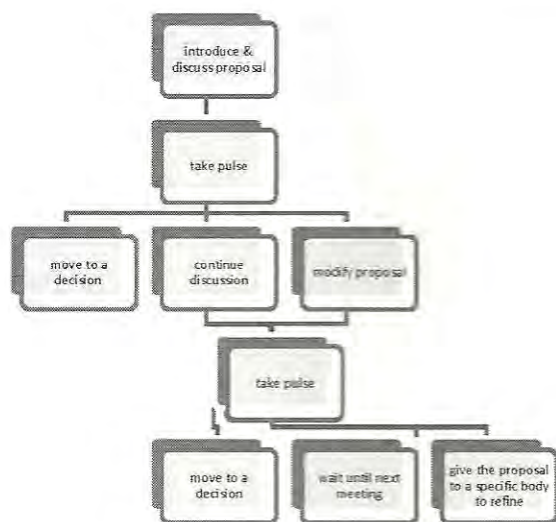
DECISION MAKING AT THE WSC

The Decision Making at the WSC workgroup began their work in October 2014, just after our last World Board meeting, and has been (virtually) meeting monthly. You may recall the workgroup is comprised of members with a wealth of WSC and/or consensus building experience and includes both current WSC Cofacilitators. Early on it became clear that the virtual environment alone may not provide the level of interaction necessary to accomplish the goals of the workgroup's charge. The outcomes expected from this workgroup differ from the other virtual workgroups outcomes this cycle. With that in mind, the World Board approved face-to-face meeting(s) for the workgroup. The first meeting took place late February at the WSO. It was a busy three days, and the workgroup was able to finalize many of the ideas discussed over the previous web meetings. As a reminder, the workgroup is charged with developing ideas for the future including:

- 1) A process and mechanism for forwarding, considering, and evolving ideas for discussions;
- 2) Ideas about utilizing CBDM at the WSC.

The first focus was Old Business, and specifically proposals to change Old Business motions that are published in the *Conference Agenda Report (CAR)*. As a reminder, the *CAR* is released 150 days prior to the WSC, providing time to workshop the material locally. Any proposals to change *CAR* motions are typically brought to the WSC and distributed to RDs just prior to the Old Business discussions. We think that there would be value for participants to see those proposals prior to the WSC, and in fact there is already an opportunity for delegates to share those proposals via the *Conference Report*. We recommend that conference participants use the *Conference Report* to offer any ideas for changes to *CAR* motions, in order to provide others a longer period to consider those ideas. The *Conference Report* is typically published about 30 days prior to the WSC. The deadline for submissions will be 1 March 2016.

The workgroup also focused on developing resources for WSC Cofacilitators as they facilitate the discussion sessions of the WSC. While there are defined rules for the formal business sessions (WSC Rules of Order), there is very little written in the way of rules or tools to help with consensus building in the discussion sessions. The workgroup developed a list of tools. Most are not new ideas, and have been used at the WSC already. Some of these may seem simple and straightforward, but since they are not a part of our written resources, it can be hard to remember that they are available. To begin, mapping the time and work of the workload has seemed to help participants to use time more efficiently. Other ideas include asking for a moment of silence or other tool to refocus the conference, reminding participants that not everyone speaks English as their primary language, and that there are differences of culture that can affect our ability to build consensus.



Focusing on managing the discussion, ideas include providing an opportunity for first-time speakers to queue up first, noting the number of times each participant has spoken in that session, and displaying only a portion of the queue on the overhead screens (perhaps the next six speakers). In addition, there would be a three-minute time limit for speaking; non-English speakers would be provided additional time for translations. We also support using straw polls and voting to manage the discussions. Cofacilitators would straw poll at the start of the discussion of a proposal or motion to allow the body to see the level of support. As discussion of an issue takes place, it would be helpful for the Cofacilitator to periodically ask the body if they need continued discussion. The Cofacilitator could suggest ending discussion; if there is any objection, a vote would decide if discussion was over. Similarly, the Cofacilitators could close the queue. This is meaningfully different from the last tool, since this does not immediately end discussion, but rather those already in the queue would speak. Again, the Cofacilitators would ask if anyone objects to closing the queue; if there is any objection, a vote would decide the outcome. We have yet to determine the margin by which these votes would be decided. The workgroup suggested that it be a high percentage of participants, somewhere between 75 and 85 percent.

We are also moving forward on using some form of electronic voting. Exactly what that will look like has yet to be defined. At the very minimum, we believe we can provide participants with electronic voting cards that can be used to provide an aggregate measure of straw polls and votes. We are looking into options that may provide additional possibilities. More will be revealed.

Finally, we have approved the workgroup's request for a second face-to-face meeting. Again, virtual meetings have value, and the workgroup will continue to utilize that medium, but web meetings have substantial limitations and complications that do not support the best result from this workgroup. You can expect to see more ideas as the conference cycle progresses. We thank the workgroup for their efforts thus far.

PLANNING OUR FUTURE

This project grew out of the series of "Planning Our Future" sessions at the last World Service Conference, where participants discussed the needs of NA and what a worldwide body that best meets those needs might look like. One of the Board's responsibilities this cycle is to frame and forward the discussion that began at the WSC.

The Planning Our Future workgroup is a sort of "think tank" for the board—helping to shape ideas and make recommendations to the board. Part of the workgroup's charge is to help the board develop strategies for communication, and that has been the bulk of their work so far.

Workgroup

Planning Our Future is one of our virtual workgroups this cycle. There are 13 members on the workgroup, including two board members and a staff person. One of the original twelve members had to step down for personal reasons, and we have asked two new members to join the group:

Michel Z—Brazil

Guilherme N—Portugal

We now have PoF members living on four continents—no wonder scheduling workgroup meetings can be challenging!

The PoF workgroup has been meeting regularly online. They try to meet for about 90 minutes every couple of weeks. We are discovering, from a resource perspective, that while meeting virtually saves much money, it doesn't save as much of our most precious resource—human labor—as we'd hoped. In this, as in so many of our efforts this cycle, we are limited by our finite human resources.

Role of Zones Workshop

One of the first things the workgroup focused on was developing and giving input to a workshop and survey form on the Role of Zones. The workshop is designed to help zones think about their roles—what is important to them, and what they do well. During the workshop, members fill out survey forms ranking the possible roles of zones. There is also a version intended for a workshop setting outside of a zonal meeting. The Role of Zones workshop has already been held at three zonal forums—Plains States, Western States, and the European Delegates Meeting—as well as one other event, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference (MARLCNA). The workshop will also be facilitated at the Florida Service Symposium.

These workshop materials are posted at www.na.org/idt, and we encourage everyone to take a look at them and consider holding a workshop, especially in your zonal forums. Please send us the results of any workshops that you hold! Either mail in the forms to the World Service Office, 19737 Nordhoff Place, Chatsworth, CA 91311 or email copies to worldboard@na.org. We may also post the survey form itself at some point so that we can collect more information about what members think are important roles for zones.

The more input we can gather from these workshops and survey forms, the more we can get a sense of how zones see themselves and how members see zones—what they are right now, what they want to be, what they are good at, and how they see their roles.

Zonal Questionnaire

Another way we've talked about gathering information about zones is to directly contact each zone and gather some basic information, much as we did when we were putting together the zonal map (which is also posted at www.na.org/idt within the Role of Zones workshop material). We'd like to put together a sort of snapshot of each zone. Many members—even those involved in zonal service—don't know about other zones and how they are similar or different. Collecting information about each zone's constitution and focus could help us develop a basic picture of each zone.

Our Future

The workgroup has had some discussions about "our future"—what zones might evolve to, what the conference might look like in the future, what zonal seating might look like if that's the direction the Fellowship chooses to take, etc. But these have just been brainstorming sessions, with no intention of developing formal recommendations, making decisions, or even coming to consensus as a group as of yet.

At some point, the Board will have to offer some sort of item about the future of seating at the conference for decision in the CAR, but we do not feel we are at that point yet. Both the workgroup and the Board feel committed to trying to have this conversation more broadly with RDs and the Fellowship as a whole to try to get a sense of how NA sees NA's future. We have talked about possibly putting some questions about the future of zones and seating up for discussion, but definitely not decision, in the CAR. We'd like to encourage the conversation about the issues however we can.

Other Ideas for Communication

We have a dual challenge with communication: We need to build awareness in the Fellowship that these issues are being discussed and that we will need to make a collective decision about the future of the WSC at some point, and we need to help those who are interested but have less experience *understand* the issues (many members, for instance, don't know what a zone is or what the WSC really is). What we don't want is for people to be surprised at some point in the future and say, "Where did this come from? I didn't know we were going to be deciding this. No one asked me what I think!"

We have talked a lot about how to improve communication so that we don't have this all-too-common experience. We believe that communication needs to be transparent, easy to access, and easy to read.

We like the idea of smaller pieces of information, "chunked" into more bite-sized pieces. Information from NAWS is often like "How do you eat an elephant?" Our forms of communication become institutionalized so easily, and change can be slow for us both because we are used to doing it a certain way and because it takes resources to implement change. The Traditions mini-workshop booklet is a great example of smaller, easy-to-hold workshops that were more accessible because they only took 20 minutes and they didn't require a lot of preparation or "bells and whistles." We have talked

about how to offer information related to Planning Our Future in similar smaller pieces that are less overwhelming. We love the idea of more infographics and small pamphlets, videos, and interactive websites, but again, World Services is pretty much at our capacity in terms of human labor. We don't know how many of these ideas from the workgroup we will be able to implement right away, but we know we have to do what we can.

Another thing that can hamper our communication is relying on the delegation stream to communicate so much. In recent years, we have tried through eblasts and dedicated web pages to make it easier for members to reach information that they care about or are interested in. We do plan to post a web page soon devoted to the Planning Our Future project, as we have done in the past with other projects, so that information related to the project is all in one central place and those who are interested in the latest news know where to go to find it. When we do launch the project page, we will announce it in a NAWS Update eblast.

Another idea we had to help increase communication and try to get a sense of some of our collective thinking on the issues is to possibly survey regions. We may try to take some sort of preconference, nonbinding pulse about how regions feel about seating issues, the future of the conference, and/or the role of zones. It's an idea we have talked about but aren't sure of yet. We've also thought of offering some sort of survey to members, but we're not sure what that might look like.

The most important point is: This is an ongoing conversation, and we want to know what you think. We want you to discuss the issues in your zones and regions and areas. We want to hear from you.

Myth-Busting

We've heard from some corners that there seems to be a sort of misconception that the Board is trying to steer the Fellowship or delegates or the Conference into deciding that zonal seating is the best option for the Conference. We'd like to dispel that rumor, if possible. In fact, the only recent decision the Board has put before the Conference related to seating was in the 2012 CAR when we placed a resolution that "state/national/province boundaries are the primary criterion for seating consideration at the World Service Conference." That resolution passed by a narrow margin, and there doesn't seem to be widespread enthusiasm for the idea.

Within the workgroup as well as the board, we have varying opinions about what seating at the conference might look like in the future.

The Planning Our Future sessions at the last conference asked a series of broad, open-ended questions about NA and why we gather:

- What are the needs of the NA Fellowship now and in the next five years?
- What are the reason(s) we need to come together as a worldwide body to satisfy NA's needs and bring us closer to our vision?

- Given the purpose/roles of a worldwide service body, what are some options for a worldwide body?

The result seemed to indicate some sort of consensus building. Most participants seemed to have the most enthusiasm for zonal or some version of zonal or continental seating. Of course, those sessions at the conference were a series of discussions, not a decision, and our interest now is in furthering that discussion. It seems that if we can keep focused on the question "Why do we gather?" we may be better able to answer the questions related to our future as a conference.

If, ultimately, the Fellowship does decide to adopt zonal seating for the conference, there are many questions that will need to be answered:

- What would the impact be on the rest of the service structure?
- How would the differences between zones affect zonal seating?
- How do we help close the gap that some perceive between the fellowship/groups and the Conference and World Services?

This last question is one that we have to keep asking ourselves regardless of what form Conference seating takes now or in the future. How can we improve our processes so that members and groups feel a connection to and a part of worldwide NA service? We always welcome your thoughts.

DELEGATE SHARING

The Delegates Sharing virtual workgroup is the result of Proposal BL: To plan a WSC 2016 sharing session for RDs to talk among themselves about issues and experience in order to foster unity. In addition, the workgroup is charged with framing and planning the Saturday afternoon workshops preceding the opening of the WSC. The workgroup is developing a brief survey to gather input from conference participants to help plan these sessions. The workgroup hopes to make the survey available within the next two to four months and intends to complete its work by the end of February 2016.



WSC SEATING

The WSC Seating Workgroup came into being at this board meeting. We aim to accomplish as much as possible virtually and have left open the possibility of a face-to-face meeting, if needed. Coming to a decision to have this seating workgroup was deliberate after we considered pros and cons. In other words, the decision was not as simple as creating a seating workgroup as described in *A Guide to World Services in NA*. We are aware that there has been no workgroup since 2006. Yes, the moratorium expired and there was no seating workgroup. We thought it best to consider the needs of the WSC and steps taken at WSC 2014 in the Planning Our Future sessions and subsequently with the Planning Our Future virtual workgroup. We believe discussions need to be centered on actual conference seating rather than the process of obtaining a seat. At WSC 2014, we discussed sustainability of the conference in its current form and offered two motions, one for delegate-only seating and the second for all delegates to fund themselves. We believed that these were both ideas that we could try without requiring any structural or permanent decisions. If those motions had passed, we would have had the ability to seat more regions without an impact on the sustainability of the WSC. Neither motion was supported, which still leaves us with the need to consider what we are willing to change.

In the meantime, we will have the Seating Workgroup this cycle and we are revising the Regional Profile in an effort to obtain more relevant information. We will also be creating a survey to help us with seating. Once we decided to create the workgroup, the next question was whom to assign. Since we are already handling three virtual workgroups that were never considered for this cycle in our planning process, our resources are already stretched.

We decided to ask three delegates from the existing Planning Our Future virtual workgroup to serve on the WSC Seating Workgroup as these are current delegates, and they all accepted. These members already are using our virtual technology and are in the process of looking forward with the WSC. The three delegate members will be:

Gindy B—Oklahoma

David T—San Diego Imperial

Guilherme N—Portugal

Ron M from the World Board will also serve on the workgroup. This workgroup will function independently, and we will publish both the workgroup and the Board's recommendations in the 2016 CAT.

SERVICE SYSTEM

It has been almost six months since we wrote a report on the Service System Project after our October 2014 meeting, and we wish we had more news to report on the project, but we haven't had the human resources to be able to make much progress on our goals yet.

Here are some of the things on our Service System "to-do list" that we hope to accomplish this cycle:

- Draft "The Basics"—Service System Basics, Local Service Basics, and Group Support Basics. These short pieces will give a brief overview of the main ideas related to the project as a whole, what happens at a local service conference and board, and how group support forums might function.
- Hold web meetings! We had one web meeting about the service system project with members of the European Delegates Meeting. We would like to hold more—some to introduce people to the basic ideas, some to give folks a chance to share their experiences implementing. We'd like to hold a web meeting focused just on service in rural NA communities. If you are interested in participating, please let us know by emailing servicesystem@na.org.
- Put together a shared resources page just for locally developed tools relating to ideas from the Service System Project.
- Begin to revise some of the tools posted on the Service System webpage: www.na.org/servicesystem.

Put simply, we'd like to frame the information and ideas so that they are easier to read and use, and we'd like to provide more opportunities for members to share what's working well in their communities. Thank you for your patience as we try to marshal the resources to get to that work.

In our ever-changing world, trusted servants also change. For newer trusted servants, we want to make you aware of service pamphlets and we will showcase one and provide you a link to more resources for groups. Although service pamphlets are not intended to be read in meetings, they are focused on topics that members and groups may be interested in. We encourage you to keep these on your group literature table.

This *NAWS News*, we are highlighting the *SP Disruptive & Violent Behavior*. Many members contact NA World Services with group-related issues, and one theme of these issues is disruption in a meeting. This pamphlet offers several suggestions for helping to defuse behavior that is not conducive to an atmosphere of recovery. Please feel free to check out these resources at www.na.org/?ID=servicemat-svc-pamphlets.

WEB MEETINGS

Web meetings offer the opportunity for exchanging information and discussing solutions for common issues. Our next Public Relations and H&I web meetings are in May 2015. We are asking those who have not signed up yet to please join us. PR has a great number signed up (170), and H&I has fewer (130). We would love for you to share this resource with H&I and PR/PI trusted servants so they may join us.

The Inmate Step Writing web meeting will again be held June 2015. We believe that more Inmate Step Writing Committees are being formed, and would like to invite you into the process. Please sign up via the Handl@na.org address and identify as wanting to join the Inmate Step Writing web meeting.

If you would like to participate in any of the following web meetings, please send your name, contact information (email address), trusted servant position, and region, as well as ideas about what you would like to see discussed, to:

- Events@na.org for conventions
- Handl@na.org for hospitals and institutions
- PR@na.org for public relations/public information

The agendas for the above web meetings are created by the participants: they present challenges in their service efforts and topics members want to learn about, which is why when you sign up your ideas are important. Join us.

DISRUPTIVE & VIOLENT BEHAVIOR



SERVICE-RELATED MATERIAL
NOT INTENDED TO BE READ DURING RECOVERY MEETINGS

WORLD CONVENTION UPDATE

WCNA 36, June 2015—The Gift Is Freedom Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Planning continues for Brazil, and hopefully members are making their plans to attend. WCNA36 will be an extraordinary multicultural and bilingual recovery celebration. Come experience our unity. Registration is on sale!! Please visit www.na.org/wcna and register for the convention. We have mentioned our struggles with convention planning companies; currently, we are no longer using a company to help with hotels. With the mutually agreed upon ending of our contract, for the first time in our history, we will not be offering members the opportunity to book hotel rooms through a block NAWS has reserved. We believe that members in the age of the Internet are savvy in doing their own research and booking online through other sites. We hope our decision poses no inconvenience to anyone. Brazilians are truly looking forward to welcoming you and helping make this a truly memorable event.

We will be having buses operating on a loop from various area hotels in close proximity to the Riocentro Convention Center. Since we no longer have hotel room blocks, this service will be available to all convention attendees at cost. You will be able to purchase your bus pass on-site.

Airfares from many locations (particularly the US) have dropped significantly. The exchange rate has favorably improved for anyone traveling to Brazil, which in turn has helped improve hotel rates for those who are paying in currency other than reals. With all these advantageous changes shining on us, we really have no reason to miss this unique, once-in-a-lifetime world convention.

North Americans who are planning to attend WCNA 36 are encouraged to begin their visa application process. The visa process may take time; so, do not delay. The usual fee for this process is \$160, and working with a visa processor may be helpful.

With our delays in information transmission and with recent changes that may help members in their ability to attend WCNA 36, we decided to change the pre-registration deadline to 15 May 2015. If you are planning to attend, we encourage you to pre-register; this action helps us plan more effectively for attendees. We want your experience to be rewarding. Pre-registrants will be entered into a drawing for two free registrations and a \$200 merchandise credit, and those who pre-register will be the only attendees permitted into the merchandise room on Thursday.

One thing to take note of, particularly if you are planning a vacation in Rio immediately before or after the convention, is that the site of the convention (an area called Barra) is 30 kilometers outside of central Rio. Be aware that downtown Rio is not a commutable distance from the convention locale due to traffic rather than distance. There are beautiful beaches adjacent to the majority of the hotels in Barra, just as there are in other portions of Rio. We will also be arranging for pre- and post-convention trips in Rio and around Brazil for those who want to explore more of this extraordinary country with other members.

All current information and any updates about WCNA 36 are available at www.na.org/wcna.



HUMAN RESOURCE PANEL

Greetings from your Human Resource Panel (HRP). We recently came together for a face-to-face meeting. We were able to do some good work on our nomination process. Following are some details of that meeting and the work ahead as we prepare for WSC 2016.

As a start, we want to remind you that NA regions, the World Board, and zones have the ability to forward names to be considered by the HRP for nomination at the World Service Conference (WSC). We call this an RBZ recommendation, and it provides the HRP with a perspective from a service body that is familiar with the member. It is helpful to note that the World Service Conference (WSC) sees value in these recommendations. In addition to completing a World Pool Information Form (WPIF), we have recently sent information to those service bodies eligible to forward RBZs. Your regional delegate should have more information on this. Please contact us if your service committee requires additional copies of these materials.

In harmony with our internal guidelines, Lib E will serve out the rest of this conference cycle as our panel leader. David J finishes his term as panel leader, and we thank him for that service.

As a part of our planning process this cycle, we identified the value in providing "one stop" for information about serving at the world level at www.na.org. To that end, we identified the information we believe is most helpful and organized it in a series of web pages. If you haven't yet, we encourage you to visit those pages. We welcome any questions, concerns, or recommendations.

As a basic outline, our nominations process can be viewed as four steps:

1. Identifying those World Pool members who are interested in being candidates for service;
2. Blind scoring of World Pool candidates and identifying those who score highest;
3. Interviewing any RBZ candidates, and those identified from the blind-scoring process;
4. From those interviewees, identifying our HRP nominees to be considered for election by the WSC

As in the past, we reviewed and critiqued each step of our process to ensure that we are doing the very best we can to identify the most qualified nominees. We have modified our interview process, allowing for all members of the HRP to experience every candidate interview. We also intend to approach our interviews in a more thoughtful manner, considering if the candidate has had previous World Board experience. In the past, all candidates were asked the same series of questions, regardless of this important detail. We believe it is reasonable that interviews of currently seated and formerly seated World Board members may benefit from a slightly different approach.

Regarding references and gaining a local perspective on candidates, we will continue to contact references and to

distribute what we call a "Local Committee Questionnaire" for interview candidates who come from the World Pool. If you are a member of an ASC or RSC and receive a questionnaire, we ask that you provide us with the information requested and thank you in advance for that work. Gaining a local perspective on candidates is invaluable for the HRP's process.

We will come together again in July to finalize our preparations for the upcoming nominations process. Thank you to those members who have already updated their WPIF, and we encourage those who have yet to update, to do so. As a reminder, deadlines are 31 August 2015 to update your WPIF for consideration as part of the 2016 WSC nominations process, and 31 October 2015 for RBZ submissions from regions, the World Board, and zones.

Let us know if you need any additional information on any of this. Also, your input and comments are welcomed. Please contact us at hrp@na.org. Again, we thank you for your support, and we look forward to reporting more as the cycle progresses.

CALENDAR

Travel requests (considered by quarter)

15 November for January–March

15 February for April–June

15 May for July–September

15 August for October–December



WCNA 36 11–14 June 2015, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

World Unity Day 14 June 2015

Regional motion deadline for 2016 CAR 1 August and to be in CAR-ready form by 30 August 2015

Deadline for World Pool Information Form submission and updates 31 August 2015

Deadline for region, Board, and zone (RBZ) candidate submissions 31 October 2015

English Conference Agenda Report available 25 November 2015

Translated Conference Agenda Report available 24 December 2015

Conference Approval Track material available 25 January 2016

Regional report deadline 15 February 2016

World Service Conference 24 April–30 April 2016

Live from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil!

NA World Unity Day

14 June 2015



Individual members, groups, areas, and regions can join in the celebration of NA World Unity Day. This is a two-hour telephone hookup to the Sunday morning Closing Meeting of WCNA 36. We will come together on a worldwide conference call at 1:00 pm Brasilia Time (BRT). (Go to <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html> to determine the local time for your community)

The cost is \$50.00 for calls within the United States and Canada. Complete the registration form below and fax or mail with your check/money order or credit card information to NAWS, Attn: WCNA 36 Unity Day, PO Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409 or fax it to 818.700.0700 on or before **25 May 2015**.

One free hookup will be provided for each region outside the US and Canada. Please note free regional links outside the US and Canada must have approval of region, and we are only able to provide one (1) free hookup per region.

Please provide the following information:

Contact Name _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Contact Email Address _____

Region/Area/Group/Event _____

Event Street Address _____

City/State _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

What type of event? _____ Expected attendance? _____

Outside the US and Canada? Phone number you will use for the Unity Day call _____

Form of Payment (Circle One) AMEX VISA M/C Discover Diners Club Check Money Order

Card No. & Sec Code _____ Expiration Date _____

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Also for the first time in our Unity Day history, we will be providing a **free Internet audio webcast**. We are testing this audio webcast on an experimental basis for **all four main meetings**, and we cannot guarantee accessibility, quality, and consistency of the audio broadcast signal. Visit [this site](#) for meetings schedule and to access this audio webcast.

Upon receipt of registration, we will provide registrants with a confirmation and meeting access information.

Questions? Call Johnny at 818.773.9999, extension 149 or email johnny@na.org.

Registrations must be received no later than 25 May 2015

Group Conscience & NA Literature

World Board

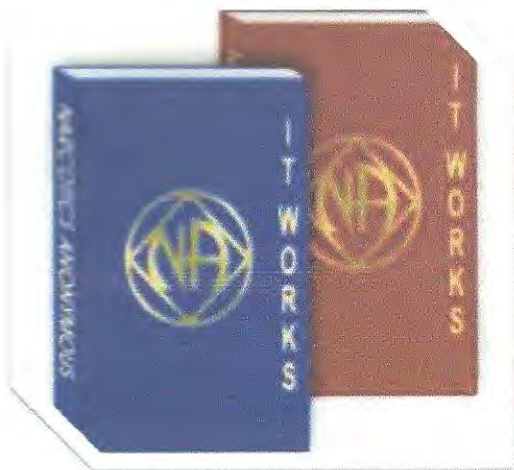
April 2015

In 1991 the World Service Conference passed two motions—one to reaffirm that the WSO holds ownership of NA’s intellectual property in trust for the Fellowship of NA, and another to reaffirm that the WSO is exclusive publisher and distributor of all NA literature.

At the time, WSO’s intellectual property attorney explained to the Conference:

“This needs to be done for the benefit of those people who do not have the time, energy, or the interest to look back at what really happened and would rather argue that the past consists of what they believe should have happened.”

And here we are again—increasing numbers of our members are illegally copying and distributing NA literature around the world, sowing seeds of confusion and disunity, including places where NA is in early stages. In particular, people are publishing a booklet that contains the Third Edition Revised Basic Text with the Second Edition versions of the Fourth and Ninth Traditions, a booklet that was compiled by a few individuals and has **never been Fellowship-approved**. It is bad enough that we have had this ongoing struggle within NA; now it has become a public problem because these texts are being distributed in institutions.



The roots of this conflict go back more than 30 years. The history of the Basic Text is a story that gets told many ways, with different heroes and villains depending on who is doing the telling.

There are some things, however, that are not open to interpretation:

- 1. It goes against group conscience.** The fellowship has decided on these issues repeatedly,
 - ❖ beginning in 1984 when the fellowship voted to return to the First Edition language for the Fourth and Ninth Traditions,
 - ❖ and again in 1988 when the conference rejected the idea of extensive changes to the text beyond fixing the errors in the Fourth Editions,
 - ❖ and again in 1991 when the conference voted against reconsidering which edition of the book should be published,
 - ❖ and again in 1993 when the fellowship approved the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust*,
 - ❖ and again as recently as 2004 when a CAR motion was passed authorizing revisions to the Basic Text but specifying no changes be made to chapters one through ten of the text. That 2004 motion resulted in the Sixth Edition Basic Text, which was approved **unanimously** in 2008.
- 2. It’s illegal.** The unauthorized reproduction of NA literature is a violation of copyright law. 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.

3. It doesn't make sense. On top of everything else, the portions of the Fourth and Ninth Traditions reinserted into the text of the booklets that are being distributed don't reflect most members' understanding of NA service. The Fourth Tradition essay says of service committees, offices, and activities, "**these things are not N.A.**" The Ninth Tradition essay says that service boards or committees "**are not a part of Narcotics Anonymous.**" That doesn't even make sense, does it? Are the funds from your area dance an outside donation? Is your local H&I committee somehow not a part of NA?

We are writing this on behalf of NA World Services, and we consider ourselves a grateful part of NA. NAWS provides support and services to addicts, meetings, and service bodies in 132 countries, speaking 77 languages. We interact with professionals and officials who influence the lives of addicts around the world to make our message more available. Here are just a few figures to give you a sense of our work. In the 2013–2104 fiscal year, we

- ❖ gave away and discounted \$460,000 worth of literature;
- ❖ answered more than 5,800 inmate inquiries with an information packet and NA literature;
- ❖ sent out more than 450 group starter kits and more than 45 institutional group starter kits;
- ❖ held quarterly PR web meetings with 206 area and regional trusted servants from seven countries on four continents, and H&I web meetings with 149 trusted servants from 13 countries on four continents;
- ❖ published 54 new pieces of translated literature, bringing us to 900 translated titles for NA recovery literature; and
- ❖ participated in 32 fellowship development and zonal events.

The money to pay for those services comes mostly from literature sales. In essence, when you buy a Basic Text, you are helping to pay for the literature we give away around the world and all of our other efforts.

Despite that fact, some people will tell you that the Basic Text is too expensive and that is why they are illegally distributing an unapproved version. But again, the fellowship's conscience is clear: The motion to produce a lower-cost Basic Text has been before the conference at least nine times; it's been committed once, ruled out of order twice, and defeated at least six times.

In the end, this isn't about politics or personal views; this is about the spiritual principles of group conscience and NA unity. Please respect the will of the fellowship. Illicit literature has no place in our meetings. For more information about NA's copyrights and world services' responsibility to protect them, see www.na.org/fipt.

