

MNRSC Minutes: October 10, 2020



Location: <https://zoom.us/j/6256427131>

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Attendance:

RCMs: Adam S & Lindsey M Back to Basics B2B, Jennifer B New Directions, Jen L Twin Cities Area TCA, Jojo O Vision of Hope, Marvella D Northern Lights, Melissa C Voyageurs, Tasha B and Dennis D Open Door

FST: Chris, Chrissy, Devin, Finn, Joe, Liliias, Mike, Patty

Recovery Meeting – Just for Today

Newcomer Orientation- Attendees agreed to skip orientation

Open, Introductions, Readings, Welcome

Open Forum and Area Concerns:

- What are bid requirements for the Regional event/GSR Assembly, *Creating Our Common Welfare*, COCW 2022?- Northern Lights wants to bid!!!
 - (attached bid requirements are based on pre-pandemic budget guidelines)
- B2B - many virtual meetings have disbanded and are moving back in-person- Any suggestions from other Areas to guard safety of meetings and members during the pandemic?
 - Social distancing, keep groups under 10 members, provide masks, do not circulate literature – reply with suggestions on what your group is doing at MNRSC@googlegroups.com and info@naminnesota.org
- **Submit virtual meeting list closures and changes to BOTH:**
 - While naminnesota.org website is down, email: meetinglist@naminnesota.org
 - [Update Worldwide Virtual List: Virtual-NA.org](http://Virtual-NA.org) – it is important to keep Minnesota meetings up-to-date on the worldwide site!

FST Elections at the December MNRSC:

- **RDA position** is now open- Susan B is moving. Thank you for your service, Susan! This position serves as Regional Delegate Alternate to the 2022 World Service Conference and as an FST member, and serves until June 2022 (responsibilities and requirements attached)
 - **FST position** open – Mike N has resigned his position as well. Thank you for your service, Mike! This position serves until June 2021 (responsibilities and requirements attached)
- Digital Project Team, Devin, reports website issues and the team will be seeking technical support as some website issues may be outside the purview of present expertise
 - Website meeting list change form is down. Submit all meeting list changes for in-person and on-line meetings by emailing meetinglist@naminnesota.org
 - Service Community page is also down, please submit reports and inquiries to info@naminnesota.org



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- Zoom has made changes to meetings requiring either waiting room or password
- Trusted Servant positions open in many ASCs- difficulties attracting members to service is region-wide ***How is your Area Attracting Members to Service?*** Send your response to MNRSC@googlegroups.com and info@naminnnesota.org
- **Motion 497: Options for UMSO Non-profit organization future plans &/or Regional Literature Sales**
 - OPTIONS for Areas and groups to consider and vote on at the December MNRSC:
 1. Eliminate regional literature sales. Dissolve UMSO as an entity.
 2. Continue UMSO as a distinct legal and financial entity with separate financial accounts to provide literature to addicts
 - Discussion included the following:
 - Open Door Area members report that their Area supports closing the service office, based on an understanding that there are not adequate human resources; however, after discussion, this appears to be clarified. FST will follow-up with Open Door
 - Many Areas are not currently using the Service Office. How can a service office provide literature to other Areas?
 - UMSO serves the region by paying States Sales Tax on all literature.
- B2B LSC wants to present a motion in New Business: To dissolve the UMSO as a non-profit and stop selling literature as a regional service body. They agreed to withdraw the motion in favor of the options presented by region in Motion 497
- **UMSO Report/ Regional literature sales**
 - Since September 19th- 27 orders have been filled total \$2,423.16 (including tax)
 - In August - 2 orders from Central MN ASC filled at a total of \$1,458.93
 - The storage unit costs \$176/ mo and using Square Teams is \$35/mo (we are removing this)
- **MNNAC Report**
 - MNRSC falls on the same weekend April 2020 – consider options and discuss at the December 2020 MNRSC
 - It will be difficult to participate in service at MNNAC; however, having the MNRSC at MNNAC may attract more new members to regional service



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- **COCW 2021 – Fellowship feedback and input**

- COCW 2022 bid requirements will be presented at the December 2020 MNRSC
- Bids are accepted and voted on at COCW for the next year's event
- FST is hosting in 2021, as no Areas submitted a bid to host. If your Area wants to provide input, please provide any input to the FST at info@naminnesota.org
- Suggestion: plan “as if” it could happen in person and make the final decision closer to the time of the event (this is what Areas have been doing with their events, eg. Halloween events, Fall Ball)
- We may take a look at Hotel space and options, of course in addition to Virtual/Hybrid

Old and New Business

- **RCMs please submit your Area reports to info@naminnesota.org**

- Your Area report will be included in the MNRSC minutes so other Areas can hear about each other's challenges and success and exchange ideas. Feel free to communicate via MNRS@googlegroups.com

BRING THIS BACK TO YOUR AREAS AND GROUPS AND ATTEND THE DECEMBER 12 MNRSC – EACH ADDICT IN ATTENDANCE VOTES:

- **Motion 497**

OPTIONS for Areas and groups to vote on at the December MNRSC

1. Eliminate regional literature sales. Dissolve UMSO as an entity.
2. Continue UMSO as a legal entity to provide a local resource for literature. All financial accounts would remain separate from the MN Region



Project Leader Updates

- **Bridging the GAP!!!** So many requests!! Please ask your Area and group members to sign up for service! Contact info@naminnesota.org to find out more, as the Service Community “Help Wanted” sign-up page on NAMinnesota.org is currently down.
 - **Bridging the Gap need contacts in the Lake Agassiz and Bemidji parts of the state – please share your contacts w/Chrissy and info@naminnesota.org.**
- **Helpline!!** Please ask your Area and group members to sign up for service! Contact info@naminnesota.org to find out more, as the Service Community “Help Wanted” sign-up page on NAMinnesota.org is currently down.
 - Several members volunteered to serve!!
- **Digital Project Team** Working on website issues.
 - Monthly webservant training last Tuesday of the month 7pm Zoom ID 471694 480
- **PR – MARRCH Conference Advertisement** created this month for the virtual MARRCH conference. It will be running for 2 weeks at a cost of \$50/ week. MNRSC has annually had a table and presence at this event for addiction professionals for many years at a considerable expense.



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AREA Reports:

Northern Lights Area Committee Report

RCM: Marvella Davis Phone: 2182126027 Email: marvella.davis@yahoo.com

Last committee meeting: August 1, 2020 **Attendance:** don't know was not there had to work

Next committee meeting: October 3 2020 at Zoom 435-920-7484

Accomplishments

Voted in Lindsey for the 2021 Vermilion Chair

Plans

To vote in new Chair, vice-chair, sectary, Treasure and RCM and RCMA

Additional Information

Here is the motion that the Northern Lights are making for the October Agenda: We recommend that the Region provide a portion of the literature to those Areas willing to manage local distribution of that literature to jails, half-way houses, drug court, vet court, treatment centers, etc. We understand that expecting the Region to manage direct distribution would be overwhelming, but getting it out to the Areas may be manageable and the Area's are in the best position to deliver the literature to appropriate organizations in their Areas. Thank you

Open Door Area meets every third Sunday at 12pm on zoom with the zoom id 984 468 202 No password. Our area chair has stepped down and we do not have an activities chair Policy and a co treasurer. 14 meeting groups, 2 groups meet multiple days in a week. We consistently have 5-6 groups show up every month. We have not done any activities for this quarter, nor have any planned to come up. HI is not active but working on alternate ways to carry the message. We have welcomed two new meetings in the Area, and another is in the process of becoming a part of Area as well. So even amidst the pandemic we are still growing.

Thanks for your service,
Tasha RCMA Open Door



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Motions:

Motion 496: To approve MNRSC Minutes from August, 2020

Intent: Approve the minutes

Financial Impact: None

Maker: Marvella D, RCM NLA

Second: Chris J

Result: **Passed**



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Narcotics Anonymous Minnesota Region CREATING OUR COMMON WELFARE FEB. 11-12 or 12-13, 2022

BID REQUIREMENTS

COCW is a 2-day event to be held at a hotel venue. BUDGET: \$3,700.00 TO INCLUDE:

- MAIN ROOM SATURDAY 9AM-5PM, SUNDAY 8AM – 12PM or Friday 4-12M: 8-10 TABLES, seating for 175 PEOPLE on Saturday
- 2-3 BREAK OUT ROOMS (1-2 for workshops and one as a merch room) SATURDAY 8AM-5PM: seating for 50 PEOPLE
 - 2 8FT TABLES FOR REGISTRATION
 - ONE BREAK OUT ROOM TO HAVE 6- 8FT. TABLES FOR AREA INFO AND MERCHANDISE SALES (may be possible to place merchandise in the large, main room, depending on size)
 - WI-FI CAPABILITY IN ALL ROOMS AND Projection Screens
- FREE LUNCH PROVIDED on Saturday
- FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP (BONUS) or Sunday breakfast (BONUS), depending on whether your Area chooses FRI/SAT or SAT/SUN for workshops
- SATURDAY EVENING NA RECOVERY EVENT/ ENTERTAINMENT – this could be an Area-sponsored event

Saturday Programming content will be planned and staffed by FST members to include Regional projects and the WSC 2022 CAR report. Host Area planning team will meet and collaborate on additional workshops & entertainment ideas.



**NA Minnesota Regional Service Conference will
accept and vote on bids
At COCW, February 12, 2021
(Vote held at the MNRSC 10am, Feb 13 location
TBD)**



ELECTION OVERVIEW

The MNRSC shall elect up to 10 Fellowship Services Team Members for two-year terms. The MNRSC will elect RD and RDA to also serve as members of the FST. Five of these Team Members will be up for Election each June. If Team Member positions are not filled each June, the RSC may choose to fill these at any RSC for the remainder of the specific term. Candidates receiving the most votes above the required 2/3 majority are elected to the Fellowship Services Team.

TYPICAL MNRSC FELLOWSHIP SERVICES TEAM BUSINESS

The following describes some of the decisions and deliberations the MNRSC Fellowship Services Team engages in during its meetings.

1. Assigns or elects team roles: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, MNNAC Board representative and UMSO Board representative
2. Reviews project ideas
3. Reviews project plans
4. Sets Project Priority Tiers
5. Project Resource Pool Collection
6. Project Development
7. Attends each ASC within the region at least once per year.
8. Actively assists to arrange and facilitate the Annual Assembly

RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

MNRSC FELLOWSHIP SERVICES TEAM MEMBERS

TERM: 2 Years; 3 Years Clean

1. Demonstrates integrity and leadership (as discussed in our Fourth Concept) with the ability to organize, direct and motivate. Honors discretion—the ability to fulfill their responsibilities with the Region's confidence that confidential information will be protected. Enhances her/his own knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, as well as the spiritual principles found within.
2. Possesses Regional Experience.
3. Ability to read and write English.
4. A working computer and/or internet access are strongly preferred in order to communicate effectively with MNRSC participants the Fellowship Services Team.
5. Participates in all MNRSC Conferences.
6. Participates in all MNRSC Fellowship Services Team Meetings.
7. Participates in all MNRSC Executive Committee Meetings, if applicable.
8. Performs other duties as agreed to perform.



MNRSC REGIONAL DELEGATE ALTERNATE

1. Meets all of the qualifications of the MNRSC Fellowship Services Team Member; PLUS.
2. Assists the RD in her/his duties and responsibilities
3. Performs all duties and responsibilities of the RD in her/his absence*
4. Perform all other duties as agreed to perform.

*** RD Duties for reference MNRSC REGIONAL DELEGATE**

1. Meets all of the qualifications of the MNRSC Fellowship Services Team Member; PLUS.
2. Links the Region with the World and vice versa through effective communication and leadership.
3. Presents minutes of the World Service Conference, information from Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NAWS), information from the World Board of NA, or other Regional news or information available (Conventions, Conferences, etc.) or from The NA News or The NA Way.
4. Participates as a member of the MNRSC Executive Committee.
5. Attends as many Midwest Zonal Forum meetings as possible with travel expenses requiring prior approval by the MNRSC on a case by case basis.
6. Attends and participates in the World Service Conference.
7. Able to accept nominations to become a member of Project Workgroup, World Board, or invitation as a member of WSC Project workgroup.
8. Performs all other duties as agreed to perform.

Treasury Report October 2020



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Checking Activity

Balance 8/8/2020	17,111.06
NAWS Donation	(3,000.00)
NAWS Donation	(1,000.00)
Helpline	(109.83)
Zoom	(16.06)
Mailchimp	(59.99)
MARRCH Conferenced ad	(100.00)
Helpline	(109.50)
Zoom	(16.05)
Mailchimp	(59.99)
Helpline	(109.50)
Public Storage*	(188.13)
Zoom	(16.06)
Mailchimp	(59.99)
Freedom From Addiction Group	100.00
New Directions Area	400.00
Twin Cities ASC	1,312.77
Group Donations from PayPal	898.30
Balance 10/30/2020	14,977.03

Activity Summary

Expenses since last report	(\$845.10)
Donations to NAWS	(\$4,000.00)
Income since last report	\$2,711.07

Accounts

Checking	\$14,977.03
Savings - Reserve	\$4,167.82
Events (Pass-through acct for online sales)	\$1,342.11

*UMSO Storage reimbursed on 11/1/2020

August Public Storage	\$188.13
July Public Storage	\$61.34
Total	\$249.47

Regional Delegate Report

October 2020



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The complete results of the 1st on-line World Service Conference 2020 Parts 1 & 2 are attached to these minutes. In addition, the September issue of *NAWS News* is also attached. World Service Conference 2022 participants began holding bi-monthly meetings this month and notes from the October 17, 2020 conference participants (CPs) webinar are as follows:

- CPs were polled on 2 questions – both received consensus support:

1. **Should the Priority in this conference cycle be the creation of A Resource for On-Line Meetings Tool?**

- NAWS will issue a survey to the world-wide fellowship related to On-line NA meetings best practices
- Current NAWS page with virtual resource can be viewed here:
https://na.org/?ID=virtual_meetings

2. **Should the World Convention 2021(WCNA 38) in Melbourne, Australia be postponed to 2022**

The NA World Board in discussion with the WCNA convention center has concluded that the most reasonable approach at this point is to reschedule for a date in 2022. NA must sign the agreement with the convention center by the end of 2020. This will not affect future dates of WCNAs; the 2024 World Convention will proceed as scheduled.

- **The New IP#30 Mental Health in Recovery is out!!**

- View it here: [IP#30 Mental Health in Recovery](#)

- **Local Service Toolbox Project draft for review and input of GSR Basics is out!**

- See it here: [GSR Basics Tool for membership review and input](#)
- Give your feedback and pass on to your ASCs, LSCs and Groups for input as well!
- This draft also provides examples of 2 report templates for GSRs – 1 to the ASC/LSC and 1 to report on ASC/LSC activities to their groups.

- Work on projects including the Issue Discussion Topic (IDT), “What do we want to say in a piece of NA literature regarding DRT/MAT?”, the creation of an IP for *Women in NA*, and the revision of IP#21 *The Loner – Staying Clean in Isolation* will be planned for the remainder of the conference cycle. (These projects were approved by the WSC 2020)



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- **Check out NA on Instagram!:**
www.instagram.com/narcoticsanonymous
- **Progress in writing the new *Spiritual Principle A Day* book is moving ahead uninterrupted! Participate in writing this book here:**

Contribute to the SPAD Book in the making (na.org/spad)

- **Financial update:**
 - Support the “Invest In Our Vision” spirit of WSC 2020 with your service and financial assistance – the goal is to transition NAWS from financial dependence on literature sales to member contributions. Commit to a recurring donation at NA.org/donate
 - The World Board and NAWS staff are simplifying processes, making tasks easier, and reducing administrative costs wherever possible. Limited in-person meetings are affecting literature sales. NAWS is on a week to week financial assessment and is committed to regular financial updates. See [NAWS News](#) for additional information.
 - Legal Issues in California and Russia are resolved in our favor. The judges’ published rulings are expected soon. It is unfortunate that people would use the courts to hear their objections and incur fellowship expense. These legal issues have cost us a little over \$218,000. (The order from the California court is now published to na.org.)
 - In person World Service Conferences are a substantial financial commitment, and at this time a 2022 in-person WSC is not planned.
 - NAWS News will be published more frequently and will be shorter in length to accommodate translation resources. This and all NAWS publications are only published electronically to save on printing, mailing and staff costs.

Next CP Webinar is scheduled for same day as the December 12, 2020 MNRSC 1-3pm.

Minnesota’s Regional Delegate Alternate position was vacated last month, as Susan B had to resign; we will miss Susan’s service as a member of the Minnesota Fellowship Services Team and RDA! The RDA’s commitment this year is to serve the MN Region as a Fellowship Services Team member, participate with the RD in bi-monthly CP meetings, and help relay information about World Service projects. Given the setbacks resulting from CV-19 on fellowship financial resources, this work may consist primarily of on-line service and activities for the foreseeable future. I look forward to collaborating with another NA Minnesota member on the FST and delegate team service commitments in the new year!

*In Loving Service,
Patty K*

Digital Project Team Report 10/10/20

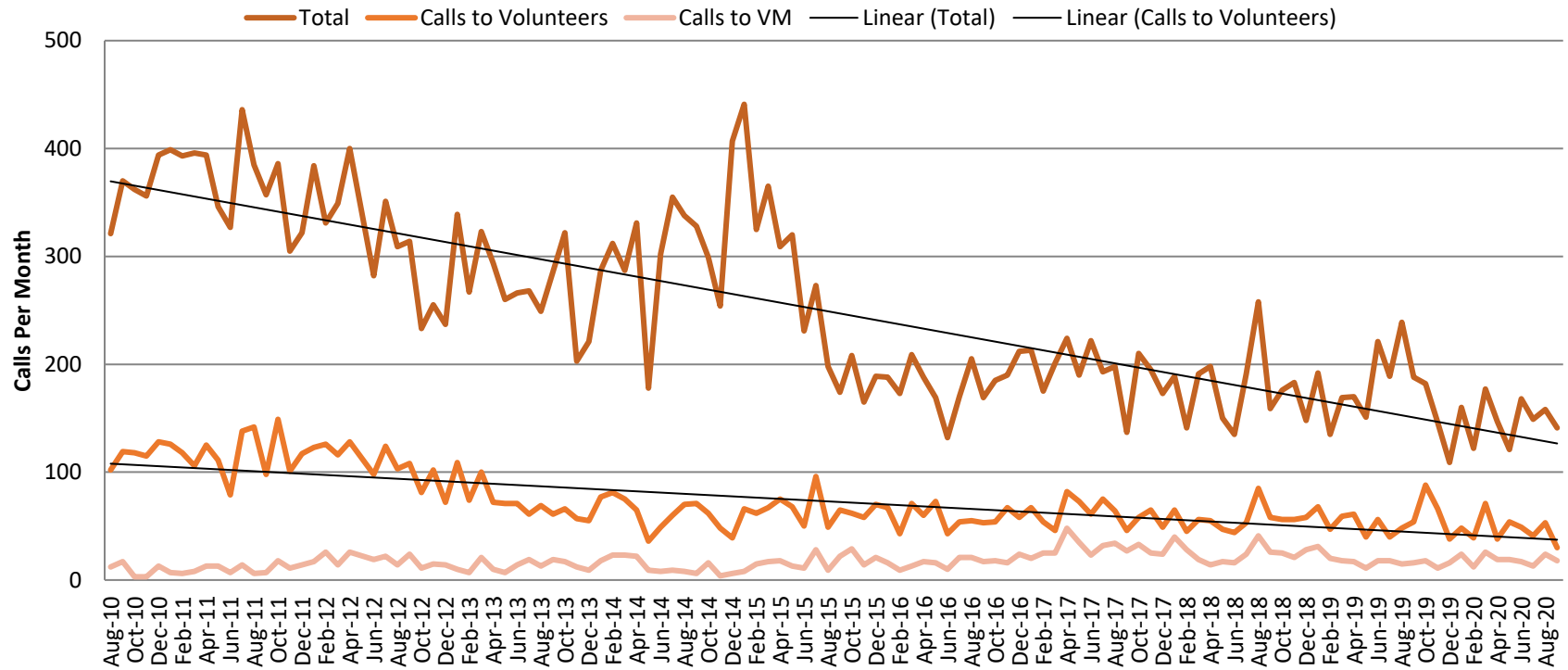
Hello family! It has been a busy month keeping up with meeting list changes. We have had a few hiccups with the meeting list formatting correctly. We have made some changes to have separate lists for in person and virtual. Our webpage has had multiple issues this month with malware and spammers. We are actively working on solutions to prevent future problems. We have had less than stellar customer service from Siteground and are working on that issue also.

Settlement was done for Hopefest online registrations and ICUCNA.

Our monthly training is the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. We were contacted this week by the Iranian fellowship webservant who hopes to attend our monthly meeting for October with some questions and info. Hope to see you there!

In Service,
Amanda
Digital Project Team

NA Minnesota Helpline



IP No. 30

Mental Health in Recovery



“Although the specifics of mental health recovery in my life (medication, therapy, and other treatment options) may be outside issues, dealing with my mental health issues and recovery in this arena is as critical to my ability to stay clean and work a program of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous as being powerless, surrendering, and finding a power greater than me.”

In the Narcotics Anonymous program, every addict with a desire to stop using can be a member, and no member of NA need ever recover alone. Recovery is our common bond.

Even though some of us may feel hopeless because of the wreckage of our active addiction, we are not helpless. We are able to benefit from the experience and suggestions of other members who are recovering in NA.

Getting clean and working Steps in NA leads all of us to find ways to take better care of our minds, bodies, emotions, and spirits. Through the process of working the Steps with a sponsor and learning to take better care of ourselves, many of us find it necessary, at some point in our recovery process, to seek outside assistance for problems other than addiction.

This piece of literature reflects the shared experiences of NA members, including those who have found it necessary to seek outside help for mental health concerns and other members who are recovering alongside them. In this pamphlet, there are sections meant to help all NA members with challenges that arise—the decision to seek help, concerns about medications, and the stigma of mental health challenges, recovery, service, and supporting each other.

Seeking Professional Help

We do not diagnose anyone’s condition or track the progress of our patients—in fact, we have no patients, only members. Our groups do not provide professional therapeutic, medical, legal, or psychiatric services. We are simply a fellowship of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean.

It Works: How and Why, “Tradition Eight”

The Eighth Tradition in NA aptly illustrates that our focus is sharing a message of recovery from addiction. Addicts who have thoughts or concerns about their mental health may want to seek professional help. Some members have experienced that professional help aids them in facing a crisis outside of their recovery in NA; others may find that long-term therapy and medications are warranted. There are many additional options available to us; we research what we think may be best and discuss them with our sponsors and appropriate healthcare professionals. Our shared experience is captured well in Chapter Four of *Living Clean*: “When we use the tools available to us—calling our sponsor



and seeking the experience, strength, and hope of others, allowing our support group to support us, and turning to *In Times of Illness* and other NA literature—we are able to make decisions we can be comfortable with, and take action to do the next right thing.” We are free to pursue our recovery from addiction in NA.

We engage in our recovery through honest sharing with a sponsor. Many of us have found that shame and secrecy in any area of our lives opens a window for relapse. We need to be honest and truthful about our mental health—along with any medications that we take in our recovery. Working closely with our sponsor and other trusted NA members can help us to remain aware of our motives. Each of us is responsible for our own recovery and well-being.

Medication and Mental Health

It is possible to find freedom from active addiction in NA and to be taking medication prescribed by an informed healthcare professional for a mental illness.

In Times of Illness, “Mental Health Issues”

In NA, our primary purpose is to carry a message of recovery—this is true no matter what extenuating situations may present themselves. Attempting to address mental health challenges goes beyond the scope of carrying our message or helping other addicts to stay clean. In meetings, no one is a professional; we are all addicts seeking freedom from active addiction.

We may be advised at some point in our recovery to take medications to treat our mental health condition. Medications are to be taken as prescribed by an informed healthcare

professional; we do not self-medicate. Many of us have found it wise to inform our sponsors and a few friends in our support network that we are taking medication. This action helps us to be accountable and allows others we trust to be our “eyes and ears.”



With medication, it is important to be mindful and aware of changes that may occur. The longer we are clean, the more our physical and emotional selves change; sometimes, these changes may have an effect on our mental health condition. Honestly sharing any perceived changes with our sponsors, informed healthcare professionals, and supportive friends is a critical step in maintaining a program of recovery.

Many of us have heard, either individually or in meetings, that members taking medication are not clean. However, some mental health medications are prescribed to help manage symptoms that interfere with leading a healthy, productive, drug-free lifestyle. Members who take mental health medication as prescribed by a healthcare professional are considered clean.



Stigma and Shame

... our struggles with our mental illnesses and the way they impact our recovery are very much “inside issues.”

We need to make this distinction to ensure that we don’t fail to seek additional help either because of stigma in the rooms or confusion about the relationship between mental illness and recovery.

Living Clean, “Our Physical Selves”

As addicts, we may be prone to behaviors and actions that are not in line with spiritual principles. This could simply be described as our hearts and heads are not always aligned. Sometimes it takes years in recovery and working the Steps with a sponsor to improve our skills with spiritual principles such as compassion, acceptance, empathy, and kindness. We may jump to judgment and act in ways that discriminate against others who are not like us, finding reasons to separate ourselves from others. We can ask our sponsor or NA friends for their experience, strength, and hope. In NA, our primary purpose is carrying a message of hope, not one of judgment.

Some of us who have mental health challenges may choose to be careful about the level of detail we go into when we share about our situation

in meetings. Rather than sharing in great detail in recovery meetings, we work with our sponsor and trusted NA members on the ways in which our situation affects our recovery. After all, the common denominator for all of us is recovery. One member shared:

“I struggled for years being more ashamed of my mental health condition than I ever was of being an addict. Today I realize that taking care of my mental well-being is a critical part of my overall recovery, and like everything else, the process of doing so is the solution to my struggles.”

Some members may be prone to isolating due to shame, and this is especially true for those of us who suffer from mental health challenges. Many of us are familiar with the saying, “An addict alone is in bad company.” Isolation tends to lead us to dark places, with only our own thoughts to guide us. Sometimes we are caught in a web of negative thinking. In the best circumstances, this type of thinking might inspire us to call our sponsor or a trusted friend or prompt us to go to a meeting. In less desirable circumstances, we might go so far as to entertain thoughts of hurting ourselves. Although it may feel impossible to move from the despair we feel, especially if thoughts of suicide arise, we must ask for help and take action. We need to bring ourselves out of the dark corner and back into living a program of recovery. We have to let go of shame and stigma. For some of us, working with mental health professionals may be necessary if we are going to be able to continue working our program of recovery in NA. As we practice patience and compassion with ourselves, we begin to see a glimmer of hope that helps to shift our thinking; we are embracing our recovery again.



Recovery Happens in NA

Everything we do, everything that matters to us as a Fellowship, comes back to our simple message of hope and freedom. . . . No one is too sick or too well, too rich or too poor, too far gone or too far away to qualify. It is available to us all.

Guiding Principles, "Tradition Five"

All addicts are welcome in NA meetings, and everyone is free to hear NA's lifesaving message. We gain a sense of belonging when we identify with others in meetings. Being clean, we strive to live in the solution and to practice spiritual principles in all our affairs. This is not accomplished by desire alone; we work with a sponsor, work the Steps, and share our recovery with others. Regardless of our mental health challenges, we are encouraged to practice the principles of recovery in ways that honor our own personal beliefs. The Eleventh Step in *It Works: How and Why* reminds us of "our absolute and unconditional freedom to believe in any Higher Power we choose." Recovery works for every addict who wants to stop using and is willing to make the effort.

Those of us who suffer from mental health challenges may want to deny our condition and may run the risk of self-deception about our condition. Denial will not serve us. We owe it to ourselves to face our fears with courage and perseverance. One addict with mental health challenges summed up their situation by saying, "If I don't work on both—recovery and mental health—I won't be successful with either." Our work on self-acceptance is crucial not just for our recovery, but also for our mental health. We learn to face life on its own terms.

Service is . . . our unique gift—something that no one can take away from us. We give, and we get. Through service, many of us start on the sometimes long road back to becoming productive members of society.

Just for Today, May 1

Service is a collective action working with others, whether in a group or service committee. We need to reflect honestly on whether we are a good fit for any service position we are considering. This may go beyond whether we simply meet the qualifications for our service positions; we are ready to objectively assess our abilities and limitations with our sponsor or with another

recovering member. This is true for all of us, but might be especially important if our mental health challenges may interfere with our ability to serve well in a particular position. Sometimes, we may find that group-level service is the best fit; other times, we may have confidence due to our life experience that a position on a service committee will work well for us. Through self-awareness and working the Steps with a sponsor and a Higher Power, we can find a place in service to give back regardless of our situation with mental health and medication.

Supporting Each Other

We make the choice to be a positive force in the lives of the people around us. The process of working the steps has given us the ability to love and accept who we are, and become able to truly love others.

*In Times of Illness,
“Supporting Members with Illness”*



One of the ways we support others in NA is through sponsorship. Sponsoring others is a demonstration of gratitude. Whenever we are asked to sponsor a member, we are mindful of the privilege of sponsorship. In sponsoring those whose challenges may differ from ours, we practice unconditional love to support members' recovery and bridge the gap between isolation and unity, which is all-encompassing. We embrace any member who wants to recover.

We all benefit from empathy, compassionate listening, and support in the Fellowship. Through love, we learn to accept ourselves for who we are. Those of us with mental health challenges appreciate support from other addicts as much as any other member. Supporting each other is unity in action. In NA, we strive to make sure that all have an equal opportunity to recover. Individually and collectively, we can be a beacon of hope and help others find freedom from addiction.

“When Good will supports and motivates both the individual and the Fellowship, we are fully whole and wholly free.” (The Basic Text, Narcotics Anonymous, “Our Symbol”) Not all addicts are cut from the same cloth, but our symbol tells us that we have room “for all manifestations of the recovering person.”

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important dates and announcements

Mental Health in Recovery

NA's newest piece of recovery literature, IP #30, is posted online at www.na.org/ips and available for sale at www.na.org/webstore.



NAWS is on Instagram!

www.instagram.com/narcoticsanonymous

Please consider making a contribution if you are able:
www.na.org/contribute



what can I do? ways to get involved in the work

Spiritual Principle a Day Book Project



WRITE—on your own or with other members—on the principles currently in circulation:

autonomy, conscience, courage, discipline, flexibility, fidelity, individuality, listening, powerlessness, self-discipline, trust, serenity, and “we”

REVIEW drafts and give us your feedback. Entries on gratitude are available now. Check back for the rest of Batch #4 in late October.

Host a **WORKSHOP** to write or gather input with fellow members. See the website for materials.

Visit www.na.org/spad for all the latest.

Upcoming web meetings

Conference Participants: 17 October, 11:00 am PDT

Phonelines: 13 October, 3:30 pm PDT

Zonal FD/PR: 10 October, 10:00 am PDT

Visit www.na.org/webinar for more information.

We welcome your ideas and input:
worldboard@na.org

Hello. This is the second NAWS News since the global shut down began in March. Current staff levels and financial restraints require us to be brief particularly because we are reporting in six languages. In order to keep it short, we will mainly focus on WSC business and our plans for projects.

This update comes not long after the close of the 2020 World Service Conference. We are, at last, beginning the 2020–2022 conference cycle. We have one member, Junior, rolling off the World Board after twelve dedicated years of service. We are grateful he will continue serving on the Business Plan Group (BPG), the workgroup that helps advise the Board on NAWS' financial matters. Junior's experience as a business man and an economist, as well as his depth of knowledge of NA World Services, make him a valuable member of that team.

As we previously reported, we have gratefully welcomed our four newly elected Board members and we have selected a new executive committee. Tali from Hawaii will serve as our Chair, Tim from Australia as our Vice chair, Irene from Ireland our Secretary, and Jack from Washington State as our Treasurer.

It's strange to welcome and orient new Board members with no hugs and no opportunity to have a meal together or get in the van and go to a recovery meeting. We are trying to adapt to our “new normal,” and for now, that means virtual meetings, electronic publications, and reduced staff. But plenty of work is being done on your behalf—more than we can cover here—and we are eager to begin the cycle.

WSC PART TWO

WSC 2020 began on 24 April and officially adjourned on 13 August, when the summary of decisions was posted on na.org. It was the first virtual WSC, and it was also the longest amount of time between beginning and ending a WSC—sixteen weeks! We reported on Part One in the June NAWS News update.

Part two of the Conference took place 7–9 August. WSC 2020 decisions included:

- To seat Minas (Brazil) and Northwest Russia as Conference participants. Welcome!
- To consider zonal seating requests only from zones that were formed before WSC 2018, until seating criteria or a process for seating can be established.
- To continue the suspension of the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)* Inspection Clause.
- And unanimous approval of the pamphlet *Mental Health in Recovery*.



MENTAL HEALTH IN RECOVERY

NA's newest piece of recovery literature, IP #30, is posted online at www.na.org/ips and available for sale as inventory item #3130 for 33 cents each at www.na.org/webstore.

We are encouraged by the unanimous support for the pamphlet at the WSC. The pamphlet captures the shared experiences of NA members, and we all know the therapeutic value of that shared experience is without parallel. As the pamphlet says, "We gain a sense of belonging when we identify with others in meetings." We hope this new piece of literature will help addicts identify and recover.

INVEST IN OUR VISION

We've known for a long time that reliance on literature sales for most of NAWS' income is not a sustainable approach. The global shut-downs have brought things to a crisis. Many areas and regions that depend on event income to fund services are feeling the same sting. We all need to work together to offset the income that is being lost at every level of service.

Our first concrete goal in the effort to Invest in our Vision (IIOV) is to increase the number of recurring monthly contributions by 1,000 by the end of October 2020. In February of this year there were only 50 recurring contributors. As of 20 September that number has increased to 652.

Please consider making a contribution if you are able: www.na.org/contribute, and help us to spread the word. Recurring contributions provide a stable source of income for NA World Services. As one of our Board members recently said, if every member who attended WCNA 37 in Orlando contributed \$20 per month, that would bring over \$5,000,000 of new income to NA World Services and reduce the reliance on literature income. For many of us, this may be a new way to think about funding World Services, but it's achievable. Thank you for all you do for NA.

Many of you know about the Washington/Northern Idaho event, The Journey Continues 2020, that took place non-stop over the course of three days, 4–7 September. The purpose of the event was to celebrate recovery and increase member contributions to World Services. The primary motivation was to replace the amount this region normally contributes

each year, which will not happen this year because the source of most of those funds was from conventions.

This remarkable event provided a variety of recovery meetings for many hours to thousands of NA members and raised more than \$52,000 in one-time contributions for NAWS, in addition to 90 new recurring contributions totaling approximately \$2,500 per month.

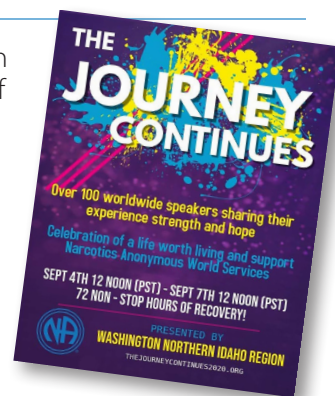
Thank you Washington/Northern Idaho Region and to all of the members who worked so hard to make the event happen. If you were able to join in, you know it was an amazing celebration of recovery in NA.

At the request of the event organizers, we put together several videos—one explaining what NA World Service is and some of the work we do, one focusing on PR efforts, and one on Fellowship development. We are dividing those three long videos into shorter pieces to post on na.org and give to Conference participants and other interested members for use at service meetings and events.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of this writing, we are still operating with more than half of the staff furloughed, and our operating reserves are keeping us functioning at a greatly reduced level. We have reduced expenses where we can, primarily with staff and travel, but our expenses still exceed income. The World Board and Spiritual Principle a Day Workgroups continue to meet virtually, as do bodies such as the European Delegates Meeting and Canadian Assembly, to which we would have traveled, under ordinary circumstances. Rent, equipment, and other overhead expenses at five locations are all legal obligations, by contract, and cannot be changed as quickly.

Many other expenses are ongoing obligations assigned to NA World Services by the WSC. Our annual audit will be in process as this report is published—socially distanced but still occurring. We have also had hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal expenses, primarily due to two legal actions brought against NA World Services—one in the US and one in Russia. We are not able to comment much about either until they are resolved, but we have provided Conference participants with the information we are able to share at this time.



2020–2022 PROJECTS

Because the Conference so recently ended and the new Board has just been seated, we are only now able to begin planning work on the newly approved projects. It is important to remember that these are extraordinary times. The WSC acknowledged the current crisis' potential impact on project work, by passing Motion V3:

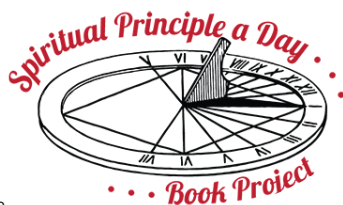
As WSC 2020 participants, we acknowledge our understanding and acceptance that all 2020–2022 project plans were created and offered before the current world crisis and public health-imposed quarantine and will only be worked on when and if the resources become available. We will consider each project plan presented for the 2020–2022 cycle on a project by project basis as required by current conference policy with this qualification. We will also provide priorities for the plans for new and revising existing Recovery IPs, IDTs, and the Local Service Toolbox plan.

**116 yes, 10 no, 2 abstentions, 2 present not voting
91% Carried by Consensus**

We are trying to take a flexible approach to the projects. We plan to have only two standing workgroups: The existing workgroup for SPAD will continue on, and the *FIPT* Operational Rules workgroup from last cycle will be the workgroup for this cycle's *FIPT* Project, with the exception of Mario, who has been elected WSC Cofacilitator. For the Role of Zones Project we intend to use the Virtual Meeting of Zones, which has been happening regularly. For the other projects we intend to use web meetings, focus groups, and surveys. That's an approach that allows us to cast the widest net possible for participation.

SPAD

This is the second cycle for the Spiritual Principle a Day Project, and we are on track to include the approval draft for the book in the 2022 Conference Agenda Report.



We've posted a sneak preview at the fourth batch of entries for review and input: www.na.org/spad along with workshop materials designed for an online environment.

We also continue to encourage member writing on spiritual principles. There are quotes to get you started and online forms on the project website: www.na.org/spad.

LOCAL SERVICE TOOLBOX— ONLINE MEETINGS

The Local Service Toolbox is also not a first-time project. *GSR Basics* is being finalized as we type. It will be posted on the project page www.na.org/toolbox along with *CBDM Basics*, and *Serving in Rural and isolated Communities*.



The WSC decided on two related initial focuses for the Toolbox: Online meetings best practices and carrying the NA message effectively and virtually. The importance of tools for online meetings has never been more clear to many of us. Online meetings seems like one of the most important things to talk about this cycle. We have already collected a treasure trove of useful resources posted here: www.na.org/virtual.

We have already held a couple of web meetings open to any member about online meetings. The most recent one took place in June. When we were planning the meeting, we guessed between 200 and 300 members would attend. As it turns out, we exceeded our room capacity of 1,000, and many who wanted to be there weren't able to get in. We intend to hold more web meetings on the subject, and next time we will be more prepared.

We also plan to post an online survey for members to give input about what to include in tools for online meetings. We hope that local service bodies—including regions and zonal forums—will take up this discussion and provide input to this project so we can frame the future together. A workshop outline and an online survey form will be posted after Conference Participants webinar on 17 October.

FIPT

We had a *FIPT* Project last cycle that led to three motions in the 2020 CAR. One of those motions was to "approve the initiation of the established process to revise the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* in the 2020–2022 Conference cycle."

We need to revise the *FIPT* to reflect WSC 2018's decision to make zonal delegates full voting participants at the Conference. The *FIPT* refers solely to regional delegates as the decision-makers, however. In order for zonal delegates to have their votes counted as full Conference participants on *FIPT*-related issues, such as approving recovery literature, the *FIPT* needs to be updated. We will use the same virtual workgroup who worked on the *FIPT* last cycle to produce a draft revision of the *FIPT*. The draft will be released to the Fellowship for a six-month review, and then a draft for approval will be included in the 2022 Conference Agenda Report.

IP REVISION

The WSC approved a project to revise at least one IP. Using the CAR survey results as a guide, Conference participants selected IP #21, *The Loner*, as the first IP to revise. *The Loner* was written in 1986, before cell phones or email or the worldwide web! We will survey the Fellowship to gather ideas about revisions. A final draft will be included in the Conference Agenda Report for approval. We hope to have a draft ready for the 2022 WSC, but if not, we will offer one for 2024.

We have several other projects to work on this cycle including Issue Discussion Topics (IDT's), understanding what NA wants to say about DRT/MAT as it relates to NA, and the Role of Zones. We will report more about these soon.





INSTAGRAM

As you no doubt heard, we started an Instagram account [@narcoticsanonymous](https://www.instagram.com/narcoticsanonymous). We welcome pictures, memes, and ideas for posts, as long as they are your creation or in the public domain, don't show members' faces, and have wide interest to NA around the world. Share your joy: socialmedia@na.org.

WCNA

Although we are progressing with the necessary logistical arrangements for WCNA 38 in Melbourne, we are not currently able to determine whether it is possible to proceed with the event, due to obvious global factors such as health considerations and travel/border restrictions. From a planning point of view, we are able to hold off determining if it will be possible until the end of the calendar year. The Fellowship will be updated as we know more.

SOME OF THE REST OF WHAT WE ARE DOING

- All of our branches continue to ship literature orders, and the number of orders has increased, though the average size of orders remains much smaller than pre-Covid.
- We are answering mail, including H&I letters, and sending books to inmates.
- We continue to provide free literature to those communities who need it.
- We continue registering and renewing copyrights and trademarks around the world and licensing vendors.
- We have been trying to shore up some of the weaknesses of our aging network, a need that was underscored by a recent ransomware attack that we fended off (and did not pay).
- We (finally) added service system options as an appendix to *A Guide to Local Services*.
- We added Spanish and Thai to the Arabic, Hungarian, and Russian audio versions of the Basic Text posted for free download: <https://www.na.org/?ID=bt-aud>.
- We continue to post newly translated IPs and booklets to na.org and to add e-versions of translated Basic Texts to the commercial portals we use.

- We are the last stages of finalizing seven book translations for publication: the French Sixth Edition Basic Text, Nepali Basic Text, Kannada Basic Text, Swahili Basic Text, Portuguese (Brazilian) *Living Clean*, Greek *Living Clean*, and Spanish *Miracles Happen*. Over twenty translated IPs and booklets are also in the production stage.
- We have held seven web meetings since the last NAWS News: PR, a Conference participant web meeting, PR/FD, Phoneline, WSC Orientation, US Zones, and Inmate Step-writing.

HRP REPORT

Greetings from the Human Resource Panel. We hope that everyone is safe and healthy in these trying times. We are glad to be able to offer a short report, updating you on our work as we move into the 2020–2022 Conference cycle.

The unusual scheduling of WSC 2020 provided us the opportunity to transition from the 2018–2020 cycle by bringing together the outgoing, currently seated, and newly seated panel members for two of our recent web meetings. There we set the groundwork for our current cycle's action plan. This provided great value, and we intend to recommend that this "handing off" become a regular part of the HRP's process. Thanks one last time to Jim B and Veronica B for their service.

One of the focuses of our plan is the RBZ process. As a reminder, the RBZ recommendation process provides regions, the World Board, and zones the ability to forward potential candidates to the Human Resource Panel. It is important to note that an RBZ recommendation is not a nomination. Here is a link to details: www.na.org/?ID=HRP-Info8&ID=HRP-Info8.

We encourage service bodies to begin now to consider the leadership qualities of members in their community to determine if any rise to a level of support that may warrant an RBZ recommendation. Based on historical election data, the WSC seems to find value in RBZ recommendations. And this cycle, we intend to develop resources that strengthen and support the RBZ process.

We are also studying three other topics. You will hear more about each of these in future HRP reports. They include

- reviewing the value of the World Pool,
- the relevance of requiring reference checks from nominees (especially those who receive an RBZ), and
- the impact of nominations from Conference participants.

We intend to provide detailed evaluations and possible recommendations on each of these as we move through the Conference cycle.

In the spirit of brevity, we will stop here for now. As always, we welcome any comments. Write to hrp@na.org.

IN CLOSING

There is much more work we are doing on the Fellowship's behalf. We look forward to updating you on PR activities, translations, and more soon.



This tool is intended to help NA members better understand the group service representative (GSR) commitment and to more effectively participate in the work of a local service body. NA communities have the ability to organize their services in the way that best serves them locally, and the responsibilities of the GSR may vary accordingly. This tool tries to capture some of our common experience and outline the basic tasks of the GSR position. It does not contain specifics about the policies adopted in individual service bodies as it is intended to be used in any NA community.

What is a GSR?

The GSR is an active member of an NA group and its representative at local service meetings. Groups and their members rely on their GSRs to stay connected with other groups in an NA community and to the rest of NA. As one member put it: “For most newcomers in a meeting, NA will be as big or as small as the information the GSR provides to the group.”

The Second Concept states that NA groups have “final responsibility and authority” for the service bodies they create. An active and prepared GSR makes it possible for this principle to be a reality.

Why be a GSR?

A Vision for NA Service reminds us that our commitments should offer “spiritual growth and fulfillment.” A GSR commitment is where many of us first begin to learn how NA services are structured outside of our groups. We come to understand how spiritual principles guide our service work and support our primary purpose. We may learn skills and discover abilities during the course of our service, and we learn to use those abilities in other areas of our lives. This is part of the reason why some of us talk about the privilege of being of service. Being a GSR is one way to express the gratitude we have for NA and the life that it has given us.

As with all NA service positions, a wide range of spiritual principles can be applied when serving as a GSR. Four that appear most important for success are:

Humility—Knowing who we are, when to ask questions, and that we do not have all the answers can help us to stay “right-sized” when serving as a GSR. This principle supports our ability to remain patient and teachable, and encourages active listening when working with others.

Commitment—The GSR is a critical connection between a group and the rest of NA. Without a GSR’s commitment to participate fully in both the group’s business meetings and the local service body, this connection is broken.

Accountability—Trusted servants in NA are accountable to the groups we all serve. One way to practice accountability is to communicate fully with our group, and share our group’s experience and concerns in service meetings. The Third Concept essay advises that the authority delegated to service boards and committees “...is not a blank check...the groups still bear final authority.”

Anonymity—Placing principles before personalities allows us to create a solid spiritual foundation for NA service. Anonymity also guides us to serve selflessly rather than by our own opinions, and without expectation of a reward.

Some of us come into recovery with no sense of personal responsibility, as if it was someone else’s job to take care of us. Others of us experience self-obsession as a belief that we are responsible for everything around us. The reality is usually somewhere in between. We find peace of mind when we are able to trust others to carry out responsibilities without constantly looking over their shoulders, and they show the same courtesy to us.

Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions, Tradition Nine



Who can be a GSR?

It is common practice to have a cleantime requirement for the GSR position, although this may vary depending on the maturity of the NA community. *The Group Booklet* offers this guidance:

There are a couple of things to think about when looking for a group officer. One is maturity in recovery. When those new in recovery are elected to a position, they may find themselves deprived of the time and energy they need for their early recovery. Group members with a year or two clean are probably already well-established in their personal recovery. They are also more likely than new members to be familiar with NA's traditions and service concepts as well as group procedures.

A year or two may seem like an acceptable cleantime requirement where NA has existed for many years, but this may be an unreasonable requirement if the local NA community is newly formed. Groups are encouraged to consider a member's personal qualities and abilities when selecting their GSR, as well as their cleantime. For example, *The Group Booklet* also discusses the importance of commitment:

A second thing to consider is consistent participation in your group. Do the nominees attend your group's recovery meetings regularly? Do they take an active part in your group's business meetings? Have they lived up to previous service commitments they've made?

In communities where the GSR is expected to handle the group's funds by bringing its contribution to a service meeting, or purchasing its literature, particular care when electing a GSR may be needed to ensure those funds are managed responsibly. Serving in the alternate GSR position before becoming GSR can offer the benefit of mentorship and knowledge from an experienced member. Attending service meetings consistently in this position will help to prepare a new GSR for their roles and responsibilities. Many experienced GSRs view mentoring an alternate as an important part of their commitment.

What does a GSR need to know?

Members with local service experience can often be a good resource to find out more about the local service body. Locally developed guidelines and policy, as well as minutes and agendas from previous service meetings, may also be helpful. Many of these are posted on local websites, along with information about local events and service workshops.

These are some questions that new GSRs are encouraged to ask about their local service body:

- ✳ The basics: When and where is it, how long does it last, and what do I need to bring?
- ✳ Who are the trusted servants at the local service body, and what do they do?
- ✳ What subcommittees or workgroups are there at the local service body?
- ✳ Where can local guidelines and resources be found?
- ✳ What decision-making and discussion procedures does the local service body use?
- ✳ How are Seventh Tradition contributions and literature orders handled?

Helpful resources

Our personal recovery resources—Step work, sponsorship, friends in recovery—are as much a part of success in service as anything else. It is not unusual to encounter some challenges during a service meeting, and many members look to friends and experienced members for support and advice. Attendance at workshops, learning days, and other service events can help us connect with other members involved in service, and become better informed about relevant issues.

In some communities, private social media groups, email, or text lists are used to communicate with other trusted servants.

Some helpful printed resources include *The Group Booklet*, the Traditions essays from NA literature (especially *It Works: How and Why* and *Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions*), *Twelve Concepts for NA Service*, *A Guide to Local Services in NA*, and other service material such as service pamphlets, handbooks, service basics, and bulletins. Many of these are posted on www.na.org/ips and www.na.org/servicemat.

NAWS News provides a report of the services provided by NA World Services and may be of interest to GSRs wanting to know more about NA as a whole: www.na.org/nawsnews.



What does the GSR do?

The Group Booklet states that GSRs “form the foundation of our service structure.” The basic function of a GSR is to participate in service meetings on behalf of their group. At one time, this only meant attending area service committee (ASC) meetings. As NA has grown, different communities have adapted the GSR’s role and the service system to better suit their needs. Serving as a GSR may involve participation at an ASC, a local service conference (LSC), a group support forum (GSF), or a regional assembly. In newer communities, the service structure may consist of just a regional service committee (RSC) and GSRs. Whatever the local structure consists of, the main roles and responsibilities of a GSR are the same. As *The Group Booklet* tells us, the role of the GSR is far more than a “mere group messenger,” and the responsibilities are more than just attending committee meetings.

In the Eighth Concept, we are reminded that “Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.” At the local service meeting, the GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the rest of the NA service system, and “...they take active, critical parts in the discussions which form the group conscience of the entire committee” (*The Group Booklet*). Most local service meetings also provide the opportunity to ask for help with group problems if needed.

The Second Tradition offers a process for groups to gather any concerns and questions for the local service body, and to provide input regarding any questions the service body may have for the group. The GSR is often asked to provide relevant information in these discussions. This involves the GSR consistently attending the group’s business meeting, and possibly also leading it. The GSR also usually provides a written or verbal report on the activities of the local service body during the group’s recovery or business meeting. Many GSRs create a short list of bullet points to capture the highlights from service meetings they attend to help with this.

Discernment is an important quality for a GSR. It can help in deciding what information to report, and in making decisions at service meetings on the group’s behalf. We take care to discern the short- and long-term impact of our decisions—what they mean for NA services today and how they can help us to reach more addicts. Considering carefully how our decisions might move us toward the goals in A Vision for NA Service is a key part of the GSR service position.

Some other common tasks for GSRs may include:

- ✱ Delivering the group’s financial contribution
- ✱ Purchasing literature at the service meeting on behalf of the group
- ✱ Collecting event flyers and meeting directories
- ✱ Ensuring the group’s meeting information is up to date on the local meeting list or website
- ✱ Providing a report about the group to the area
- ✱ Participating in local subcommittees and workgroups according to their skills and interests



Service is not a position in a committee; it is a posture in the heart. It’s a way of life we can practice in all our affairs.

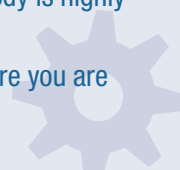
Living Clean: The Journey Continues, Chapter Seven

Helpful hints

Ask for help from the group. Seeking support and direction from the group can increase the resources available to a GSR.

Many service bodies offer a new GSR orientation session prior to the meeting. Attending this to better understand the procedures at a local service body is highly recommended.

Don’t expect to understand everything at your first meeting. Begin where you are and don’t be afraid to ask questions.





NA Acronyms

The list of acronyms used locally and in NA as a whole can be confusing for members new to service. Here are some of those that are most commonly used.

- ASC** Area service committee: Local service body consisting of GSRs and other elected trusted servants.
- CAR** *Conference Agenda Report*: A publication that consists of business and issues that will be considered during the WSC.
- CAT** Conference Approval Track: A collection of additional material for discussion and decision at the WSC.
- CBDM** Consensus-based decision making: Decision-making process where members work together to find or create solutions.
- FD** Fellowship development: NA service devoted to starting and nurturing new NA communities and helping existing communities to continue growing.
- FIPT** *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust*: A legal trust that serves as custodian for NA's literature and logos.
- GLS** *A Guide to Local Services in NA*: A service handbook intended to serve as a resource for NA groups, areas, and regions.
- GSF** Group support forum: A discussion-oriented body focused on the needs of the groups.
- GSR** Group service representative: Trusted servant elected by an NA group to participate on its behalf at the ASC or other local service body.
- H&I** Hospitals and institutions: NA service devoted to carrying the NA message primarily to correctional inmates and treatment facility patients.
- IDT** Issue Discussion Topic: Specific topics selected for discussion that concern the Fellowship as a whole.
- IP** Informational pamphlet: Short piece of recovery literature.
- LSB** Local service board: Administrative body of the LSC.
- LSC** Local service conference: A strategic, planning-oriented local service body.
- NAWS** Narcotics Anonymous World Services: Service body that deals with the problems and needs of NA as a whole.
- PI** Public information: NA service devoted to sharing information about NA to government and private agencies, the public media, community leaders, those in the helping professions, and the community-at-large. (In many communities, this work is now done by a PR workgroup or committee.)
- PR** Public relations: NA service devoted to creating and maintaining relationships with members, potential members, and the general public.
- RCM** Regional committee member: Trusted servant elected by an ASC to participate on its behalf at the RSC.
- RD** Regional delegate: Trusted servant elected by an NA region as a voting participant at the WSC.
- RSC** Regional service committee: Service body consisting of ASCs and/or other types of local service bodies.
- RSO** Regional service office: Local NA service center or literature distribution point.
- SP** Service pamphlet intended for use as a resource for groups and service bodies.
- WB** World Board: The service board of the WSC, dedicated to the continuation and growth of Narcotics Anonymous by providing support to the Fellowship and oversight of the WSO.
- WCNA** The World Convention of NA: Celebration of recovery and unity held every three years in a different part of the world.
- WSC** World Service Conference: Service meeting that brings all elements of NA World Services together.
- WSO** World Service Office: The main service center for the NA Fellowship.
- ZD** Zonal delegate: Trusted servant elected by a zonal forum that is eligible for seating at the WSC as a voting participant. (Note: A zonal forum is a service body consisting of multiple regions.)

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Partial, Virtual WSC 2020, Part Two
7-9 August 2020
Summary of Decisions

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Motion #2

To approve the IP contained in Addendum A, “Mental Health in Recovery,” as Fellowship-approved recovery literature.

Maker: World Board

Intent: To have a piece of Fellowship-approved material available about this issue as a resource for NA members

Initial Straw Poll: 108 yes – 0 no – 1 abstentions – 19 present not voting 99.1% Consensus Support

Zonal Delegate Vote: 6 yes – 0 no – 0 abstention – 0 present not voting

Decision(RD only): 104 yes – 0 no – 0 abstention – 1 present not voting Carried by Unanimous support

Motion #5

To approve the initiation of the established process to revise the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* in the 2020–2022 Conference cycle.

SECTION 2: REVISION OF TRUST INSTRUMENT

Provisions of the Trust Instrument may be changed only under the following conditions:

1. Any motion to review proposed revisions to the Trust Instrument must receive the approval of a majority of regional delegates at the World Service Conference.
2. After such review is approved, proposed revisions will be open for a six-month review and input period, after which the proposed revisions will be presented in the *Conference Agenda Report* for adoption.
3. A motion to adopt any proposed revisions to the Trust Instrument will require a vote of “yes” from two-thirds of those regional delegates recorded as present in the World Service Conference roll call immediately prior to the vote.

Maker: World Board

Intent: To initiate a process to update the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust to include zonal delegates who are seated at the WSC.

Initial Straw Poll: 99 yes – 6 no – 4 abstentions – 19 present not voting 90.8% Consensus Support

Zonal Delegate Vote: 6 yes – 0 no – 0 abstention – 0 present not voting

Decision (RD only): 98 yes – 5 no – 2 abstention – 3 present not voting 93.3% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #9

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for WSC 2022 to create a new IP for women in recovery.

Maker: Iran Region

Intent: To create a new resource for women in recovery

Initial Straw Poll: 92 yes – 19 no – 3 abstentions – 14 present not voting 80.7% Consensus Support

Decision: 91 yes – 20 no – 2 abstention – 2 present not voting 80.5% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #10

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at WSC 2022 to create a

guide for online meetings.

Maker: Latin American Zonal Forum

Intent: To create a new resource

Initial Straw Poll: 107 yes – 4 no – 3 abstentions – 14 present not voting 93.9% Consensus Support

Decision: 109 yes – 1 no – 2 abstention – 2 present not voting 97.3% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #10-a1

To add the following language to the end of Motion #10:

to explore all aspects of online groups (meetings) and to address the issue of formally adding online groups (meetings) and their registration to the service structure.

Maker: Eastern New York Region/ Supporting Regions: Wisconsin, Chesapeake and Potomac, Ukraine

Intent: To expand the scope of the project plan to provide recommendations regarding recognition and registration of virtual groups.

Initial Straw Poll: 92 yes – 10 no – 6 abstentions – 20 present not voting 85.2% Consensus Support

Second Straw Poll: 77 yes – 29 no – 3 abstentions – 5 present not voting Strong Support

Third Straw Poll: 69 yes – 36 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting Support

Decision: 69 yes – 37 no – 3 abstention – 4 present not voting 63.3% Failed with Support

Motion #12

To direct the World Board to create the Spanish-language *Narcotics Anonymous* (Basic Text), *Step Working Guides*, and *It Works: How and Why* available in an audio format.

Maker: Southern California Region

Intent: To increase access to NA Literature for the Spanish-speaking community.

Initial Straw Poll: 68 yes – 34 no – 7 abstentions – 19 present not voting 62.4% Support

Second Straw Poll: 56 yes – 44 no – 3 abstentions – 7 present not voting Support

Decision via epoll: 64 yes – 42 no – 5 abstention – 7 present not voting 58% Failed with Support

Motion #15

Instruct the World Board to develop a project plan for the 2022 World Service Conference (WSC) to produce an informative video about Narcotics Anonymous, for Public Relations services [committees] and online publication, approved by NAWS, where it is briefly explained:

1. What is Narcotics Anonymous
2. How it Works
3. How to contact NA

Maker: Argentina Region

Intent: That the fellowship has a new Public Relations resource that explains clearly and briefly what Narcotics Anonymous is, how it works and the ways to contact NA.

Initial Straw Poll: 100 yes – 12 no – 1 abstentions – 15 present not voting 88.5% Consensus Support

Decision: 101 yes – 6 no – 1 abstention – 2 present not voting 93.5% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #26

To seat the Minas Region

Maker: World Board

Initial Straw Poll: 106 yes – 6 no – 9 abstentions – 7 present not voting 87.6% Consensus Support

Decision: 111 yes – 6 no – 4 abstention – 3 present not voting 91.7% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #27

To seat the North-West Russia Region

Maker: World Board

Initial Straw Poll: 105 yes – 8 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 86.8% Consensus Support

Decision: 109 yes – 6 no – 3 abstention – 5 present not voting 92.4% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #28

To pause zonal seating by not considering seating requests from zones formed after WSC 2018 until after zonal seating criteria or a process for zonal seating is established by the WSC.

Maker: World Board

Intent: To give the WSC an opportunity to experience zones as Conference participants before making further decisions about zonal seating.

Initial Straw Poll: 91 yes – 20 no – 11 abstentions – 6 present not voting 74.6% Strong Support

Second Straw Poll: 95 yes – 19 no – 8 abstentions – 4 present not voting Strong Support

Third Straw Poll: 94 yes – 17 no – 9 abstentions – 4 present not voting Strong Support

Decision via epoll: 98 yes – 20 no – 8 abstentions – 3 present not voting 78% Carried with Strong Support

Motion #29

To approve the proposed changes to *A Guide to World Services in NA* as provided in the 2020 CAT and indicated in red.

Maker: World Board

Intent: To update the *GWSNA* text to reflect current policy and practice

Initial Straw Poll: 105 yes – 7 no – 10 abstentions – 6 present not voting 86.1% Consensus Support

Decision: 104 yes – 10 no – 7 abstention – 4 present not voting 86% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #30

To approve the proposed changes to *A Guide to World Services in NA* as provided in the 2020 CAT and indicated in red and highlighted.

Maker: World Board

Intent: To make the changes in *GWSNA* called for in Motion #57 to update the description of World Pool, election, and nomination policies.

Initial Straw Poll: 106 yes – 5 no – 10 abstentions – 7 present not voting 87.6% Consensus Support

Decision: 111 yes – 4 no – 3 abstention – 5 present not voting 94.1% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #31

To adopt the 2020–2022 Reimbursement Policy.

Maker: World Board

Initial Straw Poll: 107 yes – 4 no – 11 abstentions – 6 present not voting 87.7% Consensus Support

Decision: 113 yes – 3 no – 4 abstention – 3 present not voting 94.2% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #34

Acting as the trustor, the delegates present at the virtual WSC 2020, are continuing the suspension of Article 5, Section 3 of the *FIPT* Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension will expire at the close of WSC 2022

Maker: World Board

Initial Straw Poll: 91 yes – 11 no – 5 abstentions – 21 present not voting 85% Consensus Support

Zonal Delegate Vote: 4 yes – 0 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting

Decision(RD only): 91 yes – 12 no – 2 abstention – 4 present not voting 91.6% Carried with Consensus Support

Request for a roll call vote on motion 34 (from Pacific Cascade Region)

Vote YES if you want to do a roll call vote, vote NO if you do not want to do a roll call vote.

20-78-1-8 motion fails

Motion #35

To approve the minutes from WSC 2018.

Maker: World Board

Initial Straw Poll: 107 yes – 0 no – 2 abstentions – 10 present not voting Consensus Support

Decision: 98 yes – 4 no – 5 abstention – 12 present not voting Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #36

To adopt, for part 2 of WSC 2020 only, the approaches to discussion and decision-making described in the following pages. [as posted on na.org]

Maker: World Board

Initial Straw Poll: 120 yes – 0 no – 2 abstentions – 1 present not voting Consensus Support

Decision: 120 yes – 0 no – 0 abstention – 1 present not voting Carried with Unanimous Support

Motion #37

Posting the results of the final epoll on na.org will adjourn WSC 2020.

Maker: World Board

Initial Straw Poll: 111 yes – 9 no – 5 abstentions – 1 present not voting 88.8% Consensus Support

Second Straw Poll: 78 yes – 11 no – 2 abstentions – 1 present not voting 64.4% Support

Third Straw Poll: 83 yes – 34 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting 70.3% Strong Support

Motion #37 as amended

Posting the results of the final epoll on na.org will adjourn WSC 2020. With the maker's permission, the remaining CAR motions from the 2020 cycle will be included in the 2022 CAR.

Maker: World Board

Initial Straw Poll: 114 yes – 6 no – 2 abstentions – 1 present not voting 93.4% Consensus Support

Decision: 115 yes – 7 no – 2 abstention – 1 present not voting 92.7% Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #37a-1

The following to be added at the end of motion 37: with the maker's permission, the remaining CAR motions from the 2020 cycle will be included in the 2022 CAR.

Maker: Tri-State Region

Initial Straw Poll: 104 yes – 18 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting Consensus Support

Decision: 100 yes – 20 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting Carried with Consensus Support

Motion #38

To reconsider the decisions made about the motions to address in the Virtual WSC 2020.

Final decision from WSC 2020 Part 1

Amendment: Do you support to come back together virtually as a WSC 2020 in this cycle with the items for decision to be determined by CPs through eballot.

Maker: Cofacilitator in response to CP discussion

1st Straw Poll: 95 yes - 28 no – 1 abstentions – 7 present not voting 77% Strong Support

2nd Straw Poll: 98 yes - 27 no – 1 abstentions – 5 present not voting 78% Strong Support

Vote: 97 yes - 24 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting 80% Consensus Support

The remaining motions from the 2020 Cycle will be dealt with August 28-30 in the order of the percentage of support received on the June 15 epoll. WSC 2020 will deal with as many motions as we can until the time runs out and then any remaining items with the maker's permission will be included in the 2022 CAR.

Maker: Australia

Initial Straw Poll: 43 yes – 78 no – 2 abstentions – 6 present not voting 35% Lack of Support

Second Straw Poll: 33 yes – 91 no – 0 abstentions – 5 present not voting 26.6% Strong Lack of Support

Decision: 32 yes – 92 no – 1 abstention – 3 present not voting 25.6% Failed with Strong Lack of Support



Partial, Virtual WSC 2020, Part One
24 April – 3 May 2020
Summary of Decisions

Published 8 May 2020

Motions

Motion V1: Because current government law, public health orders, and other crisis-related effects preclude conducting the World Service Conference in person, we resolve that all 2020 World Service Conference participants may participate and vote remotely in the same manner as the current policy for participants who are unable to obtain visas:

“Participants who are unable to attend the WSC due to visa issues may participate remotely. Remote participants have the same rights as if they were at the WSC” 2018 GWSNA

Maker: World Board

Intent: To allow WSC 2020 to make decisions on issues that participants have selected to proceed with virtually in April 2020. These issues include an emergency budget and project plans, elections, and the FIPT moratorium end date.

Decision: 130 yes – 1 no – 2 abstentions – 0 present not voting 98% Carried by Consensus

Motion # V2: To adopt an emergency financial frame to serve as the World Service Conference approved budget for Narcotics Anonymous World Service, Inc. for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022. We acknowledge that this frame will be adjusted by the World Board during the cycle as a result of current and changing conditions. All adjustments made will be reported to conference participants.

Maker: World Board

Intent: To fulfill the responsibilities required of NA World Services, Inc as the trustee called out in Article IV, Section 12 of the FIPT and current policies in GWSNA while at the same time acknowledging the uncertain and changing circumstances of the world. All other reporting requirements remain the same.

Article IV: Rights and responsibilities of the Trustee

Section 12: Trustee reporting obligation

Each year, the Trustee shall give a full written report of its activities to the Trustor. This report shall be delivered to all participants of the World Service Conference at or before its biennial meeting, and shall be available at cost or less to any Narcotics Anonymous member. This report shall include:

1. A year-end financial report of the previous calendar year.
2. A description of all Trustee activities funded from proceeds generated by the Trust in the previous year.
3. A budget and project description for Trustee activities planned for the coming conference cycle.

Straw Poll: 79 yes - 47 no - 5 abstentions - 2 present not voting – 60% Support

Motion V2R: To adopt the Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. emergency budget for 2021-2022 as presented.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 110 yes – 18 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 85% Consensus Support

Decision: 108 yes – 23 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting 82% Carried by Consensus

Motion V3: As WSC 2020 participants, we acknowledge our understanding and acceptance that all 2020-2022 project plans were created and offered before the current world crisis and public health-imposed quarantine and will only be worked on when and if the resources become available. We will consider each project plan presented for the 2020-2022 cycle on a project by project basis as required by current conference policy with this qualification. We will also provide priorities for the plans for new and revising existing Recovery IPs, IDTs, and the Local Service Toolbox plan.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 112 yes – 17 no – 4 abstentions – 1 present not voting 84% Consensus Support

Decision: 116 yes – 10 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 91% Carried by Consensus

Motion V4: To approve the Spiritual Principle a Day project for inclusion in the 2020-2022 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 115 yes – 11 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 90% Carried by Consensus

Motion V5: To approve the New Recovery Information Pamphlets project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 85 yes – 41 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 66% Failed

Motion V6: To approve the Revising Existing Recovery Information Pamphlets project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 92 yes – 32 no – 4 abstentions – 2 present not voting 72% Carried by strong support

Motion V7: To approve the Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 104 yes – 17 no – 5 abstentions – 4 present not voting 83% Carried by Consensus

Motion V8: To approve the Local Service Toolbox project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 108 yes – 17 no – 2 abstentions – 3 present not voting 85% Carried by Consensus

Motion V9: To approve the Role of Zones project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 99 yes – 23 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting 78% Carried by strong support

Motion V10: To approve the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)* revision project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 108 yes – 17 no – 3 abstentions – 2 present not voting 84% Carried by Consensus

Items Voted on and Polled without Motion Numbers:

Note: Votes indicate decisions, and polls are straw polls to get a sense of the body, but not a final decision.

Process-Related Items

Poll: Does everyone understand the process we are going to use?

Results: 126 yes - 3 no - 3 abstentions - 0 present not voting Consensus Support

Vote: Do you support a delegate being able to give their speaking right to their AD in a queue?

Offered in response to participants' discussion

Decision: 118 yes - 8 no - 3 abstentions - 3 present not voting 91% Passes with Consensus Support

Budget- and Project Plan-Related Items

Poll: Are you in favor of passing the emergency budget?

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 85 yes – 37 no – 5 abstentions – 4 present not voting 67% Strong Support

Vote: Does the body wish to reconsider its decisions made on Motions V3-V10?

Offered in response to participants' request

1st Straw Poll: 38 yes – 88 no – 0 abstentions – 3 present not voting 30% Strong Lack of Support

2nd Straw Poll: 48 yes – 81 no – 0 abstentions – 3 present not voting 36% Strong Lack of Support

Decision: 33 yes - 93 no - 1 abstention - 5 present not voting Fails with Strong Lack of Support

Note: The following was an attempt to make a decision without objection. An objection was made and polled and then the item was reworded to the positive, as reflected in the following poll.

Poll: Are there any objections to accepting DRT/MAT as it relates to NA—what do we want to say in a piece of NA literature? as our first IDT and approving a fellowship survey about this topic?

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 104 no - 5 abstentions - 6 present not voting 83% Consensus not in Support

Poll: To accept DRT/MAT as it relates to NA—what do we want to say in a piece of NA literature? as our first IDT and approving a fellowship survey about this topic.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 101 yes - 24 no - 4 abstentions - 6 present not voting 78% Strong Support

Vote: To split the DRT/MAT motion to separate out the survey.

Maker: Chicagoland Region

Decision: 85 yes - 41 no - 1 abstentions - 7 present not voting 67% Passes with Strong Support

Vote: To accept DRT/MAT as it relates to NA—what do we want to say in a piece of NA literature? as our first IDT

1st Straw Poll: 92 yes – 34 no – 3 abstentions – 4 present not voting 71% Strong Support

Decision: 87 yes - 39 no - 4 abstentions - 4 present not voting 67% Passes with Strong Support

Vote: To approve a fellowship survey about this (DRT/MAT) topic.

Straw Poll: 122 yes – 7 no – 4 abstentions – 1 present not voting 92% Consensus Support

Decision: 122 yes - 10 no – 1 abstentions - 1 present not voting 92% Passes with Consensus Support

Vote: To accept two topics as our beginning focus for the Local Service Toolbox project – online meetings best practices and carrying the NA message effectively and virtually.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 124 yes – 5 no – 1 abstention – 4 present not voting 95% Consensus Support

Decision: 127 yes - 2 no – 1 abstention – 3 present not voting Passed with 98% Consensus Support

Vote: To accept The Loner – IP #21 for the Revising existing recovery literature project.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 118 yes – 11 no – 3 abstentions – 3 present not voting 89% Consensus Support

Decision: 111 yes - 16 no – 2 abstentions – 1 present not voting 86% Passes with Consensus Support

Vote: To agree to conducting the project prioritization later in the upcoming Conference cycle.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 120 yes – 4 no – 5 abstentions – 4 present not voting 93% Consensus Support

Decision: 123 yes - 6 no – 2 abstentions – 4 present not voting Passes with 94% Consensus Support

Next Steps for the WSC

Poll: Do you want to come back together virtually as a WSC in this conference cycle to consider CAR and CAT motions?

Maker: World Board

Overnight epoll: 96 yes - 30 no 76% Strong Support

1st Straw Poll: 102 yes - 30 no – 0 abstentions – 1 present not voting 77% Strong Support

2nd Straw Poll: 90 yes - 38 no – 1 abstention – 5 present not voting 70% Strong Support

3rd Straw Poll: 75 yes - 49 no – 3 abstentions – 6 present not voting 59% Support

4th Straw Poll: 76 yes - 48 no – 1 abstention – 8 present not voting 61% Support

5th Straw Poll: 76 yes - 48 no – 3 abstentions – 6 present not voting 60% Support –

Cofacilitator ruled that the 5th straw poll would be a final vote and the measure would fail. Appeal the decision of the Cofacilitator:

**Vote to uphold the decision of the Cofacilitator 56 yes - 68 no - 3 abstentions – 3 present not voting
Appeal carries**

Amendment: Pacific Cascade/San Diego Imperial

To postpone motions 3-5 till WSC 2022 and to continue WSC 2020 discussing motions 1, 2, and 6-16.

Straw Poll: 82 yes – 36 no – 7 abstentions – 7 present not voting 66% Support

Decision: 65 yes - 59 no – 3 abstentions – 6 present not voting 51% Support –Fails

Cofacilitator ruled that this result (which was a second straw poll) would be a final vote and the measure would fail.

Appeal the decision of the cofacilitator:

**Vote to uphold the decision of the Cofacilitator 106 yes - 21 no - 1 abstentions – 5 present not voting
Appeal not supported.**

Amendment: Do you support to come back together virtually as a WSC 2020 in this cycle with the items for decision to be determined by CPs through eballot.

Maker: Cofacilitator in response to CP discussion

1st Straw Poll: 95 yes - 28 no – 1 abstentions – 7 present not voting 77% Strong Support

2nd Straw Poll: 98 yes - 27 no – 1 abstentions – 5 present not voting 78% Strong Support

Vote: 97 yes - 24 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting 80% Consensus Support

Elections:

World Board

Danny G

Eduardo G

Jorge M

Michael B

Human Resource Panel

Arne H-G

Laura B

Cofacilitator

Mario T

Decisions Made Via Epoll on April 2 :

These decisions were made by Conference participants via epoll to determine whether or not to hold a partial, virtual WSC

1. Do you support proceeding virtually with a partial WSC 2020 to decide essential business only?

Decision: 107 yes – 12 no – 0 abstentions – 1 present not voting 89.9% Passes with Consensus Support

2. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on the minimum - an emergency budget and the project plans outlined in the 2020 CAT?

Decision: 106 yes – 10 no - 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 89.8% Passes with Consensus Support

3. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on the FIPT operational rules moratorium end date?

Decision: 86 yes – 26 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting 73.5% Passes with Strong Support

4. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on CAR Motions?

Decision: 60 yes – 54 no – 2 abstentions – 4 present not voting 51.7% Fails with Support

5. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on the Strategic Plan?

Decision: 53 yes – 51 no – 12 abstentions – 4 present not voting 45.7% Fails with Lack of Support

6. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on Seating Motions?

Decision: 58 yes – 54 no – 7 abstentions – 1 present not voting 48.7% Fails with Lack of Support

7. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting a discussion on supporting the Fellowship in carrying the message and online meetings during the current crisis?

Decision: 60 yes – 50 no – 7 abstentions – 3 present not voting 51.3% Fails with Support

8. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting Elections?

Decision: 110 yes – 9 no - 0 abstentions – 1 present not voting 92.4% Passes with Consensus Support

9. If approved, should the partial virtual WSC 2020 be scheduled at two sessions of two hours per meeting day between 25 April and 3 May?

Decision: 90 yes – 25 no – 3 abstentions – 2 present not voting 76.3% Passes with Strong Support

10. If a partial virtual WSC 2020 is approved, is it easier for participants if these meeting dates are scheduled on weekends?

Decision: 68 yes – 33 no – 11 abstentions – 8 present not voting 60.7% Fails with Support

Amendments to Motion V2R

These amendments were sent in via email immediately close of business for the day and epolled overnight. Because none of these amendments were supported, the body opted to approve Motion V2R without considering any of them further.

VAM 1 – Colombia RD

To adjust the budget reducing by 50% the support to the WSC and fellowship development items.

Intent: That expenses to support the WSC and fellowship development which add up to more than \$800,000 dollars for the fiscal cycle 2020-2021 are reduced by 50% until we overcome this emergency, and that the budget for the 2021-2022 cycle remains the same as you had presented it for these two items.

Overnight epoll: 18 yes – 92 no – 10 abstentions – 11 present not voting 15% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 2 - Brazil RD

Let it be decided in the budget that the World Board will not hold more than 4 board meetings in the 2020-2022 cycle.

Intent: Use technological resources and reduce costs.

Overnight epoll: 24 yes – 92 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 19% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 3 - Pacific Cascade RD

To eliminate the world convention in Australia In 2021

Intent- To eliminate the \$1,265,381.00 of possible expenses.

Overnight epoll: 30 yes – 81 no – 11 abstentions – 9 present not voting 25% Strong Lack of Support

Withdrawn after poll was sent out

VAM4 – South Africa RD

We would like to have a reduction of expenses on literature distribution costs. To send less free literature to the fellowship and send electronic literature to the same fellowship instead.

We can possibly look at a new income by charging a small, respectable fee, for electronic literature to raise funds.

We would like to see a reduction in FD expenses, specifically on travelling, in person workshops and literature distribution, especially in Africa. We need to try new ways to support the African fellowship

and find a more result driven way to help Africa. Throwing money at Africa does not mean we are helping NA as a whole, let alone in Africa.

Overnight epoll: 34 yes – 76 no – 11 abstentions – 10 present not voting 28% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 5 – Baja Son RD

To formulate an emergency Budget where the reserve is not touched and work only with the incomes and the expenses as much as we can, taking into consideration only what is essential.

Overnight epoll: 30 yes – 93 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting 23% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 6: Aotearoa New Zealand RD

That the emergency budget be only 'for the fiscal year 2021'

Overnight epoll: 32 yes – 87 no – 7 abstentions – 5 present not voting 25% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 7: Aotearoa New Zealand RD

The emergency budget be redefined and based on the actual/revised emergency budget in place for the last months of the 2020 fiscal year.

Overnight epoll: 21 yes – 95 no – 7 abstentions – 8 present not voting 17% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 8 – BC RD

That the World Board adjust the emergency budget to limit the deficit to \$1 million before depreciation and amortization for the two year period, and that the World Board make further adjustments to the budget as necessary over the two year period to keep the deficit capped at \$1 million before depreciation and amortization.

Overnight epoll: 40 yes – 69 no – 12 abstentions – 10 present not voting 33% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 9 – Sam L

To adopt an emergency financial frame to serve as the World Service Conference approved budget for Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Immediately following the close of Virtual WSC 2020, a Virtual Emergency Budget Workgroup composed of WSC 2020 RDs and ZDs will be selected. We acknowledge that this frame will be adjusted by the World Board with the support of the Virtual Emergency Budget Workgroup during the cycle as a result of current and changing conditions. All adjustments will be reported to conference participants.”

Overnight epoll: 42 yes – 72 no – 8 abstentions – 9 present not voting 34% Lack of Support

VAM 10- San Diego Imperial RD

To reduce Income level for first year down to 50% of Original Budget instead of 75% and to reduce expenses down 20% of Original Budget Expenses instead of the 4.9% reduction that the Current Emergency Budget shows.

Intent - To reduce the deficit and to cover any further delays this year in getting back to business as usual. Setting a lower base for this Emergency Budget I feel is a more conservative approach and fits with the principals in the 11th Concept.

Overnight epoll: 21 yes – 85 no – 15 abstentions – 10 present not voting 17% Consensus Lack of Support

Withdrawn after poll was sent out

VAM 11 – Australian RD

New emergency budget to be presented in 15 days time. Budget to be worked on by WB and 6 RD/ZD - selection of RD/ZD to consist of 3 RD/ZD in favour of budget presented and 3 RD/ZD not in favour of budget presented during the virtual WSC. All WSC voting participants will be able to vote using remote technology within 5 days of the new emergency budget being presented

Overnight epoll: 34 yes – 82 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 27% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 12 – CA Midstate RDA

I am making an amendment to the emergency budget to reflect Anthony's 85% reduction in orders for the income section of the literature sales. It is at 33% right now and does not reflect the amount stated. Additionally, the reduction in salary needs to be identified because I calculated the reduction at 11% and 7% decrease in overhead which wasn't stated and isn't congruent with less travel, salaries, etc. Change the member contributions from \$318818 to \$92,000 because it was stated at \$8k per month which is \$92k not \$318818. The income and expense needs additional explanation as the 25% decrease in expenses and isn't reflected in the emergency budget. I created a spreadsheet with with the current emergency budget and original budget and the percentages do not reflect what was discussed online

Overnight epoll: 25 yes – 80 no – 15 abstentions – 11 present not voting 21% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 13 – Alaska RD

In the Spirit of the 1st Tradition and Building unity a regular reporting schedule that the fellowship can count on regarding rapid budgetary changes needs to be established along with approval of the emergency budget.

Intent: to inspire confidence throughout the fellowship in the response of the WB as trusted servants and transparency in the budgeting process through this emergency response.

Overnight epoll: 57 yes – 60 no – 7 abstentions – 7 present not voting 46% Lack of Support

VAM 14 – LAZF ZD

reduce all the amounts of the emergency budget, both in the income and expense categories by 50% for the first year, and by 20% for the second year

Overnight epoll: 22 yes – 93 no – 9 abstentions – 7 present not voting 18% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 15 – New Jersey RD

That the cuts to personnel for Fiscal 2020-2021 be increased from 7% overall to 20% overall, AND the cuts to Overhead be increased from 11% overall to 20% overall while the deficit exceeds \$1.5M. The breakdown by expense category to be decided by the WB.

Overnight epoll: 17 yes – 91 no – 14 abstentions – 9 present not voting 14% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 16 – Arizona RD

All current literature projects, other than those that could be continued electronically, be put on hold through 2020.

Overnight epoll: 45 yes – 76 no – 5 abstentions – 5 present not voting 36% Lack of Support

VAM 17 – Arizona RD

Based on current inventory amounts, Literature production & distribution be reduced by reduced 20%, .If current inventory will not meet current demand (which appears to be low), then the production should be based on meeting current demand.

Overnight epoll: 29 yes – 84 no – 9 abstentions – 9 present not voting 24% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 18 – Arizona RD

World conference support, currently on at 1.3M for 20-21 should be carefully considered. Since we are currently meeting electronically, how much needs to be spent in this first year, or at least the first six months that fall in 2020. Since the details of the World Board costs are not given it is unclear what the \$110,000 is, but if it is travel then the Board should meet electronically and save this money. Personnel costs could be contained by allowing WSC members to be more active in projects and create work groups which would include a NAW's facilitator.

Overnight epoll: 31 yes – 80 no – 12 abstentions – 8 present not voting 25% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 19 – Arizona RD

Fellowship development is very high in personnel costs. We suggest that all travel (assuming travel is included in personnel costs since this is the long pole in the tent) be put on hold for the rest of 2020. Any other personnel contributions, such as the valuable assistance provided by NAWs' staff should be left in the budget. It is difficult to imagine staff support would equal 1.2M.

Overnight epoll: 43 yes – 73 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 35% Lack of Support

VAM 20- Região Brasil Sul RD

That WCNA 2021 be transferred to the 2022-2024 cycle. And adjusting accordingly the following conventions.

Overnight epoll: 37 yes – 75 no – 10 abstentions – 9 present not voting 30% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 21- Região Brasil Sul RD

That the World Board's face-to-face meetings be only two for the 2020-2022 cycle. That the other meetings be made online.

Overnight epoll: 43 yes – 77 no – 6 abstentions – 5 present not voting 34% Lack of Support

VAM 22 - Região Brasil Sul RD

A further reduction of 20% in the expenses referring to Fellowship Development for the 2020-2022 cycle.

Overnight epoll: 28 yes – 90 no – 7 abstentions – 6 present not voting 22% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 23- Região Brasil Sul RD

A further reduction of 20% in the Overhead and Personnel expenses in the following topics: Fellowship Development, Literature Production and Distribution, Activities, World Service Conference

Overnight epoll: 23 yes – 89 no – 11 abstentions – 8 present not voting 19% Consensus Lack of Support