USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

April 30 – May 6, 2023

ACRONYMS

NAWS – Narcotics Anonymous World Services

WB – World Board

WSO – World Service Office (Located in Los Angeles, USA)

WSO E – European Service Office (Located in Brussels, Belgium)

WSC – World Service Conference

GWSNA – Guide to World Services in NA

CAR – Conference Agenda Report

CAT – Conference Approval Track

FIPT – Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust

WCNA – World Convention NA (next, Washington DC - Aug 2024)

SERVICE BODY FUNCTIONS

NAWS – World services are those services that deal with the problems and needs of NA as a whole and that NA offers to its members, its groups, and to society. The basic purposes of our world services are communication, coordination, information, and guidance.

WB – The Board serves as a primary resource for the NA Fellowship by providing the support needed to carry our message while ensuring that the service and support provided are of the highest quality possible. The World Board manages all activities of World Services including oversight of the operations of the Fellowship's primary service center, the World Service Office.

WSO – Carries out the directives of WSC in matters relating to communications and information for NA, its services, groups, and members. The WSO achieves this purpose by maintaining correspondence with NA groups and service committees, by printing and distributing WSC-approved literature, and by maintaining the archives and files of NA.

WSC - Regional and zonal delegates, together with members of the World Board and the executive director of the World Service Office, meet to discuss questions of significance to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole.
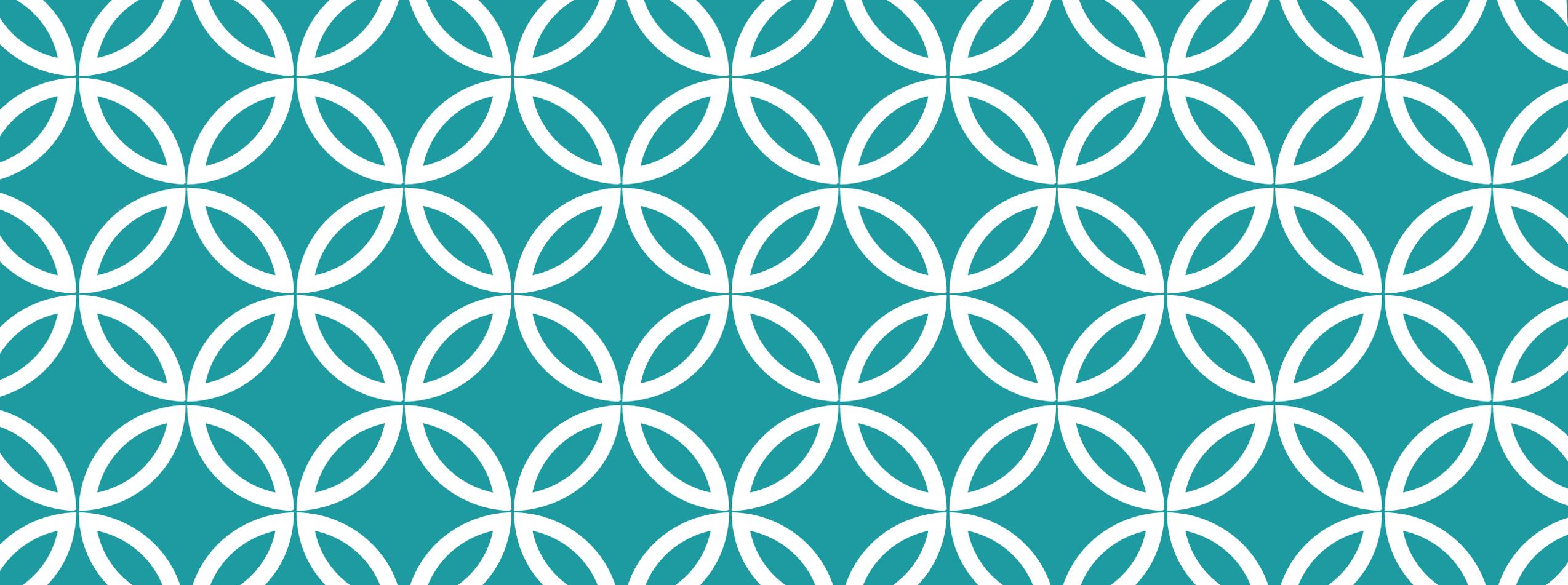
SERVICE MATERIAL FUNCTIONS

GWSNA – Provides useful information about our service structure, service bodies, WSC, World Convention and much more. It is updated every 2 years in line with the WSC cycle. This is very useful for delegates!

GLSNA – Provides useful information about our service structure, particularly on a local level. This is good to use within groups, areas, regional meetings for reference!

CAR – Includes items for fellowship discussion and decision, including reports, proposals, and motions from the WB and any motions submitted from regions. The report contains the proposals and motions that the Fellowship is being asked to consider and form a fellowship-wide conscience on.

CAT – contains a variety of material to be considered at the upcoming WSC that was not included in the CAR. Items that typically are included in the CAT include the proposed NAWS Budget and project plans for the upcoming cycle, seating requests, and recommendations from the WB, as well as other service- or WSC-related material.

FIPT - A set of documents describing how NA's literature and logos are managed and protected for the greatest benefit of the fellowship as a whole. Contains its own glossary of terms. Approved by the fellowship in April 1993.

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Motions 4-5, 8-14, 21-22, 39

MOTION #4
MAKER: WORLD BOARD

To acknowledge that an NA meeting that meets regularly in person or virtually can choose to be an NA group if they meet the criteria described in The Group Booklet, including the six points for an NA group, and are consistent with NA philosophy as expressed in our Traditions. (Footnotes will be added to The Group Booklet and GLS, reflecting the decision of the WSC, if this motion passes, and referencing Virtual Meeting Basics as a possible resource.)

Intent: To recognize NA groups that meet virtually, including online and by phone.

Initial Straw Poll: 107-5-0-1 95%

Final Vote: 114-9-1-0 91% [92%] Consensus Support

MOTION #5
MAKER: WORLD BOARD

To revise **A Vision for NA Service**, changing the phrase "**his or her** own language and culture" to the phrase "**their** own language and culture." (If this motion passes, A Vision for NA Service will be revised in future printings, including in Fellowship-approved recovery literature.)

Intent: To revise the Vision Statement to be more inclusive.

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 93-12-1-2 87% (ZD vote: 4-1-0-0)

Final Vote: 101-13-0-1 88% [89%] Consensus Support (ZD vote: 5-1-0-0)

MOTION #8
MAKER: WORLD BOARD

As a result of the COVID pandemic, ==to suspend the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy after 2024==, to allow the World Board to determine what is possible and practical moving forward and then seek approval from conference participants.

Intent: Given the disruption in the rotation of WSC and WCNA that has already occurred, the increases in event costs, and the other changes brought about by the pandemic, to allow an evaluation by the World Board and approval by conference participants for what is possible and practical in the future.

Initial Straw Poll: 89-15-3-6 83%

Final Vote: 107-13-2-4 87% ==Consensus Support==

MOTION #9
MAKER: WORLD BOARD

To approve a three-year World Service Conference cycle on a trial basis following WSC 2023 through WSC 2029. Following 2029, the WSC cycle would return to two years, unless another decision is made.

Intent: To put into practice some of what we've learned during the pandemic so that we can shift more resources to work that more directly carries the message. This would bring the WSC resource allocation in line with other changes that have been made in World Services—cuts in staff levels and a 50% reduction in in-person board meetings.

Initial Straw Poll: 90-15-3-5 83%

Final Vote: 98-22-1-3 80% **Consensus Support**

MOTION #10
MAKER: WORLD BOARD

If Motion 9 is adopted, ==to approve an interim virtual WSC in the middle of the conference cycle== for decisions that are legally necessary and those that conference participants choose to address. As was done in the 2020-2023 cycle, material would be posted on na.org under the same deadline policies as the CAT (ninety days prior) and all voting conference participants would be polled to choose the items they wish to address.

Intent: To allow conference participants to address some WSC business between in-person conference meetings.

Initial Straw Poll: 101-5-3-4 92%

Final Vote: 114-7-2-2 92% ==Consensus Support==

MOTION #11
MAKER: WORLD BOARD

If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve a change to the release of the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) to be thirty days earlier than the current policy of 150 days prior to the start of the World Service Conference. The new CAR release day would be 180 days prior to the in-person WSC meeting for English, 150 days for translated versions. The deadline for the finalization of regional and zonal motions would be 270 days. The Conference Agenda Report will be posted on na.org at no cost to members.

Intent: To release the CAR earlier to allow more time for its review.

Initial Straw Poll: 109-1-0-3 99%

Final Vote: 117-7-0-1 94% Consensus Support

MOTION #12
MAKER: WORLD BOARD

To change the current policy of NA World Services automatically funding delegates from seated regions and zones to the WSC ==to funding available upon request.==

Intent: To encourage service bodies to fund their delegates, but ensure that regions and zones that need the funding are able to have it.

Initial Straw Poll: 101-9-0-3 91%

Final Vote: 110-12-0-3 90% ==Consensus Support==

At this WSC 46 Delegates were fully funded by their regions and zones, and 12 partially funded.

MOTION #13
MAKER: ARGENTINA REGION

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the next World Service Conference (WSC), for the development of a new IP for daily personal inventory of gratitude.

Intent: To create a new resource for the fellowship members, through a new IP for the daily personal inventory of gratitude.

Initial Straw Poll: 76-29-5-3 69%

Final Vote: 88-29-3-2 73% Strong Support

MOTION #14
MAKERS: SWEDEN AND AUSTRALIA REGIONS
CO-MAKERS: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION, WISCONSIN REGION, ONTARIO REGION

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at the next WSC to investigate changes and/or additional wording to NA literature from gender specific language to gender neutral and inclusive language.

Intent: This motion will give the conference and the Fellowship the ability to meaningfully discuss changes to our literature to be more inclusive of all our members.

Initial Straw Poll: 75-34-2-2 67%

Final Vote: 92-31-1-1 74% Strong Support

MOTION #21
MAKER: FREE STATE REGION

Original Motion: To direct NA World Services to remove the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook from the inventory.

As amended by #21-a1: Create a project plan for the next WSC to update the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook and remove outdated terms and references.

Intent: To remove an outdated service manual from WSO inventory

Initial Straw Poll: 24-82-2-5 22%

Final Vote: 109-13-3-1 87% Consensus Support

MOTION #22
MAKER: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

If any Motion or Proposal, in content or intent, has been submitted and failed to achieve consensus or adoption at two consecutive World Service Conferences, the previously proposed Content and Intent may not be suggested to the fellowship in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) Conference Approval Track (CAT) or at WSC for one entire conference cycle.

Intent: To use the Fellowship's decision-making processes and time responsibly and effectively.

Initial Straw Poll: 76-29-4-4, 69%

2nd straw Poll: 76-44-4-1, 61%

Final Decision: 58-64-2-1, 46% (motion failed)

MOTION #39
MAKER: FRANCE REGION
CO-MAKERS: SOUTH FLORIDA REGION, ISRAEL REGION, NETHERLANDS REGION

To seat Iran Region #1 at the World Service Conference

Initial Straw Poll: 102-5-7-12 89%

Final Vote: 116-12-4-3 87% Consensus Support

Iran Region 1 is made up of 8 ASC's (Areas).

The region contains approx. 450 groups who hold approx. 2000 meetings per week.

The region has recently registered as a legal entity in Iran.

Iran Region 1 is a member community of the EDM.