



December 2011 Northern California RD Report



2012 Conference Agenda Report(CAR)

As you have undoubtedly heard by now, the 2012 Conference Agenda Report is now available, and translated versions, including Spanish, will be available by December 28th. The CAR is available for purchase from the WSO at \$13, including shipping and CA sales tax. It is also available on the web free of charge from the link at www.na.org/conference. The user name is **CP2012** and the password is **WSC2012**. The following is a summary of what you can find in the 2012 CAR:



- Service System
 - The revised proposals, resolutions for decisions, and straw polls to obtain a sense of the fellowships wishes.
- Living Clean
 - Material discussing our literature development process and the approval draft of Living Clean. The project plan for this book-length piece called for a year-long approval period, and so the approval draft was released in April 2011. To date, NAWS has distributed about 5,000 copies of the approval draft, two-thirds more copies than the approval draft of the Sixth Edition Basic Text in the same time period. The draft contains seven chapters on various topics, including living clean, identity, spirituality, our physical selves, relationships, living in the world, and our ongoing recovery.
- FIPT motions
 - NAWS is offering motions related to electronic enhancements, bundling of NA literature, and corrections to existing material. Discussion about creating e-book formats and removing full PDF versions of book-length literature from the na.org website. Creating “enhanced” electronic versions would require changes to the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust*.
- WCNA rotation
 - NAWS is proposing changing the convention from every two years to every three years after 2015 and changing the rotation pattern so that every-other World convention is held outside of North America
- IDTs
 - Material is out for Self Support, In Times of Illness, and A Vision for NA Service.
- Regional Proposals
 - The WSC is experimenting this cycle with regional proposals rather than motions. There are five in the CAR as well as the responses from the WB.



2012 Conference Agenda Report(CAR) Ballots:

This year we are going to try to leverage technology to assist us in collecting the ballots for the CAR. CAR voting will occur online and we're expressing a strong preference for this option. Of course, if there really are members out there who have absolutely no means of connecting to the internet, we will make some printed ballots available. However, each hand-written ballot received will require Traci and I to manually enter them into the system; leaving open the possibility for human error and the challenges with trying to interpret comments that may be written in illegible handwriting. The benefits of this system are measurable results through comprehensive reporting tools, the ability to track by IP address to watch for potential voting fraud, and instantaneous statistics throughout the next 4 months that will allow us progress snapshots, including how many votes were received from each NA Service Area. The address for filling out a ballot for the 2012 Conference Agenda Report is as follows:



CAR Ballot URL: <http://kwiksurveys.com?u=CAR2012>

Password: *(Please contact your Area's RCM, or Regional Services, for the Password)*

The online voting is password protected to prevent access from the general public. Additionally, in keeping with the sentiments overwhelmingly expressed at the November RSC, ballots are being accepted, at this point, only from GSRs or those that have been delegated to act on behalf of an NA Group. Every participant will need to certify that they are in fact a GSR or delegated by a Group, list the day/time and location of their group, and select their Area from a drop-down menu.

A procedural motion will be offered today that reflects this change in CAR voting. As a matter of course and timing, it will not be voted on until the February RSC. Should that motion fail, we would open up balloting to any interested NA member at that time.

2012 Conference Agenda Report(CAR) RCM Training:



Although the Regional Services fixed operational budget only provides for up to two Regional CAR Assemblies this year; it is not our intent that only two workshops happen throughout Northern California. In 2010, as part of a leadership development strategy, we held a "Train the Trainers" CAR facilitation workshop for RCMs here at the RSO. This provided RCMs the preparation to conduct local CAR assemblies in their areas. We would like to continue that practice this cycle, and are asking that a 2 hour window be set aside at the February RSC to allow for a similar session.

Additionally, the FST Travel Request Process is available as a potential avenue if you would like to have FST members funded to attend and present the CAR at a local workshop in your Area. We have a very talented Team this year, and some past Northern CA RDs in the Pool, so the human resources to assist you are available. The caveat, of course, is the availability of discretionary funds. We cannot approve any travel requests if we do not have funds over and above our routine operational expenses. With that in mind, if you are planning a local CAR workshop in your community and would like FST participation, we would urge you to get those requests in soon.

NAWS Middle East Trip - Kuwait:



In December, the Assistant Executive Director, Vice Chairperson of the World Board, and Office Translations Coordinator attended two days of Arabic translations workshops in Kuwait. They also used the opportunity to work with the local PR Trusted servant's and visited a detox/halfway house. This was followed by a meeting with officials from the UN, a press conference and interview, and, finally, a two day service workshop. NAWS had been promising for a couple of years to do a follow-up visit like this for the Middle East communities. Finally, finances have improved just enough to allow this fellowship development trip to happen.

Thank You for all you do in service,

Matt S



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