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CONFERENCE FIRSTS

WSC 2023 was the first . . .

- truly hybrid WSC, with 14 voting participants and 25 alternates joining via Zoom. (At WSC 2018, a few participants joined remotely—one delegate and two alternates.)
- WSC with no conference sessions scheduled after dinner.
- WSC with all motions and amendments submitted in advance.
- in-person (hybrid) WSC with zonal delegates voting.
- in-person (hybrid) WSC with no parliamentarian.
- in-person (hybrid) WSC with an eballot for elections.
- WSC with only RBZ candidates on the ballot.
- WSC with a dedicated online portal (www.worldna.org)

STATISTICS ON PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING WSC 2023

- There were 139 voting members participating at this WSC—126 delegates and 13 World Board members. In addition, there were 101 alternate delegates, plus 4 HRP members, 2 cofacilitators, 5 in-person translators and additional virtual translations.
- Of 123 seated regions, there were 120 RDs participating. Of 6 seated zones, 6 ZDs were participating.
- Eleven RDs, 2 ZDs, 1 World Board member, and 25 alternates joined the conference as virtual participants.
- This was the first WSC that Minas and Northwest Russia participated as seated members.
- Chile, El Salvador, and Spain were not in attendance.
- Of the 126 delegates from seated regions and zones participating, 64 were from the US, 5 from Canada, and 57 from outside the US and Canada.
- We had 107 alternate delegates from seated regions or zones participating, 65 from the US, 5 from Canada, and 37 from outside of the US or Canada.
- There were 182 men and 65 women among the conference participants—delegates, alternates, World Board members, and zonal delegates.
- This year's conference participants were from 44 countries and we spoke 28 languages (based on Serenity Prayer languages at the close of the First Things First session).
- This conference made the decision to seat five regions: Brazil Central, Iran Region #1, Nordeste Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul, and Thailand.

ADOPTED MOTIONS

Note: Because Motions #1, #1-a1, #2, #2-a1, #3, #5, and #6 are *FIPT* motions, only regional delegates were the legal decision makers. The threshold for decision making was pinned to the most recent roll call. For Motion #1 and #2 there were 117 delegates present at the most recent roll call. For Motion #3 and #6 the number was 120. For Motion #5 it was 119. The percentage of those voting is also shown in [brackets] for Motions 2 through 6. See the *FIPT* Operational Rules for more information www.na.org/fipt.

Motion #1	World Board
	<p>Original Motion: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the <i>Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)</i>.</p> <p>As amended by 1a1: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the <i>Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)</i> in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the <i>FIPT</i> as reflected in Addendum B.</p> <p>Intent: To reflect the decision at WSC 2018 to make delegates from seated zones voting WSC participants and honor the six-month Fellowship review of this proposal that occurred from December 2020 through May 2021.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 99 yes -6 no -2 abstain -1 present, not voting 92% (ZD vote: 5-0-0-0)
Final Vote: 111-3-1-1 94% Consensus Support (ZD vote: 6-0-0-0)

Note: WSC policy states that when there is consensus in the initial straw poll, the conference can decide on a motion without entertaining any amendments if participants wish.

Decision: Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #1:
 91-22-1-2 77% Strong Support

Motion #1-a1	World Board
Amend, CAR Motion 1	<p>To add to the end of Motion 1 the following:</p> <p>. . . in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the <i>FIPT</i> as reflected in Addendum B.</p> <p>Motion 1 would read as amended: Motion 1: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the <i>Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)</i> in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the <i>FIPT</i> as reflected in Addendum B.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 82-8-7-11 84% (ZD vote: 3-1-1-0)
Final Vote: 107-6-3-1 91% Consensus Support (ZD vote: 6-0-0-0)

Motion #2	World Board
	<p>To approve the revisions to the <i>FIPT</i> Operational Rules contained in Addendum B.</p> <p>Intent: To revise the Operational Rules to reflect discussions at WSC 2018 about the Inspection of Trustee Activities and to reflect current practices, terms, and language.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 92-8-4-4 88% (ZD vote: 4-1-0-0)

Final Vote: 93-20-0-3 79% [82%] Strong Support (ZD vote 5-1-0-0)

Note: WSC policy states that when there is consensus in the initial straw poll, the conference can decide on a motion without entertaining any amendments if participants wish.

Decision: Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #2:
48-64-3-2 41% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #3	World Board
	<p>To approve the revisions to NA <i>Intellectual Property Bulletin #1</i> contained in Addendum D.</p> <p>Intent: To revise this bulletin so that it provides more direct and clear guidance, and so that it reflects current practices, terms, and language.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 97-6-4-1 90% (ZD vote: 4-1-0-0)

Final Vote: 104-12-2-2 86% [88%] Consensus Support (ZD vote: 5-1-0-0)

Motion #4	World Board
	<p>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 <i>The Group Booklet</i>, including the six points for an NA group, and are consistent with NA philosophy as expressed in our Traditions. <i>(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.)</i></p> <p>Intent: To recognize NA groups that meet virtually, including online and by phone.</p>

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

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

Motion #5	World Board
	<p>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.” <i>(If this motion passes, A Vision for NA Service will be revised in future printings, including in Fellowship-approved recovery literature.)</i></p> <p>Intent: To revise the Vision Statement to be more inclusive.</p>

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 #6	World Board
	<p>To approve a change to World Services Translation Policy in GWSNA to allow the possibility for up to six locally developed personal stories to be included in translated Sixth Edition Basic Texts, if the stories have first been published in the Little White Book of that language. These stories would be placed in their own section in Our Members Share with the following language preceding them:</p> <p><i>A Vision for NA Service looks forward to a day when addicts around the world have the opportunity to experience our message in their own language and culture. In pursuit of that vision, communities or language groups that have published local stories in the Little White Book may include up to six of those stories in the Basic Text if they choose. These [fill in the number] stories were originally published in the [fill in the language] Little White Book in [fill in the year].</i></p> <p>Intent: To better reflect our Vision that “every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in [their] own language and culture...” in our primary text.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 107-0-0-1 100% (ZD vote: 5-0-0-0)

Final Vote: 118-1-1-0 98% [98%] Consensus Support (ZD vote: 6-0-0-0)

Motion #7	World Board
	<p>To extend the six World Board members’ terms currently expiring in 2024 through the end of the upcoming World Service Conference cycle.</p> <p>Intent: To accommodate the change to the WSC cycle that has already occurred and avoid World Board terms ending in the middle of a conference cycle.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: 102-6-2-3 92%

Final Vote: 119-5-0-0 95% Consensus Support

Decision: Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendments to Motion #7:
 41-82-0-1 33% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #8	World Board
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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

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

Motion #9	World Board
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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

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

Decision: Do you want to decide on Motion #9 without entertaining any amendments:
81-41-0-2 66% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #10	World Board
	<p>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.</p> <p>Intent: To allow conference participants to address some WSC business between in-person conference meetings.</p>

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

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

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #10:
54-69-1-1 43% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #11	World Board
	<p>If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve a change to the release of the <i>Conference Agenda Report (CAR)</i> to be thirty days earlier than the current policy of 150 days prior to the start of the World Service Conference. The new <i>CAR</i> 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 <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> will be posted on na.org at no cost to members.</p> <p>Intent: To release the <i>CAR</i> earlier to allow more time for its review.</p>

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

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

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Motion #11: 63-61-0-0 50% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #12	World Board
	<p>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.</p> <p>Intent: To encourage service bodies to fund their delegates, but ensure that regions and zones that need the funding are able to have it.</p>

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

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

Motion #13	Argentina Region
	<p>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.</p> <p>Intent: To create a new resource for the fellowship members, through a new IP for the daily personal inventory of gratitude.</p>

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

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

Motion #14	Sweden and Australia Regions Comakers: 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	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 #21-a1	South Florida Region Co-maker: New Jersey Region
Amend, <i>CAR</i> Motion 21	To substitute the wording of Motion #21 with the following: Create a project plan for the next WSC to update the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook and remove outdated terms and references.

Initial Straw Poll: 71-24-3-15 72%

Final Vote: 89-28-3-6 74% Strong Support

Motion #26	World Board
	To approve the project plan for New Recovery Informational Pamphlets.

Initial Straw Poll: 108-5-3-10 93%

Final Vote: 124-10-0-0 92% Consensus Support

Motion #27	World Board
	To approve the project plan for Revising Existing Recovery Informational Pamphlets.

Initial Straw Poll: 112-3-3-8 94%

Final Vote: 131-2-1-2 97% Consensus Support

Motion #28	World Board
	To approve the project plan for Issue Discussion Topics.

Initial Straw Poll: 111-3-6-6 92%

Final Vote: 127-5-2-0 94% Consensus Support

Motion #29	World Board
	To approve the project plan for New and Revised Service Tools.

Initial Straw Poll: 113-1-4-8 95%

Final Vote: 122-11-1-0 91% Consensus Support

Motion #30	World Board
	To approve the project plan for Future of the WSC.

Initial Straw Poll: 109-3-4-10 93%

Final Vote: 130-4-1-0 96% consensus support

Motion #31	World Board
	To approve the project plan for Invest in Our Vision.

Initial Straw Poll: 108-2-6-10 93%

Final Vote: 127-6-2-0 94% Consensus Support

Motion #32	World Board
	To approve the 2023–2025 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., Budget

Initial Straw Poll: 109-3-7-7 91%

Final Vote: 129-5-1-0 95% Consensus Support

Motion #33	World Board																		
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Initial Straw Poll: 106-1-3-3 96%

Final Vote: 119-1-2-1 97% Consensus Support

Motion #34	World Board
	<p>For WSC 2023 only: If a participant appeals a decision of the Cofacilitator, the Cofacilitator will explain why they ruled as they did, the participant making the appeal will explain why they are appealing the ruling, and then the body will vote. The voting threshold required to uphold a decision of the Cofacilitator under appeal will be 50% plus 1 in favor of the Cofacilitator.</p> <p>Intent: To clearly define the process for a participant to appeal the chair, thus maintaining checks and balances.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: 94-10-5-4 86%

Final Vote: 102-17-1-3 85% Consensus Support

Motion #36	World Board
	<p>To adopt, for WSC 2023 only, the following approaches for New Idea Discussions</p> <p>[See page 6 of the CAT]</p>

Initial Straw Poll: 94-1-7-11 92%

Final Vote: 106-3-10-5 89% Consensus Support

Motion #37	World Board
	<p>To adopt the 2023–2025 Reimbursement Policy.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: 112-1-5-8 94%

Final Vote: 132-1-2-0 97% Consensus Support

Motion #38	World Board
	To approve the 2020 and 2022 World Service Conference minutes.

Initial Straw Poll: 100-0-6-7 94%

Final Vote: 116-1-1-5 98% Consensus Support

Motion #39	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

Motion #40	South Florida Region
	To seat Brazil Central region

Initial Straw Poll: 76-18-12-20 71%

Final Vote: 88-32-7-9 69% Strong Support

Motion #41	South Florida Region
	To seat Nordeste Brazil Region

Initial Straw Poll: 89-9-12-16 80%

Final Vote: 112-13-3-9 87% Consensus Support

Motion #42	South Florida Region
	To seat Rio Grande do Sul

Initial Straw Poll: 91-7-11-17 83%

Final Vote: 111-13-3-10 87% Consensus Support

Motion #43	South Florida Region Co-maker: Asia Pacific Forum
	To seat Thailand Region

Initial Straw Poll: 91-12-9-14 81%

Final Vote: 119-14-1-3 88% Consensus Support

Motion #44	World Board																		
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Final Vote: 131-1-0-0 99% **Consensus Support**

Motion #45	World Board
	<p>If a participant appeals a decision of the Cofacilitator, the participant making the appeal will explain why they are appealing the ruling, the Cofacilitator will explain why they ruled as they did, and then the body will vote. The voting threshold required to uphold a decision of the Cofacilitator under appeal will be 50% plus 1 in favor of the Cofacilitator.</p>

Final Vote: 123-10-1-0 91% **Consensus Support**

WSC 2023 BALLOTS (THE BALLOTS WERE DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY)

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WSC23 World Board Ballot

World Board

Five positions available, vote for up to seven nominees. Below are each nominee's name and the source of their RBZ nomination.

- Carla W: RBZ - World Board, Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum, Upper Rocky Mountain Region**
- Dennis McC: RBZ - North East Zonal Forum, Northern New York Region**
- Donna M: RBZ - World Board**
- Jack H: RBZ - World Board**
- Jose Luis A: RBZ - World Board**
- Tim S: RBZ - World Board**
- Veronica B: RBZ - World Board**

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WSC 23 HRP Ballot

HRP

Two positions available, vote for up to three nominees. Below are each nominee's name and the source of their RBZ nomination.

Chuck C: RBZ - Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum

Ron M: RBZ - Southeastern Zonal Forum, Florida Region

Sam L: RBZ - Northern New England Region

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WSC 23 Co-Facilitator Ballot

Co-Facilitator

One position available, vote for up to two nominees. Below are each nominee's name and the source of their RBZ nomination.

Eric B: RBZ - Western States Zonal Forum

Louis H: RBZ - Midwest Zonal Forum, Chicagoland Region

WSC 2023 ELECTION RESULTS (LAST NAMES REMOVED FOR THIS RECORD)

WORLD BOARD

Carla W – Upper Rocky Mountain Region
Jack H – Washington-Northern Idaho Region
Jose Luis A – Region Del Coqui
Tim S – Australian Region
Veronica B – Sweden Region

HRP

Ron M – Florida Region
Sam L – Northern New England Region

COFACILITATOR

Louis H – Chicagoland Region

RESULTS OF WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2023 PLANNING SESSION PRIORITIZATION

Conference participants broke into small groups two discuss the internal and external factors that may affect our ability to achieve our vision. Small group results were consolidated and then the full group prioritized the factors as below.

What factors (trends, issues, etc.) are shaping the environment in which NA strives to achieve its vision? (Consider factors in such areas as social/demographic/cultural, technological, economic, legislative/regulatory/political, legal, environmental, etc.)

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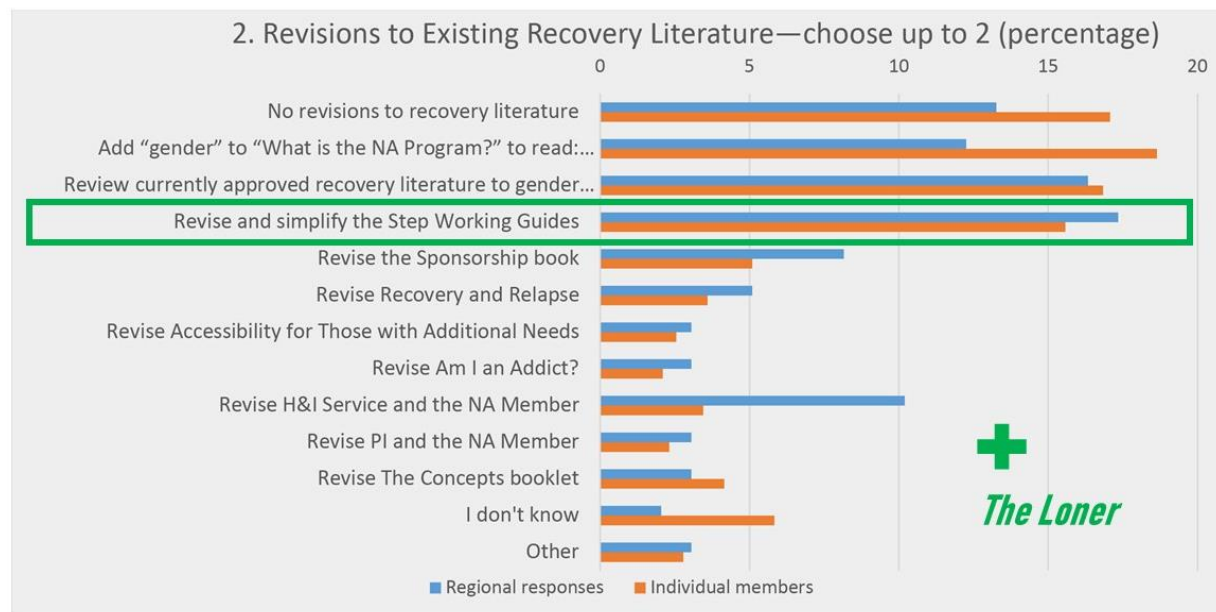
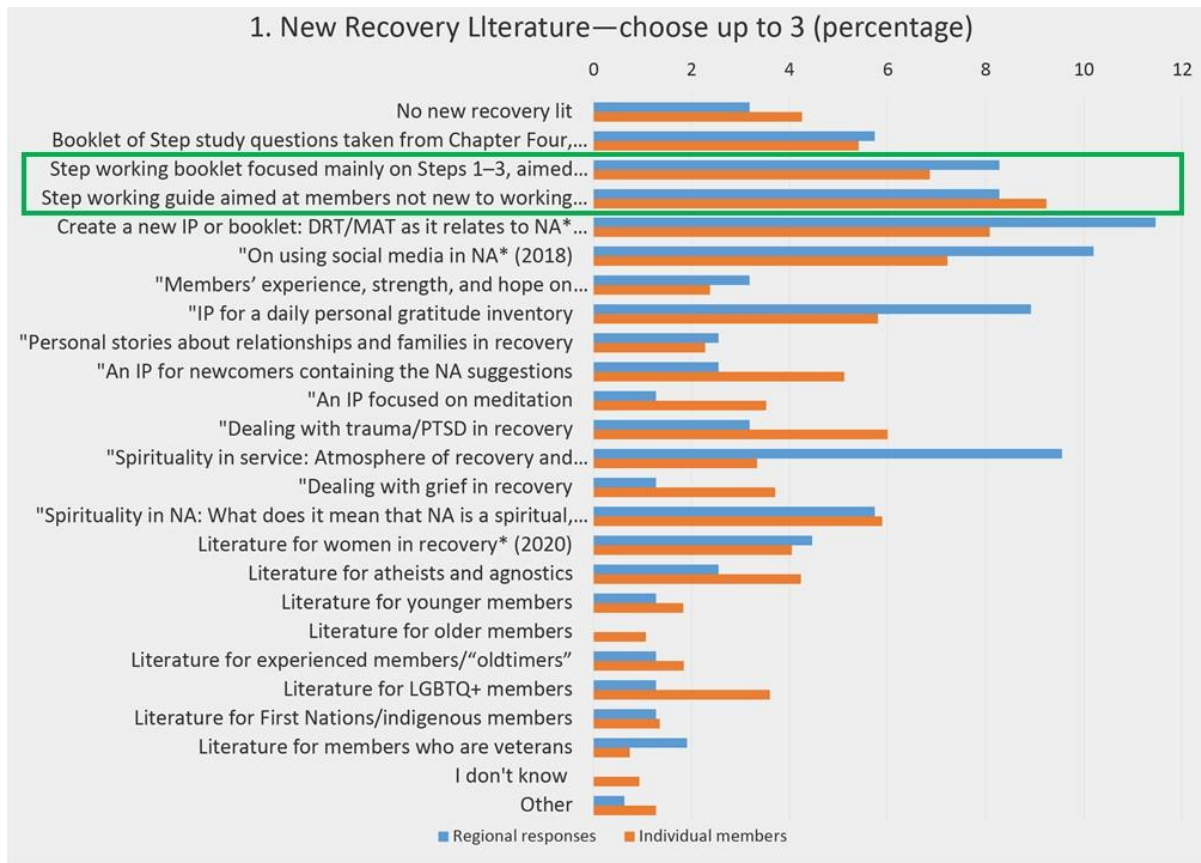
What factors (trends, issues, etc.) are shaping the environment within NA that will impact the ability to achieve our vision? (Consider factors in such areas the effectiveness of service bodies, the atmosphere of recovery, funding, unity, illicit literature, etc.)

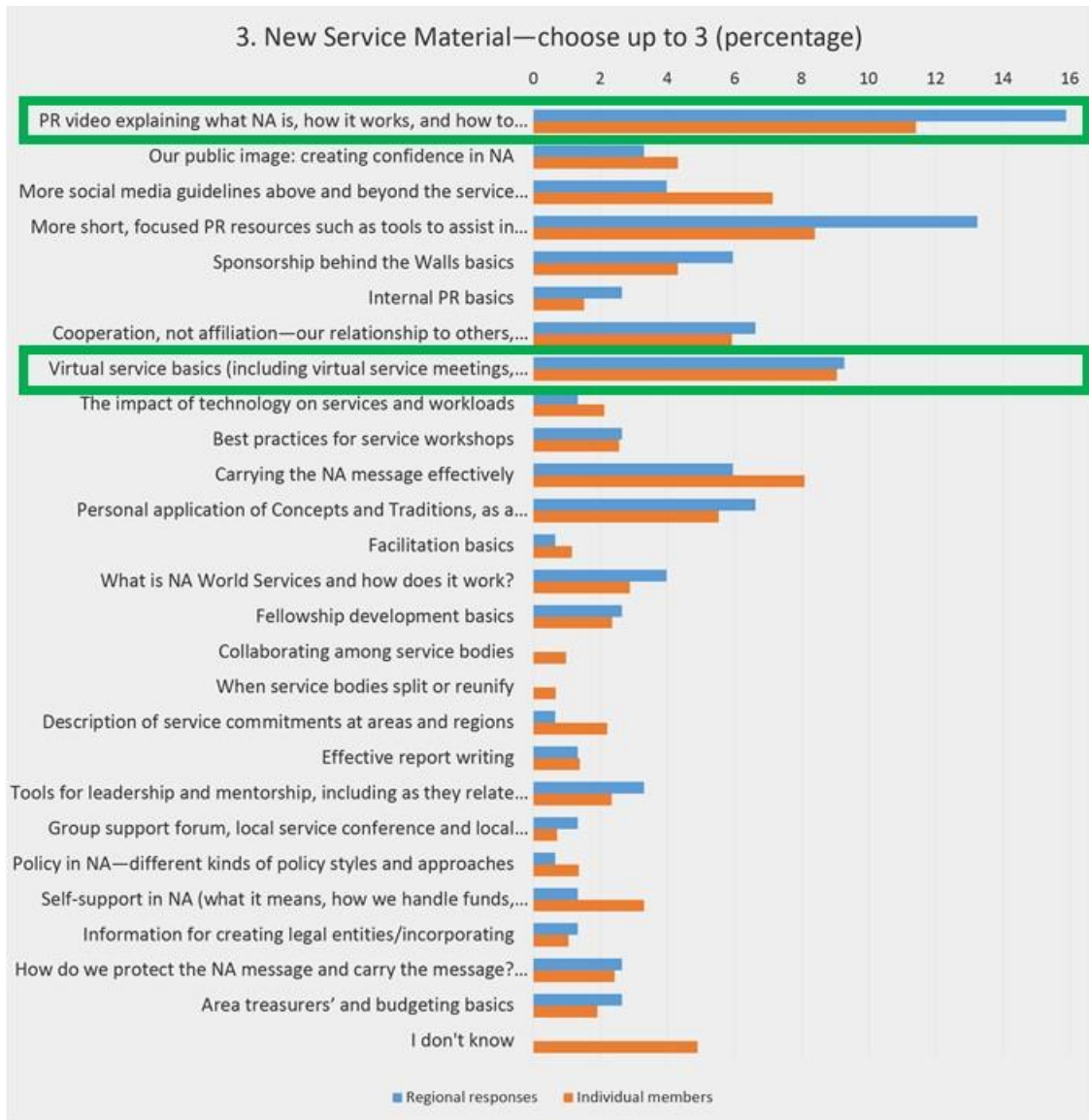
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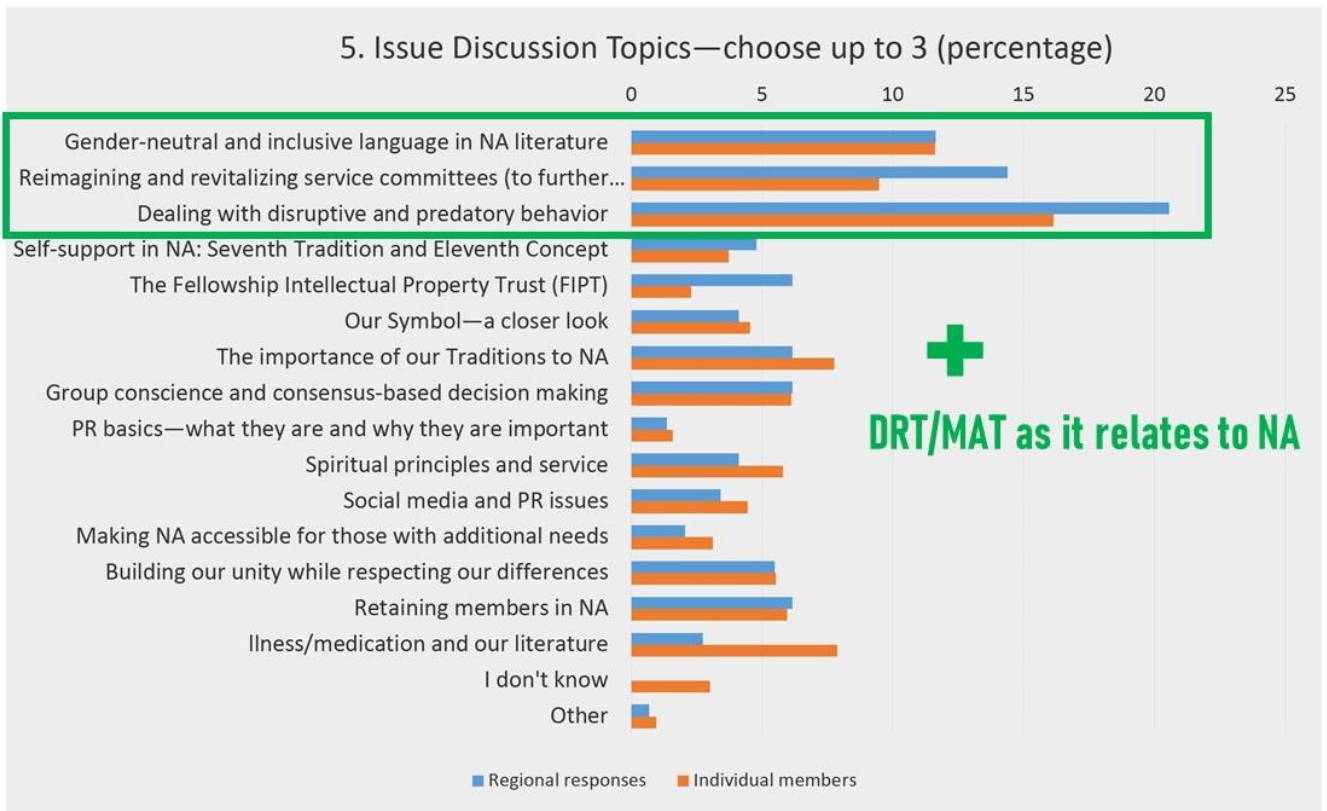
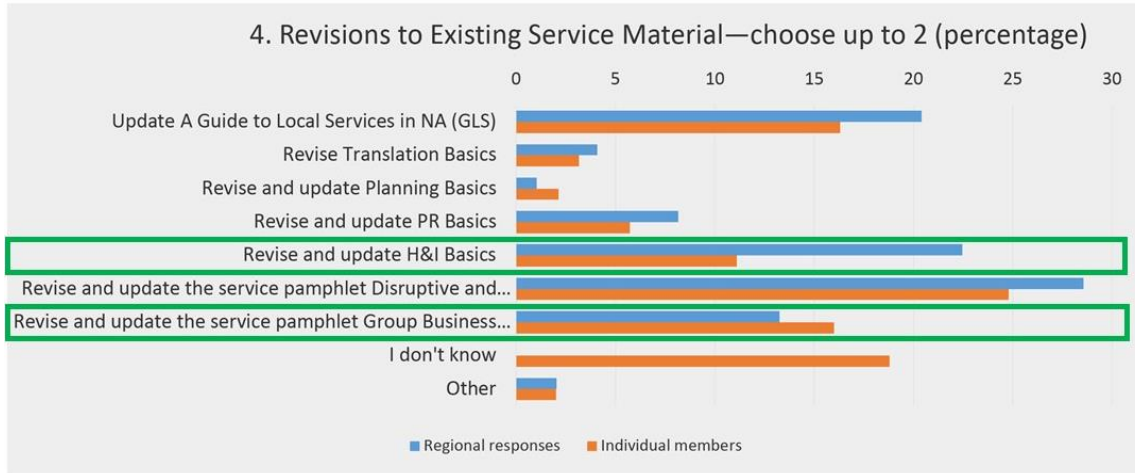
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CAR SURVEY RESULTS

The board's recommendations for project plans are bracketed in green.







STRAW POLLS FROM BUDGET DISCUSSION AND CAR SURVEY RESULTS SESSION

Straw Poll for IDTs:

That the focus of the Issue Discussion Topics be the following:

- Dealing with disruptive and predatory behavior
- Gender-neutral and inclusive language in NA literature
- Reimagining and revitalizing service committees (to further the reach of the NA message, improve communication, provide mentorship and training, and make service more attractive and accessible, learning from our experience the past few years)
- DRT/MAT as it relates to NA

Straw Poll Results: 118-6-2-0 93% Consensus Support

Straw Poll for New and Revised Service Tools:

That the focus of the New and Revised Service Tools be the following:

- Virtual service basics (including virtual service meetings, virtual meetings and areas participating in the service system, virtual workshops and trainings, etc.)
- PR video explaining what NA is, how it works, and how to contact us
- Revise and update H&I Basics.
- Revise and update the service pamphlet Group Business Meetings, with a section on using a CBDM process, and the concept of delegation.

Straw Poll Results: 123,5-4-0 93% Consensus Support

Straw Poll for New and Revised Recovery Literature::

That the focus for new and revised recovery literature be the following:

- Revise IP #21, The Loner
 - If the SWG was edited and simplified, it could satisfy three of the prioritized ideas. These are:
 - Step working guide aimed at members not new to working the Steps
 - Step working booklet focused mainly on Steps 1–3, aimed primarily at new members and those in treatment and drug courts
 - Revise and simplify the Step Working Guides

Straw Poll Results: 121-10-1-1 91% Consensus Support

STRAW POLLS FROM MOVING FORWARD

~~Motion 46~~ Straw Poll:

To make first draft amendment deadline policy—one month/30 days in advance of WSC.

65-65-4-2 48%

STRAW POLLS THAT WERE PLANNED BUT NOT TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF TIME

GWSNA Changes

- Explain the timing and purpose of the initial straw poll.
- Better define amendments.
- Roll calls and roll call votes
- Third person to assist the cofacs at in person WSCs
- Future CP webinars on GWSNA policies

Items from the HRP

- Require RBZs from all candidates
- Repurpose the World Pool
- No nominations from “the floor”

NEW IDEA PROPOSAL PRIORITIES

Conference participants submitted new ideas for discussion, prioritized them through a survey, and spent two sessions Friday 5 May discussing the top four prioritized topics.

New Ideas Prioritized for Discussion	YES	NO
<p>Maker: World Board</p> <p>Main Topic/Issue: Predatory Behavior</p> <p>Proposal: How we can respond to predatory behavior in NA</p>	83	18
<p>Maker: World Board</p> <p>Main Topic/Issue: Fellowship Development</p> <p>Proposal: Reimagining/revitalizing services and service committees, especially post-pandemic</p>	81	19
<p>Maker: N New England</p> <p>Main Topic/Issue: Literature and Service Material: Development process</p> <p>Proposal: We propose that we discuss how to develop a single, well-understood process for prioritizing future literature project plans</p>	78	23
<p>Maker: World Board</p> <p>Main Topic/Issue: DRT/MAT</p> <p>Proposal: DRT/MAT as it relates to NA how we can best welcome members on DRT/MAT lovingly and kindly and how we can cooperate with the current treatment approach without compromising our principles or expressing an opinion on an outside issue.</p>	72	35

COMMITTED MOTION

Motion #15	Southern California Region
	To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the next WSC to initiate the process for the Fellowship to approve adding “gender” to “What is the NA Program?” to read: “Anyone may join us regardless of age, race, gender, sexual identity, creed, religion or lack of religion.” Intent: To change ‘What is the NA Program’ to be more gender-neutral and inclusive.

Initial Straw Poll: 46-59-2-6 42%

Motion Alaska/British Columbia: To commit to the World Board for the project plan for Motion #14

Motion to Commit passes: 84-34-3-2 69% Strong Support

FAILED MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Motion #9-a1	New Jersey
Amend, CAR Motion 9	To amend Motion 9 as follows: To approve a three-year World Service Conference cycle on a trial basis following WSC 2023 <u>2025</u> through WSC 2029 <u>2031</u> . Following 2029 <u>2031</u> , the WSC cycle would return to two years, unless another decision is made. The motion as amended would read To approve a three-year World Service Conference cycle on a trial basis following WSC 2025 through WSC 2031. Following 2031, the WSC cycle would return to two years, unless another decision is made. .

Initial Straw Poll: 33-55-6-19 35%

Final Vote: 30-87-3-4 25% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #16	Baja Son Region Co-makers: South Florida Region, México Occidente Región, Northern California Region, Southern California Region, San Diego Imperial Counties Region & Región de México
	To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for consideration at the next World Service Conference, to create a booklet of Step study questions where all answers relate to a line in Chapter Four in the Basic Text. Intent: To create a fellowship approved, inexpensive, NA Step study questions booklet that relates directly back to the Basic Text.

Initial Straw Poll: 54-49-6-4 49%

Final Vote: 57-63-3-1 46% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #17	California Inland Region
	To place an 8 year moratorium on the creation of new recovery literature after WSC 2023, excluding all translations or literature projects currently in development. Intent: To suspend the creation of new literature for an 8 year period and free up NA resources to better focus on carrying the message rather than continual literature development.

Initial Straw Poll: 35-65-7-6 32%

Final Vote: 31-89-3-3 25% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #17-a1	Northwest Russia Region
Amend, CAR Motion 17	To make the following changes to Motion 17: To place an 8-year <u>a 6-year</u> moratorium on the creation of new recovery literature after WSC 2023, excluding all translations or literature projects currently in development. The motion as amended would read: To place a 6-year moratorium on the creation of new recovery literature after WSC 2023, excluding all translations or literature projects currently in development.

Initial Straw Poll: 33-53-10-17 34%

Final Vote: 30-86-3-4 25% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #18	Tejas Bluebonnet Region
	To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the next WSC to study permitting service committees of Narcotics Anonymous who are, or may be, willing to serve as literature printing/distribution and selling centers inside and outside the United States. Intent: The intention is to study the impacts of permitting service committees of Narcotics Anonymous inside and outside the United States to print and distribute NA literature.

Initial Straw Poll: 42-65-2-4 38%

Final Vote: 42-78-4-2 33% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #19	Wisconsin Region
	To direct the WB to create a virtual Institutional Review Board (IRB) to review all researchers and their research questions that request access to the Narcotics Anonymous population through NAWS to conduct research. Intent: To avoid the misuse of Narcotics Anonymous member information.

Initial Straw Poll: 42-56-8-7 39%

Final Vote: 41-78-4-2 33% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #19-a1	Wisconsin Region
Amend CAR Motion 19	<p>To direct the WB to create <u>develop a project plan to create a workgroup to investigate the need for</u> a virtual Institutional Review Board (IRB) to review all researchers and their research questions that request access to the Narcotics Anonymous population through NAWS to conduct research.</p> <p>The motion as revised would read:</p> <p>To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, to create a workgroup to investigate the need for a virtual Institutional Review Board (IRB) to review all researchers and their research questions that request access to the Narcotics Anonymous population through NAWS to conduct research</p> <p>Intent: Wisconsin Region had no intent to tell the body what it should do and now knows that this is the proper procedure for having the body look at new ideas.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: 40-48-7-18 42%

Final Vote: 34-85-2-5 28% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #20	Wisconsin Region
	<p>To direct NAWS to provide at na.org audio recordings of the worldwide webinars on the topics of Public Relations, Hospital & Institution, Step Writing for Inmates, Fellowship Development, Phone Line, and others.</p> <p>Intent: To provide access to any interested member of Narcotics Anonymous throughout the world so they can hear the Experience, Strength, and Hope (ESH) of members from other geographic parts of the world.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: 66-35-5-7 62%

Final Vote: 60-57-5-2 49% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #20-a1	Wisconsin Region
Amend CAR Motion 20	<p>To amend Motion #20 by making the following changes:</p> <p>To direct NAWS to provide at na.org <u>the World Board to develop a project plan, to create a workgroup to consider providing</u> audio recordings of the worldwide webinars on the topics of Public Relations, Hospital & Institution, Step Writing for Inmates, Fellowship Development, Phone Line, and others.</p> <p>The motion as revised would read:</p> <p>To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, to create a workgroup to consider providing audio recordings of the worldwide webinars on the topics of Public Relations, Hospital & Institutions, Step Writing for Inmates, Fellowship Development, Phone Line, and others.</p> <p>Intent: Wisconsin Region had no intent to tell the body what it should do and now knows that this is the proper procedure for having the body look at new ideas.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: 55-31-9-18 57%

Final Vote: 42-70-6-6 35% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #20-a2	Brazil Sul Region
Amend <i>CAR</i> Motion #20	To amend Motion 20 by adding “including the simultaneously translated audio feeds” after the word “webinars.” The motion as amended would read: To direct NAWS to provide at na.org audio recordings of the worldwide webinars, including the simultaneously translated audio feeds, on the topics of Public Relations, Hospital & Institution, Step Writing for Inmates, Fellowship Development, Phone Line, and others.

Initial Straw Poll: 48-36-8-21 52%

Final Vote: 27-83-5-8 23% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #22	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 <i>Conference Agenda Report (CAR)</i> / Conference Approval Track (CAT) or at the 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%

Final Vote :58-64-2-1 46% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #23	Kentuckiana Bluegrass Appalachian Region Co-makers: Upper Rocky Mountain Region, Russian-Speaking Zone, Western Russia Region, North-West Russia Region
	All in-person and virtual World Service Conferences will be streamed to provide access to NA members in English audio. Intent: To allow the entire NA membership a better understanding of what takes place at the World Service Conference.

Initial Straw Poll: 76-26-4-7 71%

Final Vote: 80-40-2-3 65% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #23-a1	Brazil Sul Region
Amend, <i>CAR</i> Motion 23	To amend Motion 23 by replacing the words “English audio” with the words “all languages that are being simultaneously translated” The motion as amended would read: All in-person and virtual World Service Conferences will be streamed to provide access to NA members in all languages that are being simultaneously translated.

Initial Straw Poll: 50-35-9-19 53%

Final Vote: 43-72-2-7 36% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #24	Kentuckiana Bluegrass Appalachian Region Co-makers: Upper Rocky Mountain Region, Russian-Speaking Zone, Western Russia Region, North-West Russia Region
	All Conference Participant webinars will be streamed to provide access to NA members in English audio. Intent: To allow the entire NA membership a better understanding of what takes place during CP Webinars.

Initial Straw Poll: 68-35-4-6 63%

Final Vote: 64-53-3-3- 53% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #24-a1	Brazil Sul Region
Amend, CAR Motion 24	To amend Motion 24 by replacing the words “English audio” with the words “all languages that are being simultaneously translated.” The motion as amended would read: All Conference Participant webinars will be streamed to provide access to NA members in all languages that are being simultaneously translated.

Initial Straw Poll: 47-39-8-19 50%

Final Vote: 32-87-0-5 26% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #25	Kentuckiana Bluegrass Appalachian Region Co-makers: Russian-Speaking Zone, Western Russia Region, North-West Russia Region
	All votes and straw polls on motions that were included in the <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> or the Conference Approval Track, not to include election ballots, will be displayed in real time for all Conference Participants to see, showing who voted and how they voted. Intent: To see how each Conference Participant votes on each motion.

Initial Straw Poll: 31-74-5-3 28%

Final Vote: 21-99-2-2 17% Consensus Not In Support

Motion #35	World Board
	To eliminate abstentions when voting or taking straw polls, for WSC 2023 only. Intent: To simplify the voting and polling process and eliminate an option that has the same effect as a no vote.

Initial Straw Poll: 86-17-5-5 79%

Final Vote: 67-51-3-2 55% Lack of Strong Support

AMENDMENTS THAT THE BODY DECIDED NOT TO CONSIDER

When there is consensus in an initial straw poll for a motion, according to *GWSNA* the body has the option to discuss and decide on the motion without any changes (amendments). The following amendments were submitted and had an initial straw poll taken before the WSC, but the body decided to discuss and decide on the main motion without any changes.

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Mo #2: 48-64-3-2 41% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #2-a1	ABCD Region
Amend, CAR Motion 2	To divide Motion 2 to consider separately the changes to Article V, Section 3 of the Operational Rules (the inspection clause). The motion, as amended would be divided into the following two motions: Motion 2a To approve the revisions to Article V, Section 3 of the <i>FIPT</i> Operational Rules contained in Addendum B. Motion 2b To approve the revisions to the <i>FIPT</i> Operational Rules, contained in Addendum B, with the exception of the revisions to Article V, Section 3

Initial Straw Poll: RD: 50-32-8-18 55% (ZD vote: 3-1-1-0)

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Mo #7: 41-82-0-1 33% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #7-a1	Australia Region Co-maker: Wisconsin Region
Amend, CAR Motion 7	To substitute the wording of Motion #7 with the following Motion: To lessen the six World Board members' terms currently expiring in 2024 to end at the close of the WSC 2023. Intent: To avoid World Board terms ending in the middle of a conference cycle and to practice the spiritual principle of rotation

Initial Straw Poll 46-44-6-17 47%

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendments to Mo #8: 57-68-0-1 45% Lack of SS fails

Motion #8-a1	Alaska Region
Amend, CAR Motion 8	To add to the end of Motion 8 the following: no later than at the convening of the next WSC. Motion 8 would read as amended: Motion 8: 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 no later than at the convening of the next WSC.

Initial Straw Poll: 63-24-8-18 66%

Motion #8-a2	Australia Region Co-maker: Wisconsin Region
Amend, CAR Motion 8	To substitute the wording of Motion #8 with the following Motion: To push back the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy by 6 years. This would mean that the rotation would be as follows. 2027 – Asia, Middle East and Africa (with Melbourne first choice if still feasible) 2030 – North America 2033 – Europe 2036 – North America 2039 – Central and South America 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 each zone to still get their turn just 6 years later than originally planned.

Initial Straw Poll: 40-46-7-20 43%

Motion #8-a3	Arizona Region
Amend, CAR Motion 8	To add at the end of Motion #8 “regardless of where the geographic location of the WCNA (world convention NA) is determined, that it be held in 2028 to celebrate the 75-year Diamond anniversary” The motion as amended would read 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. Regardless of where the geographic location of the WCNA (world convention NA) is determined, that it be held in 2028 to celebrate the 75-year Diamond anniversary.

Initial Straw Poll: 50-32-11-20 53%

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendment to Mo #10: 54-69-1-1 43% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #10-a1	California Inland Region of NA (CIRNA)
Amend, CAR Motion 10	To amend motion #10 by making the following changes If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve an interim virtual WSC <u>every non-conference year in the middle of the conference cycle</u> 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. The motion as amended would read: To approve an interim virtual WSC every non-conference year 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.

Initial Straw Poll: 55-36-8-14 55%

Do you want to discuss and decide on the amendments to Mo #11: 63-61-0-0 50% Lack of Strong Support

Motion #11-a1	California Inland Region of NA (CIRNA)
Amend <i>CAR</i> Motion 11	<p>To amend Motion 11 by making the following changes If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve a change to the release of the <i>Conference Agenda Report (CAR)</i> to be thirty <u>ninety (90)</u> days earlier than the current policy of 150 days prior to the start of the World Service Conference. The new <i>CAR</i> release day would be 180 <u>240</u> days prior to the in-person WSC meeting for English, 150 <u>210</u> days for translated versions. The deadline for the finalization of regional and zonal motions would be 270 <u>330</u> days. The <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> will be posted on na.org at no cost to members.</p> <p>The motion as revised would read:</p> <p>If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve a change to the release of the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) to be ninety (90) 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 240 days prior to the in-person WSC meeting for English, 210 days for translated versions. The deadline for the finalization of regional and zonal motions would be 330 days. The Conference Agenda Report will be posted on na.org at no cost to members.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: 54-33-9-17 56%

Motion #11-a2	Brazilian Zonal Forum
Amend <i>CAR</i> Motion 11	<p>To amend Motion #11 by making the following changes</p> <p>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 and for translated versions. The deadline for the finalization of regional and zonal motions would be 270 days. The <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> will be posted on na.org at no cost to members.</p> <p>The motion as amended would read:</p> <p>If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve a change to the release of the <i>Conference Agenda Report (CAR)</i> to be thirty days earlier than the current policy of 150 days prior to the start of the World Service Conference. The new <i>CAR</i> release day would be 180 days prior to the in-person WSC meeting for English and for translated versions. The deadline for the finalization of regional and zonal motions would be 270 days. The <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> will be posted on na.org at no cost to members.</p>

Initial Straw Poll: 46-41-9-17 47%

NA MEETING COUNTS FROM MOVING FORWARD

Please send updated meeting numbers for your region if the information on the map on the following page is incorrect.

NA Meeting Counts

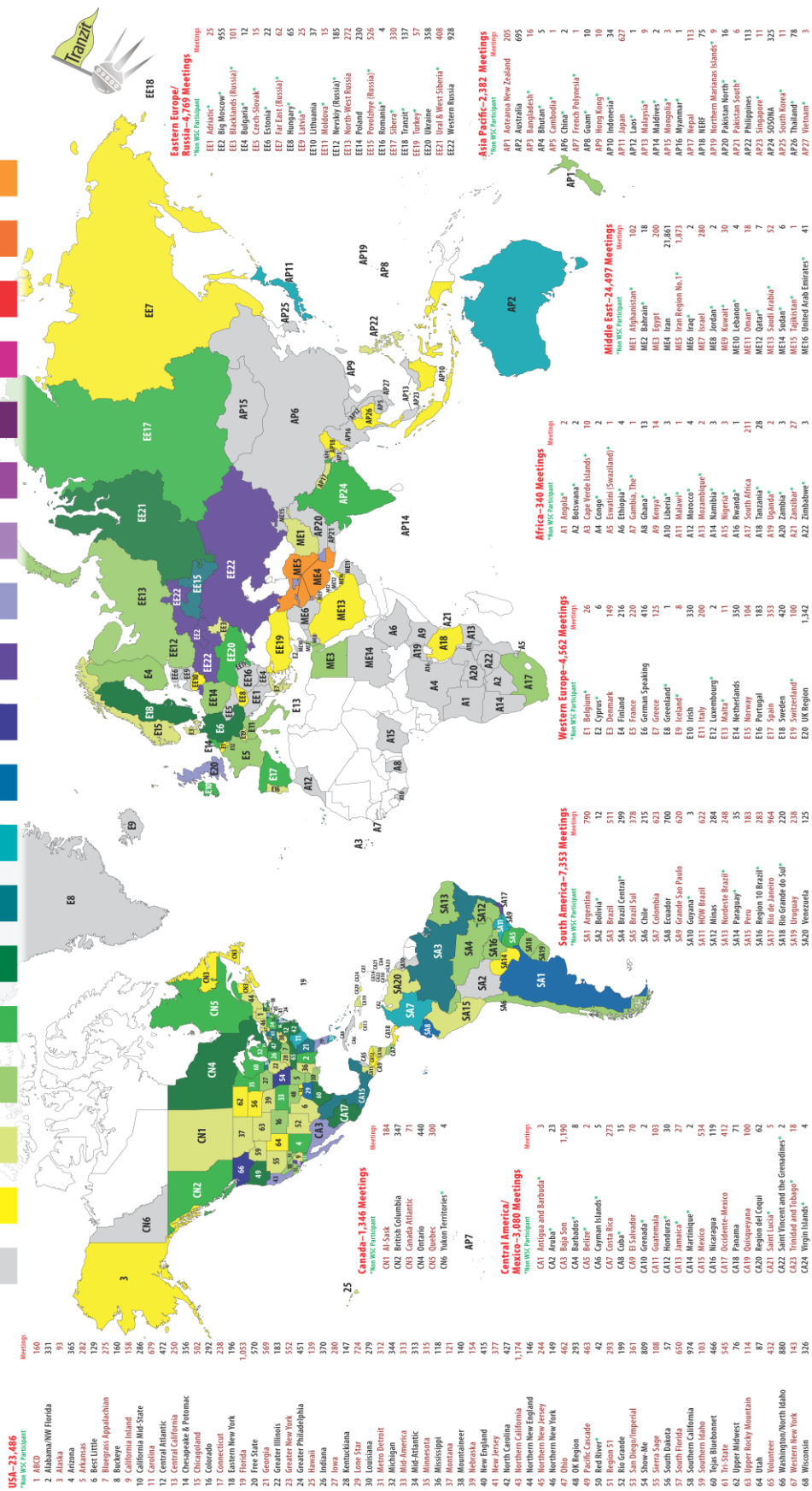
	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2023	Average Growth	Current percentage of Fellowship
Western Europe	2,557	2,664	2,820	3,038	3,282	3,591	3,918	4,562		
		4%	6%	8%	8%	9%	9%	16%	9%	5%
Iran	11,256	16,793	18,195	18,200	20,598	21,974	26,075	23,734		
		49%	8%	0%	13%	7%	19%	-9%	12%	34%
Middle-East	399	435	448	411	510	606	672	763		
		9%	3%	-8%	24%	19%	11%	14%	10%	1%
Africa	228	240	249	335	384	405	499	340		
		5%	4%	35%	15%	5%	23%	-32%	8%	1%
USA	25,613	26,881	27,804	27,317	27,375	27,677	27,005	23,486		
		5%	3%	-2%	0%	1%	-2%	-13%	-1%	35%
Canada	1,166	1,243	1,369	1,360	1,263	1,323	1,369	1,346		
		7%	10%	-1%	-7%	5%	3%	-2%	2%	2%
Central America	3,299	3,903	3,312	3,379	3,167	3,097	3,326	3,080		
		18%	-15%	2%	-6%	-2%	7%	-7%	0%	4%
South America	1,272	1,251	1,524	2,250	1,932	2,189	2,857	2,924		
		-2%	22%	48%	-14%	13%	31%	2%	14%	4%
Brazil	1,998	1,995	3,153	3,581	4,427	4,374	4,633	4,429		
		0%	58%	14%	24%	-1%	6%	-4%	14%	6%
Eastern Europe	256	308	345	440	564	646	734	865		
		20%	12%	28%	28%	15%	14%	18%	19%	1%
Russia	340	523	909	1,042	1,657	2,072	2,726	3,904		
		54%	74%	15%	59%	25%	32%	43%	43%	4%
Asia Pacific	1,458	1,533	1,639	1,649	1,747	2,061	2,261	2,382		
		5%	7%	1%	6%	18%	10%	5%	7%	3%
Total Meetings	49,842	57,769	61,767	63,002	66,906	70,015	76,075	71,815		
		16%	7%	2%	6%	5%	9%	-6%	6%	

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Data is based on regional/zonal reports to WSC 2023 and NAWIS database when available. Map not intended to be geographically accurate. *Meeting numbers include both in-person and virtual meetings. Virtual meeting numbers were drawn only from regional reports and many may be missing.

Regions Around the World

71,815 Weekly Meetings* Worldwide



CREATING OUR FUTURE TOPICS PRIORITIZED FOR DISCUSSION

On Friday morning, participants met in breakout rooms to answer the question:

What are the most important issues you would like to see discussed and addressed for this project in the upcoming conference cycle?

Participants then prioritized topics and spent the session sharing ideas about the topics. These topics were prioritized:

Ballroom GH (RDs):

- Literature prioritization process
- CBDM ↑ /Unity ↑ /Motions ↓

Ballroom IJ (RDs):

- Support local service bodies through global coordination and sharing best practices.
- Identify diverse Fellowship needs through zonal collaboration/cooperation.
- Practice global strategic planning.
- Bring the worldwide Fellowship together for a face-to-face business meeting.

Hidden Hills (ADs):

- Rethinking WSC process including *CAR* / *CAT* / Survey—strongest support.
- Better process for literature and project plan selection — second strongest support.
- DRT/MRT opinion as a Fellowship & Understanding global nature and problems that go along with it — both tied for third strongest support.

Calabasas (Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking participants)

- Create a service body that can train and mentor RDs.
- Create workgroups to deal with specific topics such as planning, finance, HRP, *CAR* amendments, and admission criteria.

Breakout 1 for Virtual Participants

- Accessibility of the WSC – particularly for distant time zones and for communities without reliable infrastructure

Breakout 2 for Virtual Participants

- Encourage mentoring and training in service.
- Support World Services global PR (including government relations).



THE WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.” Nowhere in our service structure is this tradition more evident than at the meeting of the World Service Conference. Guided by our Twelve Traditions and Concepts, it is the one point in our structure where the voice of NA as a whole is brought to view and expressed on issues and concerns affecting our worldwide Fellowship. The World Service Conference is not just a collection of regions; its concerns are greater than just the sum of its parts. The conference is a vehicle for Fellowship communication and unity: a forum where our common welfare is itself the business of the meeting.

Conference deliberations serve the needs of a diverse membership of different languages and cultures and address the challenge of how to provide effective services to NA groups around the world. The conference works for the good of all NA, taking into account both present and future needs.

Narcotics Anonymous is a life-saving program. Our founders envisioned a worldwide fellowship of addicts when there was only one group and one meeting in the world. Our founders established a world service structure to help carry the message to addicts everywhere, at a time when Narcotics Anonymous existed in only one country unified by a single language and culture. With an unshakable faith and belief in Narcotics Anonymous, born out of personal experiences of recovery, the creation of the World Service Conference followed in 1976. Those members—dreaming of a better day for addicts everywhere—embarked on a mission to bring together those few NA groups, which existed at that time into a unified fellowship. Knowing from personal experience that the old lie, “once an addict, always an addict,” was dead, that *we do recover*, our predecessors labored to ensure the continuation and growth of NA everywhere.

That vision continues. In each biennial meeting of the World Service Conference, our Fellowship comes together in one place at one time to share experience, strength, and hope with each other. The purpose remains to solve common problems among those already here and fortunate enough to have discovered this new way of life and—more importantly—to redouble our efforts to further our primary purpose: to carry the NA message to the addict who still suffers.

A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous