



“Our Freedom, Our Responsibility”
WSC 2008



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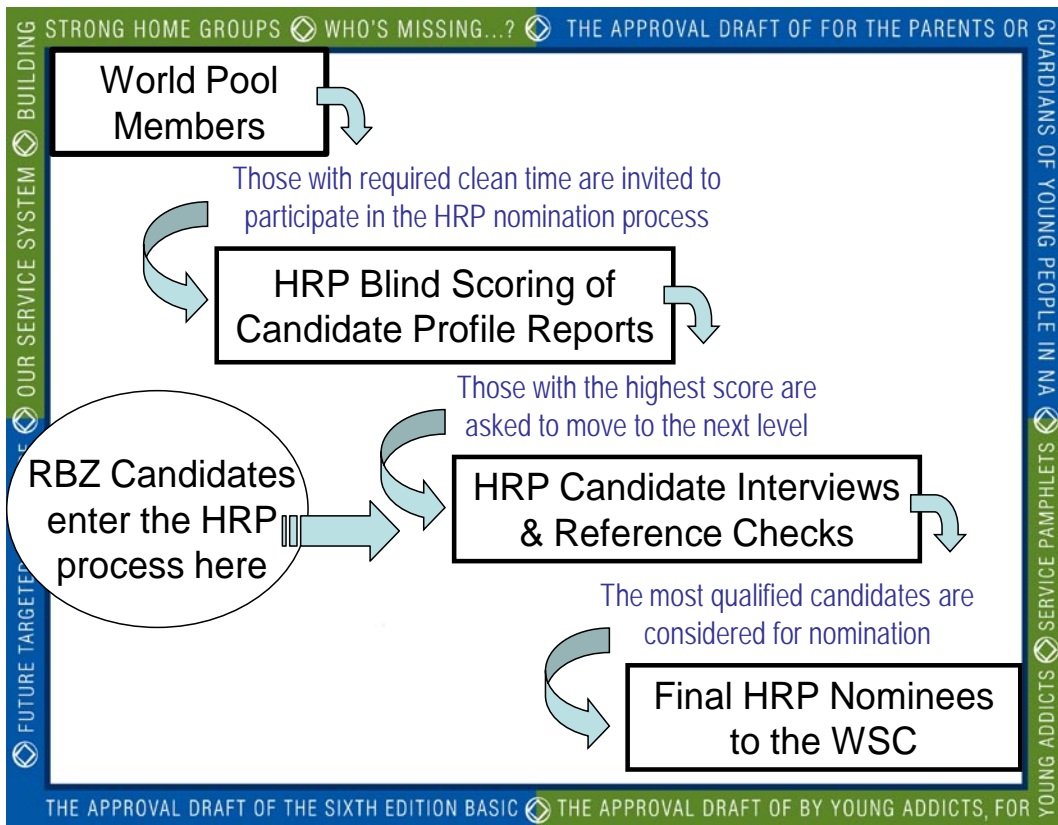
As you can imagine, Lenny and I are challenged to try to convey to you everything that happened over the course of eight days without overwhelming you or ourselves for that matter. The approach we agreed upon is to focus this month on just giving you the “nuts & bolts” business actions of the Conference. There’s a variety of other things we are dying to share with you, and we’ll use PowerPoint’s, Small Groups, and future reports to cover these items over the coming months.

4/27 - WSC 2008 Opening:

On Sunday morning, we began the conference with introductions and orientation. Our newly seated delegates, Natalia from Western Russia, and Cheryl from South Africa, read the Traditions and Concepts for us. Iran is still not able to attend due to the tensions with homeland security and the US State Department. We were also addressed by Jimmy K! Well, at least an excerpt from a talk he gave in 1973. We did a WSC countdown of those attending their first-ever conference (nearly half the room), and those that have been to 2, 3, 4, 5-10 and more than 10 WSCs. A few World Board members stood for having been to more than 10 Conferences, and of course several staff have been as well. I was surprised to be one of very few who have been to 5 or more WSCs.

4/27 – HRP Report:

The Human Resource Panel (HRP) explained their four-step process for vetting nominees to the WSC (*I’m including a diagram below*). This session, and the one that followed on Monday night, quickly devolved into a handful of participants trying to get access to confidential information; primarily the content of reference interviews and the scoring the HRP used on certain candidates. It was clear that a few were upset that someone from their region that they had forwarded for consideration of a World Services position did not ultimately make the final cut. However, discussing the nature of what was said in reference interviews, or sharing other confidential information would undermine the integrity of the HRP process.



4/28 – NAWS Report Session Highlights:

- Introductions of the WSO Staff and acknowledgement of the loss of Mike P, Tom R, Freddy A, and Geoff G
- Medallions. There were 5,789 survey responses, indicating a clear preference for Roman numerals. NAWS will be producing Roman Numeral Medallion in Bronze Finish. NAWS now owns the dies after a protracted fight with the last producer/vendor, but they are not easily transferrable to different medallion vendors. Nickel has gone up 1,600% in the last 20 months. NAWS is likely going to a new vendor and will have to make new dies as they may use different production equipment. We will produce Roman numerals in gold finish.
- Na.org had 62,022 meeting searches just during February of this year. The Fellowship discussion board has 1202 active members who have posted 8,723 times on 333 topics. However, the conference participants board remains underutilized with only 98 members, 83 topics, and 461 posts. We all made a commitment to talk to each other more through the bulletin boards this coming cycle.
- We have over 9,800 members signed up through na.org to receive the daily “Just for Today” meditation by email.
- NAWS Website is undergoing updates and will go live by the end of 2008



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- o AA Relationship – they now call on us for advice. We are no longer the children, but a peer. Their ED has attended our Board meetings. Strategic Planning, centralized management of Intellectual property and fellowship development are all items they seek our experience on.
- o We are moving forward in making some of our Targeted and new Literature look different; the proposed cover for “*By Young Addicts; for Young Addicts*” will look very different than any of our previous designs. We have learned from AA that they change the covers/presentation of their literature every few years as members tend to “gloss over” the literature after an extended period of exposure.
- o We now have the Basic Text translated into 17 different languages. Eleven of them are just the first 10 Chapters. Their prices were set arbitrarily at five dollars upon initial release, and, other than a 50 cent increase in 1996, prices have not changed.
- o We just received a Draft of Basic Text in a simplified Chinese. There are also now two indigenous Chinese meetings in China that didn’t exist 3 years ago.

- Iran represented 126,000 copies of a total of 447,000 basic Texts sold world-wide last year. Last year, the Iran office distributed almost one million keytags (988,566), including more than 150,000 white keytags. They distributed 200,000 multiple-year keytags, which is 9% more than WSO Chatsworth. They distributed 1.7 Million IPs.

4/28 – NAWS Report Session Q & A:

Q: (LAZF RD) How about a WSO Branch in Latin America?

A: (WSO ED) Branch offices typically opened to address a specific challenge for literature distribution. Canada office was due to prior restrictions on literature shipments across the border, same with Brussels office. Iran was a case of impossible for us to keep up with volume of literature needs. We've looked at a LAZF Office. No present plans to do so. We currently have other arrangements that are working for us.

Q: (RD) How about moving the office to another, cheaper, smaller city?

A: (WSO ED) Formal study done in 1990's. We would only look at tier one cities. For our purpose, any study would be a comparison to a tier 1 city or suburb thereof. Renewing the lease, leasing a new property, or buying another property, are all scenarios the BP group is looking at. One of these other cities (Lincoln, Kansas City, etc) will be looked at primarily for cost comparison – context issues.

Q: (RD) Would you change the color of the multi-year key tag from black to purple as black has a negative connotation and purple represents spirituality?

A: (WSO ED) if the fellowship really wants it.

Q: (RD Metro Detroit) you mentioned NAWS was looking into carriers for insurance beyond PL/PD Insurance.

A: (WSO ED) this research is about policies that would protect committees from lawsuits such as slander, etc.

Q: (RD New Jersey) what inconsistencies in policies necessitate a moratorium on seating of regions resulting from a split, and why just regions that resulted from a split instead of all regions in the spirit of anonymity?

A: (WB Chair) WSC 2006 decisions were contrary to the policy.

Q: (AD Northern NJ): How many Lawsuits is NAWs currently involved in?

A: (WSO ED) NAWS has been named as a defendant in approximately 9 pieces of litigation since WSC 2006, ranging from food served in an institutional activity, to conspiring with government agencies to take away some members rights, and 3 local injuries at events/functions. We're currently dealing with an alleged civil rights violation of a member that has turned into a multitude of other complaints. What's changed is the courts seem to be more reticent to let us just walk away initially than they have in the past. We now have to go through more proceedings to be released. 2 are still ongoing; we've been released from almost all others.

Q: (RD Southern Idaho): My region isn't comfortable with the board trying to get the conference to not seat regions at this WSC based on the criteria you've proposed, but we have not adopted yet; feels like the cart before the horse.

A: (WB Chair) we're just trying to make recommendations based on what we thought we heard and witnessed at the last conference. WE certainly aren't trying to "tell you" to do anything.

Q: (RD Australia) Pamphlets don't seem to sell well or be a very successful targeted literature venue for us?

A: (WSO ED) whether the targeted piece becomes a pamphlet or large piece is dependent on how much material is generated in the work group process. We do sell quite a few pamphlets (Iran 1.8 million a year). The board in the coming cycle will look at items that seem to have limited appeal to the fellowship and make recommendations to the 2010 conference on possibly retiring/removing certain items.

Q: (RD Michigan) What about updating our antiquated video PSA's?

A: (WSO ED) we get contacted regularly about PSA's, and recognize it as a need, but it hasn't been prioritized by the WSC.

Q: (RD) Why San Diego again for WCNA?

A: (WSO ED) Process is comprehensive; San Diego was most prepared to offer us incentives to us to reduce implementation expense. WE are a "tweener" – We are smaller than a stadium sized event but larger than most conference center events, this makes it a challenge for cities to provide us appropriate packages. San Diego was the best facility on the plate at decision time although several west coast cities were looked at.

Q: (RD Ireland) Can a community come to the conference if they are requesting to be seated?

A: (WB Chair) Last WSC, we felt it helpful to bring South Africa and Western Russia to give them some exposure to the WSC to see how it works, and we wanted them to sit in as non-voting participants in the discussions. This was consistent with prior practice wherein we had brought participants from developing NA communities to the conference prior to seating them. This year, due to the moratorium discussion, we felt having these communities funded here might distract us from the discussions we need to have on the moratorium. We are hopeful to return to that practice at the next conference.

Q: (AD Brazil) Can we change the design as well as the numbers on the medallions?

A: (WSO ED) the Board could make a decision about the design and I'll do what it takes to make that happen.

Q: (AD Brazil) WSC 2006 spoke about plan to buy the office in 6 years?

A: (WSO ED) the Board needs to discuss as lease ends in 5 years. There is an option for 2 more years on the existing property; but now is the time to discuss all the options.

Q: (AD Brazil) Does/can NAWS look into insurance that covers the whole fellowship?

A: (WSO ED) The potential legal precedence of what's called a "Central Controlling Relationship" prohibits NAWS from carrying insurance on anyone other than NAWS itself.

4/28 - Approval Track for NA Material Session Highlights:

(This session included a round-table exercise wherein we played "Board members for a day" and had to determine what current literature we would classify as "service" or "recovery". We will plan to do this exercise with the RSC at a future date.)

WSC 2006 Motion:

- "to allow the world board to develop and approve service – related information pamphlets and tools for distribution to the fellowship"

Three Approval tracks

- **Fellowship Approved** – Steps and Traditions effected, “Recovery Literature” Personal Member use
- **Conference Approved** – CAT was designed to designate place to put “policy” stuff, so that things do not get buried in the CAR
- **Board Approved** – most common items requested from groups on Literature. The Board thought that producing a pamphlet explaining to newcomers what NA is....etc. was a Service IP.

How Can We Improve The Process?

- Shortened RD review and input period
- Can we redefine the process? (service based, recovery based)
- Determine the essential character
- Discussion Board for Conference Participants with a password protection
- Topics – instead of just service / recovery

Conference Consensus:

- There is still support of Board Approved Literature
- There is support for some sort of review period by RD’s

4/28 – HRP/EC Joint Session Highlights:

Neither the HRP nor the Board is recommending any changes to the HRP system at this time. However, we do need to further explore local leadership identification and cultivation ideas. We need more leadership emphasis in our local infrastructure.

➤ **New ideas:**

- Using non-HRP resources, such as past Board Members, RD’s etc.
- This next Conference Cycle the HRP will be using this new idea as a “trial”
- RBZ rationales for nominations are now being requested
- The HRP will be requesting more information about the RBZ rationale this next Conference Cycle. Then reporting the findings at the next Conference Cycle.
- Strengthening the RBZ Process

4/28 – HRP/EC Joint Session Q & A:

Q: (RD Uruguay) The Hispanic delegates found some difficulty with not having the WPIF forms translated. Could you forward the WPIFs to the LAZF so we can translate them prior to the WSC? WE have to vote on the prettiest face in the pictures.

A: We can’t forward the profiles in advance of the conference due to confidentiality.

Q: (RD Israel) We have lots of people with prison backgrounds. College Degrees, education are not realistic expectations for nominees from us. Can you grade less on education?

A: That whole section on background/experience only rates 20 points out of 180 total. No points are given to any specific degree, etc. The section is for any area of your life experience that may be helpful.

Q: (AD Costa Rica) People wrote good things about themselves, but there was no reference letters.

Q: (RD UK) Listing degrees is the same spirit as paying your own travel to do service; the person behind you thinks they need to have those abilities in order to serve.

Q: (RD Australia): The HRP doesn't want to use the pool to seek outside help? Now that it seems regional/zonal nominations are needed, we have to write nomination guidelines for the APF. My region has been discouraging regional nominations

Q: (WB Member) One concern I've had for awhile now; there are 2 profiles to be considered, the profile of the candidate and the profile of the board. How do we measure what's needed by the board. We seem to think that every board candidate must look the same or be the same thing?

4/29 - Old Business Open Discussion session Highlights:

- **Motion 1:** To replace the existing stories in the Fifth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* with those contained in Addendum B.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong support

- **Motion 45:** To Amend Motion #1 by adding the following language: Except the story “*The Only Requirement*,” which would be replaced by a story selected by the world Board from those defeated from the 6th Edition review draft.

Intent: To ensure that a story in the Basic Text, dealing with an issue as controversial as drug replacement go out of for complete fellowship review and input; or just inserted into the CAR.

 - Maker –RD Northern CA
 - Second –RD Southern CA
 - Straw Poll – Weak support
 - There was another attempted amendment from the South Florida RD to “Remove all 10 stories added subsequent to the review/input process” This received almost no support from the conference.
 - Many expressed that the drug replacement story was overdue and welcome in their local fellowships.
 - Russian RD expressed how much they felt having their fellowship represented through one of the added stories will give them a much needed sense of legitimacy.

- **Motion 44:** To amend Motion #4 to Read: To approve the removal of the specific source citations in *Just for Today* for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature with the exception of the 5th Edition Basic Text. Any citation only from the 5th Edition Basic Text to be update in the quote as from 5th edition Basic Text. Also to approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to *Just for Today* to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.

Intent: Maintains a clear reference to quotes originating from the widely circulated 5th Edition Basic Text.

 - Maker –RD Greater Illinois
 - Second –RD Wisconsin
 - Straw Poll –very weak Support

- **Motion 4:** To approve the removal of the specific source citations in *Just for Today* for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes

without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature. Also to approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to *Just for Today* to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.

- Maker – World Board
- Straw Poll –Strong Support

➤ **Motion 40:** To substitute the following language for Motion 7: To accept the revised draft contained in Addendum C and title it “*By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts.*”

Intent: To retain IP 13 *Youth and Recovery* and have both IPs as an asset to the recovery of young addicts.

- Maker –RD Nebraska
- Second –RD Mid-America
- Straw Poll –very weak Support

➤ **Motion 7:** To replace the existing IP #13, *Youth and Recovery*, with the revised draft contained in Addendum C and change the title of this IP to *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts.*

- **Straw Poll – Strong Support**
- Western Russia just translated the old IP #13. However, Pierrot from Quebec (on the workgroup) clarified that other language groups can use the existing #13 until such time as they have the new IP translated and can switch. It’s important to note that we do not shut down other language groups from using outdated translated literature.

Q: (RD Eastern NY) Will the Office continue to sell the old IP in non-English versions until a translation is available?

A: (NAWS) The Office will continue to sell the old IP in translated languages until their LTC has created a new one.

➤ **Motion: To object to consideration of Motion 8 as it pertains to an outside issue**

- Maker –RD Greater New York
- Second –RD South Florida
- The Conference spent considerable time discussing an attempt to “object to consideration” during a discussion session. Many participants went about discussing Motion #8 and thereby “considering” it. Finally, mercifully, a straw poll was called on the support for the objection to consideration.
- Straw Poll – Very weak Support

➤ **Motion 8:** To approve the draft of *For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA* contained in Addendum E as IP#27.

- Maker – World Board
- Straw Poll – Strong Support

4/29 - Old Business session:

115 Total Voting Members present at the roll call, 67 in the affirmative are required for a 2/3rds vote, and 52 in the affirmative for a simple majority.

➤ **Motion 13:** The use of the proposed WSC Rules of Order on a trial bases for WSC 2008.

- Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by Voice Vote**
 - Northern CA voted in the affirmative
- **Motion 14:** To adopt the WSC 2006 minutes.
- Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by Voice Vote**
 - Northern CA voted in the affirmative
- **Motion 1:** To replace the existing stories in the Fifth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* with those contained in Addendum B.
- Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by Unanimous Consent**
- **Motion 2:** To approve the remaining revisions to the Fifth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* as represented in Addendum B. This includes
- the Preface to the Sixth Edition,
 - the titles "Our Program" and "Our Members Share," which would replace the titles "Book One" and "Book Two" respectively,
 - the Introduction to *Our Members Share*,
 - the abstracts,
 - the reflections, and
 - the titles and descriptions for the sections "Beginnings," "Coming Home," "Regardless of...," and "Life on Life's Terms."
 - Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by Unanimous Consent**
- **Motion 3:** To allow the World Board to approve updates to the statistical information (the numbers of meetings, countries, and so on) in the Preface to the Sixth Edition Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* regularly with an "as of" date in the footnote.
- Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by Unanimous Consent**
- **Motion 4:** To approve the removal of the specific source citations in *Just for Today* for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature. Also to approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to *Just for Today* to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.
- Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by Unanimous Consent**
- **Motion 70: Amendment to Motion 5** - To return the word attitude to the index for the 6th edition Basic Text
- Maker – RD New England
 - Second –RD Alabama/Northwest Florida
 - **Result: Carried by standing vote: 91 in favor/4 opposed /0 abstaining/ 1 present**
 - Northern CA voted in the affirmative

- **Motion 5:** To approve the inclusion of an updated and revised index in the Sixth Edition of the Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*.
 - Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern CA voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 6:** To approve two specific copyedits to the Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous*: First, to replace the name "N.A." (with periods after the two capital letters) with "NA" (with no periods). Second, to remove the footnote in Tradition Eleven that mentions *A Guide to Public Information Newly Revised*.
 - Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern CA voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 40:** To substitute the following language for Motion 7: To accept the revised draft contained in Addendum C and title it “*By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts.*”
 - Maker –RD Nebraska
 - Second –RD Mid-America
 - **Result: Failed by Standing Vote: 29 in favor/60 opposed/4 abstaining/7 present**
 - *Northern CA voted No*

- **Motion 7:** To replace the existing IP #13, *Youth and Recovery*, with the revised draft contained in Addendum C and change the title of this IP to *By Young Addicts, For Young Addicts*.
 - Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern CA voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 8:** To approve the draft of *For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA* contained in Addendum E as IP#27.
 - Maker – World Board
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern CA voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 12:** To require that all NA Service pamphlets intended for group and individual use be included in the *Conference Agenda* Report for approval.
 - Maker –RD New Jersey
 - Second –RD Northern New Jersey
 - **Result: Failed by standing vote: 33 in favor/62 opposed/1 abstaining/4 present**
 - *Northern CA voted No*

- **Motion 72: Amendment to Motion 9** - To add English Roman Numeral Medallions in Bronze to NAWS inventory as a specialty item and direct the World Board to price them accordingly. These medallions are in addition to current Arabic numbered Medallions.
 - Maker –RD CA Mid-State
 - Second –RD Northern New Jersey
 - **Result: Failed by voice vote**
 - *Northern CA voted No*

- **Motion 9:** To add English Roman Numeral Medallions in Bronze to NAWS inventory as a specialty item and direct the World Board to price them accordingly.
 - Maker –RD Tri-State
 - Second –RD CA Mid-State
 - **Result: Failed by voice vote**
 - *Northern CA voted No*

- **Motion 10:** To direct the World Board to add to NAWS inventory Roman numeral medallions in all current finishes and languages produced by NAWS. Whether these medallions are an addition to inventory or a replacement for the current Arabic numbered medallions is left to NAWS discretion.
 - Maker –RD Mid-Atlantic
 - Second –, RD Northern New Jersey
 - **Result: Failed by voice vote**
 - *Northern CA voted No*

- **Motion 11:** To direct the World Board to provide financial support to the Northern New Jersey Region in the amount of \$36,000.
 - Maker –RD Northern New Jersey
 - Second –RD Western New York
 - **Result: Failed by voice vote**
 - *Northern CA voted No*

5/1 Elections Session Results:

- **World Board:**
 - Jim B – Current WB Vice Chair
 - Junior B – Brazil

- **Co-Facilitators**
 - Jimmy S, C&P Region – Current Co Facilitator
 - Jack H, Washington/Northern Idaho Region

- **HRP:**
 - Margaret H-M, Tejas Bluebonnet Region
 - Paul F – World Pool
 - Valerie D – World Pool

5/1 Budget Session and Project Plan Highlights:

- WCNA 32 San Antonio: \$3,032,100 was budgeted income. Actual income was \$2,139,290. NAWS cut some expenses from budgeted \$2,757,650 to 2,722,045. Costs were cut in anticipation of downturn in attendance, but attrition clauses with Alamo Dome prevented cutting some costs. We could have held Saturday main meeting in the convention center rather than the Alamo Dome as only 10,000 were in attendance. It was inconceivable, prior to this event, that a World Convention could be held anywhere in the US with only 10,000 in attendance.

- Basic Text: We cannot count on watershed of BT 6th edition income for a while, given production won't be until October and major resellers need to exhaust supply of 5th Editions. We have added 350K in BT Hardcover income, English Book sales from July 09-June 10 are up 350K from July 08 – June 09.

- WCNA 33 Barcelona – Exchange value between Euro and Dollar. Our costs have already risen 30% since the contracts were signed. (\$1.54 for every \$1.00)
- Archive Preservation – 68K. Trying to preserve Kinnon Estate audio that is falling apart in addition to conference/office archives that are on paper and are in file boxes floor-to-ceiling in a room at the office.
- 66K Computer refresh. DB Software Licensing/maintenance agreement: 181K, most in 08-09
- Operating Reserves \$3,142,334
- CAT: Project Plans: Process for project plans preceded Board Strategic Planning. The system is overly complicated because its 2 systems pieced together.
- Business Plan Workgroup should, and ordinarily would, be taken out of the project plan process, as many of their practices as an audit committee are now required under state/federal law. They are primarily there due to the proposal to re-write the 2 self-support IPs.
- PR: Get professionals to World Services to talk about what we do and don't say. Develop resource materials for them to speak on our behalf and identify those that could do this.

5/1 Budget and Project Plans Discussion Session Highlights:

Q: (RD South Florida) Understanding Targeted Literature What is “Targeted Relationships?”

A: (WB Chair) Our members for example want more literature on relationships, seeing the need for the book length project.

Q: (RD South Florida) Have we thought about a Traditions Working Guide?

A: (WB Member) There was a Regional Motion from Lone Star about this at a previous conference that failed.

A: (WB Member) It failed to get prioritized in several CAR workshops relative to other literature projects

Q: (RD South Florida) Have we thought about making IPs for each of the Traditions?

A: (WB Member) no.

Q: We just spent \$180K on the 6th Edition with 51 Stories in it. Why this book now?

A: (WB Member) Members with time are leaving and going to other fellowships, seeking other information sources. I thought we were supposed to be doing something

Q: (Colorado RD) We too didn't see a need for Living Clean. We have members with a lot of time, who expressed maybe this could be a booklet piece. Rather see resources updating the literature we do have, rather than a new piece

A: (WB Member) Is this starting to sound like the board telling you we know what you want, you telling us you don't want it, and us telling you yes you do? If so, I think it's time to “strap on a pair” and vote this proposal down in new business!

Q: is ninety day review period on these literature projects adequate for translations?

A: (WSO ED) It depends on the language community. Some have standing LTCs and are very organized; they can quickly translate review-form pieces. Other communities are not as organized and it takes them longer.

Q: (Brazil AD) Thank you for electing someone from our community to the World Board, it is very important to us. We only had about 10 people in our CAR workshop. What can we do?

A: (WB Member) Attended traditions festival in Puerto Rico way up in the mountains away from San Juan. Yet we had large attendance from other countries. Sometimes the best answers best come from the region next door. Check with Puerto Rico on how they were able to conduct such a successful workshop.

Q: (Western NY AD) Our region does not support the book length piece for all the reasons previously stated. Many from other countries are asking this conference for literature in their own language. I understand ideally it should come from the communities LTC, but they keep asking NAWS. If the project plan for the book length piece fails? What would the money allocated to that project go to? Could we earmark it toward translations?

A: (WSO ED) I won't pretend to address the issue about the book length piece. But there is a misunderstanding of how translations occur. We work with communities to help them get what they need. However some communities do not have enough members capable enough to ensure conceptual fidelity of our literature. Reviewing drafts takes the longest time. Sometimes we're sending our review material around 19 different countries to get feedback on conceptual feedback. The question regarding allocation; the funds from a non-approved plan would go back into general fund. Either way does not affect translations funding.

Q: (RD Chicagoland) Please explain how a book length piece would be better than something shorter?

A: (WB Vice Chair) The proposed book is not just limited to just long time members. This proposal is driven from several requests from the fellowship. It would be about "life on life's terms" regardless of clean time.

Q: (Mid Atlantic Region) Our region is very excited about the prospect of the living clean book. We received strong support in 4 CAR workshops. We've heard at this Conference we're no longer the child of AA and they have this kind of literature for their members.

Q: (AD) As an older member, I'm not excited about a book for long term members that have chosen to leave our fellowship. They've chosen not to be here and putting a book on the shelf won't help. We need to use our resources to address the upcoming population explosion in other areas of the world.

Q: (AD Chesapeake and Potomac) How can we get members who speak different languages in our regions to help out? We should be scouring our regions for assistants to aid NAWS in translations.

A: (WSO ED) All we need is notification about language spoken and contact information from local resources. Let our translations know who they are so we can assess their fluency in reading and writing in different languages. Put them in touch with us.

Q: (AD Argentina) We could use money to help with translations. I would feel bad about opposing the development of new literature just because of my communities needs. We have a lot of literature in Spanish, so we don't believe in limiting the development of new literature.

5/2 World Board Discussion of Motions concerning Seating of Regions and Moratorium (Highlights)

Motions regarding WSC Seating: (5 Motions) 61, 62, 67, 69 referred to specific regions being seated. Motion 75 sought to amend the moratorium.

- **Motion 75:** Amend Motion 20 to read: To place a moratorium on the current Criteria for Recognition of New Conference Participants from A Guide to World Services in NA until WSC 2012. The World board would continue to make recommendations to the conference in 2010 and 2012 concerning regions that did not result from a division of a conference seated community from the global communities of Eastern Europe, Africa, Middle East, Central America, and Asia Pacific.
 - Maker – Brenda W, RD Hawaii
 - Second – Sisko H, RD Sweden
 - **Result: Motion never presented to the conference following Board discussion below**

WB Member: Board felt this was really intended to limit seating of Canada/US Regions (Obviously).

WB Member: Talked with the maker to revise the language concerning regions resulting from a split in the US and Canada. Adding this language to the proposed Board Moratorium would accomplish the goal rather than this motion which names specific communities and misses some.

WB Member: : We made difficult decisions about this at the last conference. This motion attempts to make a policy here this week rather than step back and look at the issue for 2-4 years.

WB Member: I feel N Carolina has met the criteria for 2 cycles and have done what's been asked of them.

WB Member: Our Region (Australia) is so large that I have little empathy for US regions splitting because trusted servants have to travel 300 miles.

WB Member: Russia has 11 time zones as one region. The actual country of Iran is small, but the numbers could support multiple regions. What do they need? Do their services get met? It's a bigger picture than one region or one country. I'm not necessarily a proponent of one country= one region, or zonal representation. How would you define a region if you couldn't say "A region is what it says it is?" We'd get as many opinions as there are in this room. This is why we need workshops throughout the fellowship on this question. Do we need a re-definition of World Services? We would need to meet in the Staples Center if Russia, India and Iran began doing regional splits. Consensus exercises become more difficult as the conference grows. 3-4 times the number of us here would be interesting for developing consensus.

5/2 New Business Discussion Session Highlights:

- **Motion 33:** To approve the Targeted Literature project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong support
- **Motion 63:** Amend motion 33 by adding language. The revised motion would read: To approve the Targeted Literature project plan for inclusion in the 2008 – 2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Budget. To approve all targeted literature project plans except those that express opinions regarding the use of prescribed medication or drugs of any kind by our members or potential members for the inclusion in the 2008-2010 NAWS Inc., budget.
 - Maker –RD South Florida
 - Second –RD Carolina
 - Straw Poll #63: strong opposition

- **Motion 34:** To approve the Workshops project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker - World Board
 - Straw Poll – Unanimous Support

Q: (RD Ohio) How many WWW's are planned for this conference cycle?

A: (WSO ED) We mentioned the #6 but that has latitude depending on what gets done. We aim at that but don't want to be committed to that in the event of difficulties. This project plan is far more encompassing than just the WWWs. We've lumped all the hybrid and one-day workshops, funded participation of local communities to workshops, etc are all included.

- **Motion 35:** To approve the Living Clean –the Journey Continues project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support

Bob G, RD Florida: Chapter 10 of our Basic Text was originally a compromise for those that wanted a Living Clean Book; it came up again in 1984, and was put on the back burner behind *IWHW*. It was brought up again in the early nineties, but *JFT* took precedence.

- **Motion 61:** To recognize North Carolina as a seated World service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.
 - Maker –RD ABCD
 - Second –RD Mid-Atlantic
 - Straw Poll – Split

RD ABCD: North Carolina did everything we asked them to do; they came to the last conference. Let's bring them in and then close the door on everyone.

RD WNIR: We don't agree with the Board's recommendation, our region would support Southern Brazil and North Carolina.

WB Member: We've created a bad model of what it takes to be a region at the WSC. 67 US Regions fill these rooms. WE in the US have modeled to others that the correct thing to do is split off and seek seating here; Brazil, China, etc. will emulate our behavior and experience.

5/2 New Business Session

Roll Call #2:: 116 participants present (101 Regions), simple majority is 59; 2/3rds is 77

- **Motion 15:** To recognize Egypt as a seated World service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 16:** To recognize El Salvador as a seated World service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 17:** To recognize Nepal as a seated World service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 18:** To recognize Nicaragua as a seated World service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 19:** To recognize Poland as a seated World service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 20:** To place a moratorium on the current Criteria for Recognition of New Conference Participants from A Guide to World Services in NA until WSC 2012. The world board would continue to make recommendations to the conference in 2010 and 2012 concerning regions that did not result from a division of a conference seated community.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 21:** To adopt the proposed Human Resource Panel External Guidelines and the proposed World Pool Policy as a replacement for the existing External Guidelines for the World Pool and Human Resource Panel in A Guide to World Services in NA.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 22:** To adopt the proposed language for the following sections of A Guide to World Services in NA: The World Service Conference, The Meeting of the World Service Conference, Consensus-Based Decision Making, and The Work cycle between Conferences as replacement and revision to current language.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 23:** To adopt the proposed Approval Processes for NA Material as a replacement for the current section for Approval Process for Service Material and amend the Approval Process for Recovery literature in A Guide to World Services in NA.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

Motion 23 Amended Language:

“All service related informational pamphlets, whether conference approved or world board approved, are easily distinguishable from recovery pamphlets by their appearance and should be used by members, groups, and service committees’ as a resource rather than being used at an NA Meeting. Before approval and distribution; service pamphlets will be sent out to conference participants (delegates) for a 90 day review and input. Service Tools, PR material, bulletins and other material will continue to be developed and approved by the World Board. The World Board has long been able to approve bulletins, but these bulletins only had limited distribution to those that knew they were available. The advantage of the approval process for information pamphlets is that material is made readily available and can be easily changed or pulled from inventory if there are concerns.”

- **Motion 24:** To adopt the proposed language for the WSC Rules of Order as a replacement to the existing language in A guide to World Services in NA.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 25:** To adopt the proposed language for the NA World Services, Inc. Annual Report and The Conference Report as a replacement for the existing language for these sections and the Quarterly Report section in A Guide to World Services in NA.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 26:** To adopt the proposed language for the World Service Translation Policy as a replacement to the existing language in A Guide World Services in NA.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – No objections from LAZF or EDM!! - Unanimous support.
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 27:** To adopt the proposed language and map for the World Convention Rotation Plan as a replacement to the existing language in A Guide to World Services in NA
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 28:** To approve the Business Plan workgroup project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 30:** To approve the Fellowship Issue Discussions project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Unanimous Support
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 31:** To approve the Public Relations project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 32:** To approve the Service System project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Unanimous Support
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 33:** To approve the Targeted Literature project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 34:** To approve the Workshops project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Unanimous Support
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 35:** To approve the Living Clean –the Journey Continues project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted No*

- **Motion 36:** To approve the Leadership Orientation Material project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Unanimous Support
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 37:** To approve the Service Material project plan for inclusion in the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Unanimous Support
 - **Result: Carried by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 38:** To adopt the 2008-2010 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., budget.
 - Maker – World Board
 - Straw Poll – Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 61:** To recognize North Carolina as a seated World service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.
 - Maker –RD ABCD Region
 - Second -
 - Straw Poll – Split
 - Action – facilitator declared motion received 2/3rds voice vote – Matt S, AD Northern CA requested standing vote
 - Standing vote taken: 113 participants; 76 required for 2/3rds majority passed by exactly 76
 - Facilitator announces that the count did not match with Roll Call #1 at the beginning of the session – Roll Call Vote Requested
 - **Result: Roll Call Vote indicates 112 participants in the vote; 2/3rds is 76. Motion passes by exactly 76 votes. (It was announced the next morning that there were apparently 2 more votes found in the affirmative after the fact).**
 - *Carolina Region voted No on roll call vote*
 - *Northern California Voted No on all 3 votes (voice, standing, and roll call)*
 - *About 5 World Board members voted in the affirmative*

- **Motion 62:** To recognize Southern Brazil as a seated World service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.
 - Maker -

- Second -
 - Straw Poll – Majority Support
 - **Result: Motion carried by standing count: 94 yes 17 no**
 - *Northern California voted in the affirmative*
- **Motion 74:** That the Human Resource Panel add the following policy: the HRP will send a confidential signed letter to candidates who will not make the list of nominees at the WSC. This letter will include some, not all, reasons why the candidate was not nominated and/or suggestions as to how the candidate might improve their next profile.
- Maker – RD Greater NY
 - Second –, RD Chesapeake & Potomac
 - Straw Poll: Only maker and second in support.
 - **Result: Motion failed overwhelmingly by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted No*
- **Motion 46:** That the World Board refrain from offering specific voting actions on regional motions published in the CAR.
- Maker –RD Northern New Jersey
 - Second –RD New Jersey
 - Straw Poll – weak support
 - **Result: Motion failed overwhelmingly by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted No*
- **Motion 67:** To recognize Eastern Pennsylvania (EPARNA) as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2008.
- Maker -
 - Second -
 - Straw Poll – Majority Opposed
 - **Result: Motion fails by standing vote 29 yes 78 no 4 abstain and 5 voting present**
 - *Northern California voted No*
- **Motion 39:** To encourage the World Board to update the video Public Service Announcements as soon as possible.
- Maker –RD Michigan
 - Second –RD Greater Illinois
 - **Result: Motion committed to the World Board by voice vote**
 - *Northern California voted to commit to the World Board*
- **Motion 54:** (As amended) To Direct the World Board to include in the CAT the actual language of all motions that will be made relative to the material contained in the CAT (example: project plans, budget, regional seating, etc.).
- Maker –RD South Florida
 - Second –RD New Jersey
 - Straw Poll – very close; but no desire for discussion on the part of the body
 - **Result: Motion fails by standing count 48 yes 52 no 8 abstentions 6 voting present**
 - *Northern California voted No*

- **Motion 52:** To direct the World Board to remove from the NAWS website the language “use of psychiatric medication and other medically indicated drugs prescribed by a physician and taken under medical supervision is not seen as compromising a persons recovery in NA” as posted at <http://www.na.org/basic.htm> program This also includes the paper format considered addenda material.
 - Maker - RD South Florida
 - Second –RD Carolina
 - Straw Poll – requested by maker; strong opposition to the motion
 - Motion made to refer Motion #52 to groups
 - Maker - RD South Florida
 - **Result: Motion to refer to groups failed overwhelmingly by voice vote**
 - Northern California voted No on motion to refer to groups
 - **Result: Motion #52 failed overwhelmingly by voice vote**
 - Northern California voted No on Motion #52

- **Motion 71:** (As amended) That NAWS study the possibility of investing in resources needed so that the material from the WPIF's Candidate Profiles for candidates for the WB, HRP, and Co-facilitators can be made available at the start of ~~prior to~~ the Conference in the languages of all regions seated in the conference.
 - Maker –RD Uruguay
 - Second –RD Argentina
 - Straw Poll – Commit to the World Board for Study
 - **Result: Motion #71 Committed to the World Board by unanimous consent**

- **Motion 47:** To make Chapters 5 – 13 of the Public Relations Handbook adaptable and revisable with World Board approval.
 - Maker –RD Washington/Northern Idaho
 - Second –RD Region 51
 - Straw Poll – (requested by maker) Strong Support
 - **Result: Carried by voice vote**
 - Northern California voted No

- **Motion 56:** That the World Board members not be allowed to vote in the New Business portion of the World Service Conference.
 - Maker –RD –South Florida
 - Second –RD New Jersey
 - Straw Poll – strong opposition
 - **Result: Motion overwhelmingly defeated by voice vote**
 - Northern California voted No

- **Motion 73:** To direct the World Board to develop a project plan to establish a process/policy that allows all established NA regions, either non-seated or seated, to participate in the decision making at the WSC as it relates to the CAR and CAT issues.
 - Maker – RD – Western New York
 - Second - RD – Greater Philadelphia

- Straw Poll – strong opposition
 - Motion to commit to the world board – voice vote unclear
 - **Result: Standing count on motion to commit #73 to the World Board. Motion to commit fails**
 - **Result: Motion #73 fails by voice vote**
 - Northern California voted No on motion to commit and No on motion #73
- **Motion 51:** To direct the World Board to not remove Bulletin #29 “Regarding Methadone and Other Drug Replacement Programs” from the NAWS Website when the new construction takes place.
- Maker – RD South Florida
 - Second – RD New Jersey
 - Straw Poll – Prior to any discussion, requested by maker – split decision
 - Voice vote unclear; standing count requested
 - **Result: Motion #51 fails by standing count 33 yes 68 no 7 abstentions 8 voting present**
 - Northern California voted in the affirmative
- **Motion 58:** To direct the World Board to develop a project plan to create a policy that allows proxy voting at the WSC via email or postal service for seated regions.
- Maker –RD Western New York
 - Second –RD Greater Philadelphia
 - Straw Poll – strong opposition
 - **Motion to commit to the World Board fails by voice vote**
 - **Result: Motion #58 fails by voice vote**
 - Northern California Voted No to commit and No on Motion #58
- **Motion 60:** To include in the WSC agenda one small group session, facilitated by delegates, where delegates discuss topics of particular concern in their respective regions in order to enhance understanding, communication, and a feeling of unity.
- Maker –RD Sweden
 - Second –RD France
 - WB Has no recommendation but are open to, and interested in, the idea
 - Straw Poll – Strong support to commit to the World Board
 - **Result: Motion to commit #60 to the World Board passes by voice vote**
 - Northern California voted to commit motion #60 to the World Board
- **Motion 59:** To approve the *Guide to Public Information* for publication and distribution to the Fellowship.
- Maker –RD Volunteer
 - Second –RD Kentuckiana
 - Straw Poll – No support; just dumbfounded confusion
 - **Result: Motion roundly defeated by voice vote**
 - Northern California voted No

New Business Session adjourned at approximately 1:25AM on Saturday, May 3.

5/3 Wrap-up Session – Communications:

Q: (RD)When can we expect the SPs to be released?

A: (WB Chair) amount of input we receive and have to factor in will be the driving factor for the SP release dates

A: (WB Member)These are prototypes, not even drafts the board has worked a lot with. These will change based on the board s input as well. If you find a problem, we can still change them again. The 2nd printing could be different than the 1st printing.

A: (WB Chair) One SP “*NA and the Member*”, only change was removing the “clean” description and one other sentence. But let’s measure twice and cut once. Put our best foot forward on the first time out.

Communications: Craig: we’re not seeing a return on our investment. We continue to stretch out to the RDs and are hearing practically nothing back proportionate to the investment we are making. I’m suggesting, no challenging, you to not leave the partnership here. In any relationship, the most important thing is communication. There are no junior or senior partners; we’re in this together. We need to talk, we need input. Partners don’t always agree. Communications went rough for us at this conference. Part of that was our setup. We put out the CBDM, we heard from only 1 Region. We gave information on the moratorium, we didn’t hear from anyone, zero. Assumptions can be dangerous. I’m asking you to challenge communication in our fellowship, take the bulls eye off my back and let’s try to be in this together as a fellowship. We need your input on the projects up front; not half way into the cycle or process for the project. You already know about the service system. What should that project entail? Give us your best ideas.

Items that will be covered in future reports, PowerPoint Presentations, and Small Group Exercises:

- ✓ WSC Fellowship Development Session
- ✓ WSC Meeting of the Western States Forum
- ✓ WSC Zonal Forum Reports
- ✓ WSC Public Relations Report & 2007 membership survey
- ✓ 2008-2010 Issue Discussion Topics: Responsibility and Communication
- ✓ 4/30 Round Table – RD Facilitation Training and Leadership

In Service,

Matt Schmeck
Alternate Delegate