

Questionnaire

On Jan 23rd we had a meeting to discuss the Conference Agenda Report (the CAR). We realized at this meeting that a more effective way of developing a "Group Fellowship Conscience" was needed. It was suggested that a questionnaire outlining the motions may be a more practical way of producing a group conscience. The following questionnaire may be returned to your GSR, RCM, or RD in order to be considered at the World Conference

World Board Motions

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| Motion 1: To approve "A Vision for NA Service" stated below to replace the existing "NA World Services Vision Statement". This Motion is to change the current statement from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;• <i>NA communities worldwide and NA World Services work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to carry our message of recovery;</i>• Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery. To; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;• <i>Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;</i>• <i>NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;</i>• Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery. | <u>Vote</u> Circle one Yes (for) No (against) Abstain* <i>(counted as not being in support of the motion.)</i> |
| Motion 2: To approve <i>Money Matters: Self-Support in NA</i> , to replace the existing Ip's #24 "Hey! What's the Basket For?" and #25 <i>Self-Support: Principle & Practice</i> . Addendum A These IP's have been sent to literature committee's for review and input *To review the current draft, please refer to addendum A, in the 2010 CAR report at http://www.na.org/?ID=conference-index | <u>Vote</u> Yes (for) No (against) Abstain* <i>(counted as no)</i> |
| Motion 3: To approve the draft contained in Addendum B, <i>Funding NA Services</i> These IP's have been sent to literature committee's for review and input *To review the current draft, please refer to addendum B, in the 2010 CAR report at http://www.na.org/?ID=conference-index | <u>Vote</u> Yes (for) No (against) Abstain* <i>(counted as no)</i> |
| Motion 4: To approve the revisions to <i>In Times of Illness</i> contained in Addendum C. These IP's have been sent to literature committee's for review and input *To review the current draft, please refer to addendum B, in the 2010 CAR report at http://www.na.org/?ID=conference-index | <u>Vote</u> Yes (for) No (against) Abstain* <i>(counted as no)</i> |

Regional Motions

"...we don't think regional motions are the ideal way to have a discussion or make a decision about most issues." " We continue to encourage you to discuss things with the board before determining to make a motion in the CAR. This year, many of these motions came as surprises to us. There was no effort on the part of the region to bring up the subject in a call, an email, or face-to-face at a workshop or zonal forum before sending in a draft motion. We would hope that a motion would be a last resort after a region had attempted to discuss the issues with the board." CAR p37

It may be important to note that World is in fact mistaken with regard to the statement that there was no effort on the part of the regions to bring up the subject of these motions. Both Ft Worth area and the Show Me Region have had discussions with World on the subject of development a Traditions Workbook during the past conference cycle, additionally the south Florida Region also had a number of conversations with world regarding Motion 10. As of the writing of this questionnaire I have not yet heard from the other regions..

Motion 5: Direct NAWS to produce and add to inventory a purple decades clean and granite decade clean key tag in English only.

Maker: Show Me Region

Currently the items that are available for extended clean time are not produced by NAWS and therefore difficult to come by. The rational for this motion is to encourage fellowship support of members with long term clean time.

Vote
Yes (for)
No (against)
Abstain*
(counted as no)

Motion 6: To add purple key tags for multiple decades of clean time to the NAWS inventory

Maker: New Jersey Region

Currently the items that are available for extended clean time are not produced by NAWS and therefore difficult to come by. The rational for this motion is to encourage fellowship support of members with long term clean time

Vote
Yes (for)
No (against)
Abstain*
(counted as no)

Motion 7: To add a Spanish (Castilian) Line Numbered Large Print Basic Text, in the current edition, to NAWS inventory

Maker: Southern California Region

The purpose of lined numbered large print basic text is for the in depth study of our literature. This Motion is to make this format available to spanish speaking members as well as english
In voting on this issue it may be helpful to consider our first tradition of unity within the fellowship as a whole as well as ongoing questions from our world services "Who is missing from our meetings and why" 2008 Conference Report p.53 "Conducting our recovery meetings to encourage participation of all and following clearly laid out formats are some other methods ensuring the message"2008 Conference Report p.54

Vote
Yes (for)
No (against)
Abstain*
(counted as no)

Motion 8: The World Board is directed to develop a project plan for presentation to WSC 2012 for a Traditions Working Guide

Maker: California Mid-State Region

Our Traditions are "non-negotiable", however many of us experience a wide variety of interpretation within these principles. While it is true that *Money Matters: Self-Support in NA*, and *Funding NA Services* may be important literature in a structural sense, adherence to the foundational principles of the program may be of utmost importance when addicts struggle to learn to "live the program". This motion simply "to give the conference the ability to consider prioritizing this guide as a future literature project."

Vote
Yes (for)
No (against)
Abstain*
(counted as no)

Motion 9: To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for presentation to WSC 2012, to revise *Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts* by replacing the thirteen quotes (and meditation passages if necessary) that were taken from the Fifth Edition Basic Text and *Youth and Recovery* with current fellowship approved NA literature
 Maker: The Iowa Region

This motion would "give the conference the ability to consider prioritizing this guide as a future literature project" Currently 13 passages in the JFT make reference to literature that has been updated (bt 5th edition) or is currently out of print (*Youth and Recovery*). Simply removing the page reference would not allow those who wish, the ability to cross reference the JFT with our current literature. Motion 9's focus is to allow for a better understanding of the inherent message within our *Just for Today* meditation book.

Vote
 Yes (for)
 No (against)
 Abstain*
 (counted as no)

Motion 10: The World Board will post on the NAWS website the motions that pertain to the Conference Approval Track at the same time the Conference Approval Track is sent out to Conference Participants
 Maker: South Florida Region

This motion is proposed in order to allow an adequate amount of time with which to review *all* information and receive input from the *fellowship* prior to the conference itself. Valuable discussions at the conference depend largely on "the quality of discussions that have taken place between the Delegates and the Fellowship prior to attending the Conference" If those of you answering this questionnaire, have no idea what the CAT is.... This motion is to help your delegates be better able to educate you.

Vote
 Yes (for)
 No (against)
 Abstain*
 (counted as no)

Motion 11: The World Board will post on na.org all recovery literature workgroup meeting records in English within 30 days of any workgroup meeting. The World Board will also link these postings to any project resources: such as the projects discussion board, or similar resource. This post will include the project's time line and a schedule of workgroup meetings. The WB will also post their meeting schedule & have the discretion to post an overview of the literature development process or any other additional information.
 Maker: Greater New York Region

Although the wording of this motion is complex, the Greater New York Region is attempting to allow the fellowship a greater ability for participation in our literature development process. Motions 11 was suggested to give the fellowship an opportunity to input earlier in the literature decision-making process

Vote
 Yes (for)
 No (against)
 Abstain*
 (counted as no)

Motion 12: To add language to the end of the "Approval Process for Recovery Material" section of *Guide to World Service*, page 36, that says, "No more than two informational pamphlets or one booklet or one book-length piece will be out for Fellowship review and input at the same time."
 Maker: FreeState Region

This motion allows a more individual focus on literature projects. The intent is to ensure quality pieces of approved literature. Releasing too many pieces of literature at one time can cause literature projects to compete with one another (ie: in 2009, in a single 90-day period, we reviewed "Giving It Away" (2 pages), "In Times of Illness" (25 pages) and "Keeping It" (7 pages).

Vote
 Yes (for)
 No (against)
 Abstain*
 (counted as no)

Motion 13: To add language to the end of the "Approval Process for Recovery Material" section of *Guide to World Service*, page 36, that says, "Review and Input periods will be at least six months for informational pamphlets and booklets and at least one year for book-length pieces of literature."
 Maker: FreeState Region

This motion provides a more realistic timeframe for the Fellowship to communicate about literature projects and include more members.
 Extra time allows the process to focus on literature, rather than the time line itself. We can better serve our members by creating quality, well developed literature, allowing for multiple opportunities to participate in the same project, and being more inclusive of newer members to become familiar with the process.

Vote
 Yes (for)
 No (against)
 Abstain*
 (counted as no)

Motion 14: To require a 180-day review and input period for Fellowship Approved, Conference Approved, or World Board Approved material.

Maker: New Jersey Region

1. Currently "conference approved" means that material *may or may not* have been sent out for review and input" This motion proposes to change "conference approved" material to *require* a 180 day review and input period in order to be called conference approved.

2. Currently for service pamphlets (such as our *PR Handbook*) to be considered world board approved, there is only a 90 day period for review and input. This motion would also require a 180 day review and input period and

3. With regard to the "Approval Process for Recovery literature" this motion would also change the current 90 day review period to 180 days.

The amount of time currently allotted is not adequate for the amount of literature being produced...We can not afford to be mass-producing literature at such a high rate of speed. After all it is the viability of our literature and the passion that goes into its construction that encourages those and saves addicts' lives.

Vote
Yes (for)

No (against)

Abstain*
(counted as no)

*In a standing or roll call vote, participants may choose to not affect the decision at all by being present but not participating in the vote. This means that they will not be counted in the total of the vote for that motion and do not impact the decision. This differs from an abstention. **An abstention does impact the outcome of a vote because it is effectively counted as not being in support of the motion.** Guide to World Service pp 56 &57

Our service structure *depends* on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications

Your **Regional Delegate** is the Trusted Servant that brings your vote to the table at World Service Convention in April. Here in the Lone Star Region, Our Delegates have asked us to provide our input to them **no later than** April 1st in order for them to prepare for the conference.

If you took the time to finish this questionnaire in its entirety or *even in part*, Don't sell yourself short, *share it* with your Delegate. You won't get graded on it, but you *will get the satisfaction of having your voice be heard, creating Unity and Carrying OUR Message to the next suffering addict that walks through the doors*



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