

**FYI See Ron Hofius 2016 Blog for details**

**WSC 2016 Conference Report**

**Saturday 4/24/16**

9:00 AM Serenity prayer read in 26 languages, Moment of silence for Bob Gray and everyone who died in the Ecuador Earthquake. Greater Illinois, Iran, San Salvador not present. A region in Canada no longer exists and will be removed. Newest seated region delegate spoke of his experience (Dominican Republic).

Polling and voting is being done electronically this conference for the first time ( previously done by loudest voice vote). Also using this device to recording attendance of delegate.

Mostly orientation stuff so far; procedural instructions , agenda, discussion, information, practice using new device.

12:00 PM

Took a brief lunch and then went into breakout sessions. We looked at the work we did last conference on the mind maps and critiqued our work trying to pick priorities and looking at what we might have missed. We turned in our information and I'm sure more will be revealed when they post the results.

4:00

Back to practicing the electronic voting, 128 participants . 112 RD's. Working out the bugs in the system? Another practice vote completed.

Here we go; Business sessions education, discussion of terms and procedures. We have business process Packets that we are going to go

through to see if the processes and rules can be approved tonight. We are getting ready to do business tomorrow morning. They are trying to iron out the procedures tonight so we can jump right into business tomorrow. Introducing the 80/20 rule to expedite the process. Eighty percent will be considered a consensus and will not require additional votes. Motions 15,16, are procedural motions that change the way we can do business regarding consensus voting and straw polling. The Parliamentarian Don Carlson (the professor) explained further how we can change our rules of order to save us a bunch of time and is a step forward. The que process is also to be made fairer and facilitate that people that haven't been heard get a voice much sooner. We voted on an agreement to use yellow cards and that should be it for today.

Finish the night in breakout sessions . My group was "unity". We talked about ways to stop Apathy and bring in the newcomer. Not a lot of new information, but was an opportunity to interact with other delegates and here about difficulties that we all seem to have in common.

4/25/16

Motion # 15

80%/20% Consensus in support enabling motion/proposal to be adopted by straw poll. Final decision made during the business session.

102-7-2 Strong Support                      Second Straw poll 89-21-2 Still  
Strong Support although controversy is building

Motion #16

To give facilitator more tools to facilitate discussion

109-2-0 Strong Support

Motion #17

Changing terms for support when announce straw poll results.

109-2-1 Consensus Support

102 -4-4 Retains Consensus Report

11:30

Motion #1

To approve the Guiding Principles; “The Spirit of Our traditions”.

109-2-0 Consensus support

Final Straw Poll after Motion # R defeated 111-1-0 Strong Support

Motion #R

Change wording in motion #1(housekeeping item) Take out the word “practice” and change to “have “as there was no traditions at time in question. 93-17-3 Consensus Support New Poll 50-59-1-2 Lack of Support . Seems that practice is appropriate as they refused to use the Traditions which were available. Discussion, new poll 22-87-2-1 Strong Lack of Support. Final Vote 13-96-3-0 Strong Lack of Support  
FAILED

NO CHANGE

Environmental scan for our region to input strategic planning. Needs to be inputted by February. Need to look into deadlines as not really clear.

12:40

Break for Lunch

2:40

Motion #2

Reduce World board to 15 Members

Initial Straw Poll 99-11-1-1 Strong Support

Proposal #V

Split the motion into two sections for clarity

Proposal Withdrawn

Proposal #P

Strike the words "up to" that proceeds 15 members

20-85-5=1 Consensus Not in Support

7=103-1-1 Proposal Failed

Proposal #G

Split motion into three separate motions as in bullet points of proposal  
# 2

Initial Straw Poll 50-56-1-5 Lack of Support

Final Straw Poll 66-42-0-4 Support

Final Vote 74-35-0-3 passes by 2/3 majority vote

2 #A up to 15 from 18 97-13-0-1 Consensus Support

Would the body like this motion to take effect upon passage before the election? Straw Poll 85-24-1-2 Strong Support

5:30 Straw Poll 45-59-3-4 Lack of Support

2 #B Remove obligation for staggered terms 103-7-2-0 Consensus Support  
Final straw poll 100-7-3-2 Consensus Support

2 #C Change the limitations from two consecutive terms to two terms in a lifetime

Initial Straw Poll 110-1-1 Consensus Support

Motion #3

Develop a Mental Illness in Recovery in Pamphlet Form

Straw Poll 87-21-3-0 Strong Support

Final Straw Poll 94-17-1-0 Consensus Support

Motion #4

All Approved World Board Minutes be posted on NA.org for download.

Initial Straw Poll 32-77-0-3 Strong Lack of Support

Proposal #H

Change Motion #4 as follows

Create a sign up list for members to receive WB Minutes for special members

Initial Straw Poll 25-80-2-5 Strong Lack of Support

Final Straw Poll Proposal #H 25-80-2-3 Strong Lack of Support  
FAILED

Final Straw Poll on Motion #4 29-81-0-2 Strong Lack of Support

Motion #5

Detail line Item format Financial Report and be downloadable to na.org

Initial Straw Poll 39-71-1-1 Lack of Support

Final Straw Poll 39-72-1-0 Lack of Support

Motion #6

Face to Face World board meetings are open to any NA member on a space available basis; unless the topic being discussed are required by law.

Initial Straw Poll 51-57-3-1 Lack of Support

Final Straw Poll 54-54-3-1 Lack of Support

Motion #7

Discussion Board on NA .org that it be made accessible to non WSC participants only for viewing.

Initial Straw Poll 51-57-3-0 Lack of Support

Final Straw Poll 50-56-3-1 Lack of Support

## Motion #8

NAWS to produce a low cost paperback English version called “Our Program”

Initial Straw Poll 19-91-1-0 Consensus Not in Support

We voted yes as per the fellowship ballots, I had absolutely no rational for this vote as no one at a CAR workshop mentioned why they would want to do this. I could provide no explanation for this vote by our fellowship. Really wish we had more participation from our fellowship to have been able to talk about these motions. Did anyone read the rational from the world board?

Final Straw Poll 15-93-1-2 Consensus Not in Support

## Motion #9

Direct WB to post a pdf version of all approved English and translated Basic texts on na.org for free download.

Initial Straw Poll 10-101-0-0 Consensus Not in Support

Final Straw Poll 8-103-1-0 Consensus Not in Support

## Motion #10

To hold every other WSC outside of the US and to begin this rotation with WSC 2020 to be held in Moscow, Russia

Initial Straw Poll 8-103-1-0 Consensus Not in Support

Proposal # J Withdrawn

Proposal #M

Strike Russia and replace with easily accessible location outside the US

Initial Straw Poll 14-96-1-1 Consensus Not in Support

Proposal Final Vote 16-93-2-0 Proposal Failed

Motion 10 Final Straw Poll 12-99-1-0 Consensus Not in Support

Motion #11

To allow a delegate from any Zonal Forum who requested who requested it to be seated at the WSC as a non-voting participant, expense to be handled by the Zonal Forum.

Initial Straw Poll 45-64-2-1 Lack of Support

Proposal # S to allow a delegate from any Zonal forum with unseated region who request to be seated as a voting participant.

Initial Straw Poll Proposal #S 23-82-3-4 Strong Lack of Support

Final Straw Poll Proposal #S 26-82-0-4 Strong Lack of Support

Proposal FAILED

Straw Poll 61-50-1-0 Support

Straw Poll 60-49-1-1 Support

Motion #12

Ad card "What is NA Service"

Straw Poll 35-75-2-0 lack of support

Proposal #T Withdrawn

Proposal #Q



To Direct World Board to create a project plan to create a card included in the 2018 CAT.

Initial Straw Poll                    55-53-4-0   Lack of Support

Final Straw Poll                    29-81-2                    Strong Lack of Support

Proposal #W    Withdrawn

Motion #12 Final Straw Poll    20-91-1-0                    Strong Lack of Support

12:15 PM

Motion #13

Each Board Member votes only in elections and may make motions in all sessions. The world board has one collective vote in new business sessions.

Straw Poll            41-63-4-4                    Lack of Support

Straw Poll            41-65-3-3                    Lack of Support

Motion #14

That the World Board or members of the World Board no longer make motions or proposals for decision at the WSC.

19-91-0-2    Final Straw Poll                    Consensus Not in Support

04/26/16 9:00AM

Opening ceremonies, moment of Silence and Serenity Prayer.

Formal Old Business this morning

Motion #18

Approve 2014 World Service Conference Minutes

108-0-2-2 Approved

Motion # 15

Measuring Consensus

105-7-00 Motion Passes

Motion #16

Managing Discussions

107-4-1-0 Motion Passes

Motion #17

Change terminology to reflect the level of support

Action taken by WSC 103-5-2-1 Consensus Support

Motion #1

Tradition Book Approval

Action taken by WSC 110-1-1-0 Motion Passes

Motion #2A

18 to 15 World Board members

Motion #2B

Staggered Terms

Action taken by USC 106-6-0-0 Motion Passes

Motion # 2C

Limit terms to two terms for World board

Action taken by WSC Unanimous Approval

Motion #3

Mental Illness and Recovery Pamphlet

Action taken By WSC 93-17-1-0 Passes Simply Majority

Motion #4

World Board Minutes posted on na.org for download

Action taken by WSC 29-79-2 Motion FAILS

Motion #5

World board Detailed Financial World Convention be provided

Action Taken by WSC 34-76-1-0 Motion FAILED

Motion #6

Open up seating at World Board meetings

Appeal Co Facilitator 66-40-4-2 Upheld

Action Taken by WSC 51-58-0-2 Motion Fails

### Motion #7

Make WSC Participants discussion board accessible to non RD's for viewing, not posting.

Action taken by WSC      59-50-1-1      Motion FAILED

### Motion #8

Create Paperback for first 10 Chapters of the basic text

Action Taken by WSC      14-95-1-1      Motion Fails

### Motion #9

To Direct the World Board to post a PDF version in all Languages Basic Text on na.org for free download.

Action taken by WSC    no second

### Motion #11

Allow delegate from any Zonal Forum who requests to be seated as non-voting participant. Zone to be responsible for all costs. One conference cycle. 2018

Action taken by WSC      72-29-2-4 Passed to meet 2/3 majority

5:30 PM

### Motion #12

“What is NA Service” Reading add to preambles.

Action taken by WSC      30-79-1-0      Motion FAILS

### Motion #13

Take individual vote from the board members and give them one collective Vote

Action taken by WSC 47-58-3-2 FAILED 2/3 Majority Vote

### Motion #14

Take all motion and proposal ability away from the board

Action taken by the WSC 16-91-0-1 Motion FAILS

04/27/2016 9:00 AM

### Future of WSC

Went over history of changes in WSC explaining some of the struggles with money issues.

Have you had conversation in your region about seating?

I answered yes, they did not ask to what extent and I have brought this up at the CAR workshops which were poorly attended

82 Have -29 Have not

### Straw Poll #2

Which option seems most appealing to your region or you?

- 1) No change
- 2) No Change in representation' but other changes
- 3) Zonal seating
- 4) Some other basis for change in representation

\*As I could not give a clear regional consensus I went with my own which is Zonal Seating #3.

- 1) 20 votes or 18%
- 2) 22 votes 20%
- 3) 45 votes 41%
- 4 ) 22 votes 20%

Does the fellowship still affirm the rules we have agreed on the FIPT?

Yes 96          No 5

Should we register and list on the meeting locator, NA groups clearly intend to use material that is not NA- Fellowship approved?

Yes 28          No 78

Should we take action to remove NA recovery literature from ASC/RSC sites, even if it means shutting down the site (this may require ongoing action if a new site is created)?

Yes 75          No 31

Broke out to Zonal Meeting at 10:30 and everyone was burnt out so only business accomplished was the setting up of our next meeting February 24<sup>th</sup> thru 26 in Phoenix.

04/28/16

Break out meeting to identify Seating of Zones or other ideas. Pretty well attended and we prioritized ideas.

Fellowship Development and public Relations

( Detailed information can be found in Franks report).

Asia Pacific Forum put on a presentation of services provided as far as fellowship development. Suggest that you look at the APF website as things were moving too fast for me to type. I hurt my rib and it very uncomfortable to type.

Middle East is growing with unity and women are being brought into the fellowship at an increasing number especially in Egypt and Iran.

Eastern Europe and Middle Asia is also growing. Na just celebrated 25 year's in Russia. Moldova, doing PR in Romania carrying message . two new meetings started. Ukraine has 25 years of NA and the support of EDM seems to be much appreciated. Should slide show from Kiev Convention which was very well attended, Kazakhstan has a small fellowship just starting with a few conventions . Expressing lots of graditude to world service for the support they have received . see the EDM reports and video for more information. Lots of collaboration amongst each other at EDM. We can take some lessons on self-supporting from these folks. They really support each other financially as well as spiritually.

Africa is growing NA and just created the African Zonal Forum. Using Skype is an effective as spread out as they are. Home grown fellowship.

The Iranian Delegate could not get a Visa and they played a video from there. That fellowship is striving. Pretty powerful!

2:15

Elections

HRP Explanation of voting Procedures

3:30

Voted and returned to risers for Strategic and Proposed Project Plan

This information is in the CAT.....

Dailey meditation comes to the top with the survey.

Best practices regarding a service tool will be in the works

Budget Review

Long process of explanation (in the CAR)

7:30

Round table solutions to FIPT problems and suggestions as to stop the madness (Distribution of Illicit Materials).



04/29/16 Friday

Motion #19

To approve the recovery literature project plan for the work in the 2016-2018 conference cycle.

Straw poll Final Poll 121-3-0-0 Formal Vote 123-1-2-0

Motion #20

To approve service tools project plan for work in the 2016-2018 conference cycle.

Straw Poll Final Poll 119-4-0-1 Formal Vote 120-5-1-0

Motion #21

To approve the collaboration in service project plan for work in the 2016-2018 Conference cycle.

Straw Poll Final Poll 117-5-2-0 Formal Poll 120-3-3-0

Motion #22

To approve the future of the WSC project plan for work in the 2016-2018 conference cycle

Straw poll Final Poll 121-5-0-0 Final Poll 119-6-1-0

Motion #23

To approve the Fellowship development and Public Relations Project plan for work in the 2016-2018 conference cycle

Straw Poll Final Poll 120-4-1-0 Formal Poll 120-3-2-1

Motion #24

To approve the Social Media as a PR tool project plan for the 2016-2018 Conference Cycle

Straw Poll Final Poll 116-6-1-2 Formal Poll 116-6-2-2

Motion #25

To approve the 2016-2018 Narcotics Anonymous World Service Budget

Straw Poll Final Poll 120-3-2-0 Formal Poll 121-3-2-0

11:04 Break for 24 minutes

11:30

Proposal #A

To Seat the Sao Paulo Region at the WSC

Final Vote 110-9-3-3

Proposal #B

To seat the HOW Region at the WSC

Final Vote 115-6-2-3

Proposal #C

To seat the Rio De Janeiro Region at the WSC

Final Vote 116-5-2-3

### Proposal #D

To Remove the Le Nordet Region (became part of Quebec) from the list of seated regions at the WSC.

Final Vote 124-1-1-0

### Proposal #Y

To seat the Bluegrass/ Appalachian Region at the WSC

Straw Poll 48-67-4-7 lack of support 50-65-6-5 FAILED

### Proposal #AK

To seat the Brazil Nordeste Region at the WSC

Straw Poll 57-64-2-3 Final 67-53-2-4 FAILED

### Proposal #AL

To seat the Rio Grande do Sul Region.

Straw Poll 58-60-4-4 Formal Poll 55-67-2-2

### Proposal #AM

To seat the Brazil Central Region

Straw Poll 55-68-2-1 Lack of support

### Proposal #AX

To Seat Turkey Region

Straw Poll Withdrawn

### Proposal #BA

For the World Board to initiate a process which could last more than one conference cycle, that would produce proposals for a new structure of the World Service Conference

Straw Poll 50-65-9-1 Final Poll 36-83-4-3 FAILED

Proposal #BT

Seating to be proportional to meetings we serve and/or delimited by geographical country limits. In regards splitting regions: seating to be available through a zonal Forum. A zonal forum will have a limited number of reps. The maximum will be proportional to a 10% of meetings they serve. 17-101-5-3 FAILED

Proposal #AE

To hold the WSC every three years with the CAR released no less than 240 days prior to the conference.

Straw Poll 45-74-3-4 39-77-4-6 FAILED

Proposal #AH

To create a project plan and workgroup to steady the feasibility of turning WSC into a planning Conference.

Straw Poll 52-65-3-6

Proposal #BC

To have interpreting service available at WSC for delegates of regions who request so.

Straw Poll 59-50-5-13 support Final Vote 52-70-0-4 FAILED

Proposal #BD

To ask Delegates to go back to their regions with the Question/workshops below: What is that your region thinks and feels about Zonal representation? 81-36-3-6 79-40-2-5 Passes

Straw Poll

Proposal # BB

To have NAWS create a separate donation fund through which individual members, groups, areas, regions, or Zones can contribute funds to help Zones with limited resources send a participant to WSC 2018 if requested. Straw Poll Proposal WITHDRAWN

5:00 PM

Proposal #E

To adopt as policy: If the WSC takes action that changes the name or title of a Conference-or Fellowship-approved document, that name or title change may then be reflected everywhere the name or title appears without requiring further action by the WSC.

Straw Poll 117-2-2-2 Final Vote

Proposal #AF

To change the current review and input guidelines for fellowship approved literature from 90 days to nine months.

Straw Poll 28-91-5-2 Strong lack of Support Final Vote 42-80-2-2 FAILED

### Proposal #AI

To create a workgroup to review our literature processes (review and approval) and propose options that will make those processes more accessible for our members who do not speak English.

Straw Poll 73-44-4-5 Final Vote 68-55-1-2

### Proposal #BI

That the NA World Board develop a project plan which includes a budget and a timeline to create an information pamphlet specially regarding DRT (drug replacement therapy) and MAT (medically assisted treatment) for consideration at 2018 World Services Conference.

Straw Poll 51-65-5-5 lack of support 47-72-3-4 FAILED

### Proposal #AP

To direct the World Board to prioritize IP #26 Accessibility for those with additional needs, and the Additional Needs Resource information SP be updated to reflect current practices.

Straw Poll 53-66-3-3 Final Poll 48-73-1-4 FAILED

### Proposal #BK

To direct the World board to develop a project plan for 2018 to update "The Living Clean The Journey Continues" book with a subject and also Spiritual principle index.

Straw Poll 10-109-2-2 Final Vote 10-110-0-3

### Proposal #BL

To direct the World Board to create a project plan to be included in the 2018 CAT to develop an informational Pamphlet on Bulletin #13 “ Some thoughts regarding Our Relationship to Alcoholics Anonymous”.

Straw Poll 23-97-4-1 Final Vote 19-102-4-1 FAILED

Proposal #O

That the following changes be made to PR pamphlet’ Narcotics Anonymous and persons receiving medication Assisted Treatment. On page three under NA and people on medically assisted treatment. The third sentence be changed to “However”, within the context of NA and its meetings, we have generally accepted principles, and one is that NA is an abstinence-based recovery program . Persons who are taking drug replacement medication are not considered drug free’.

Straw Poll OUT OF ORDER Final Vote

Proposal #X

That the conference change policy affecting the percentage needed for election to the World Board from 60% of the WSC to a simple majority.

Final Vote 23-98-2-2 FAILED

Proposal #AD

To reconsider Motion 2C and change the motion to read “No more than 1 term in a lifetime”

Final Vote Reconsider? 13-112-0-1 FAILED

Proposal #AG

To direct the World Board to present a motion in the 2018 CAR to limit service on any WSC position to 2 terms in total for lifetime. To have the WB create a motion.

Final Vote 15-112-0-1 FAILED

Proposal #BO

To replace the language in A Guide to World Services, page 10.

Change terms as a result of a straw poll;

Unanimous support

Strong lack of Support

Consensus support

Consensus not in support

Strong Support

No support

Support

Lack of Support

Final Poll 118-8-1-0 Consensus Support

\*\*Proposal #BP

To adopt the following approaches for use in the business discussion & proposal decision sessions.

Measuring Consensus

Consensus measured as 80% or more

Introducing motions and proposals

We have been using this the last week during business.

Straw Poll 114-8-4-0

Final Vote 107-17-2-0

\*\*Proposal #BR



To add following language to GWSNA:

Managing Discussions

Straw Poll 113-8-4-0      Final Vote 117-6-2-0

Proposal #AA

Move the process outlined in motions 15,16,17 into our guide to World Services.

Final Vote                  Proposal Withdrawn

Proposal #AY

To eliminate formal business session at WSC in old and new business. Final straw polls on all matters in discussion sessions will be final decisions.

## Poll on eliminating formal Business sessions 93-19-3-12

## Poll to commit these four proposals( AY, BJ, AS, AR,) to the World Board with direction to eliminate formal business sessions. 94-26-2-4

Proposal #BJ

To eliminate formal business from the decision process of a motion and a proposal. When the body comes to a consensus in the discussion session, that consensus completes the decision making process

Straw Poll 47-72-3-1

Proposal #AS

For the 2018 World Service Conference we eliminate the separation between the old business discussion and old business decisions

sessions. The old business session will involve discussion of motions and proposals followed by decisions in a series fashion.

Straw Poll

Proposal #AR

To change the old business process into the following: As informal discussion on each motion and its amendments and proposals related to the motion are completed, the conference immediately enters formal old business to ratify the decisions agreed to in straw polls.

Straw Poll

Withdrawn Proposal

Proposal #AC

Establish a guideline limiting conference business sessions to no more than 8 hours

Straw Poll 19-98-2-1      Final Poll 17-102-2-1      FAILED

Proposal #BM

The Creation of a rule for conference participants, in which when the same proposal/motion (length of time determined by the conference participants).

Straw Poll 91-27-4-2      Strong support      Final Vote 70-49-4-3      FAILED

Proposal #AW

To eliminate the requirement that regional motions need a second.

Straw Poll 80-34-7-3 82-39-1-3 Final Vote 55-66-2-2 FAILED

Proposal #AT

To require that only motions from the World board or seated regions appear in the 2018 Conference Agenda Report( no proposals resolutions or straw polls.)

Straw Poll 11:40 PM 23-92-4-6 FAILED

Proposal #BE

To have the Conference Agenda Report sent translated by NAWS into the language of a region that requests it.

Straw Poll 30-87-1-7 Strong lack of Support

Final Vote 30-92-1-2 FAILED

Proposal #BF

To revise the GTWS so that the Conference Agenda Report and the Conference Approval track are released in Spanish at the same time as the English versions.

Straw Poll 39-78-3-5 FAILED

Proposal #AV

To require that World board internal guideline be subject to World Service Conference approval

Straw Poll 24-89-3-5 FAILED

Proposal #BG

To supplement the \$200,000 in new allocations for project plans with all unused funds from the 2014-2016 service system and traditions book project plan Straw Poll 46-74-5-0 second Straw Poll 28-92-4-2

Saturday 04/30/16 10:00 AM

Moving Forward with a common Vision

Illicit texts-What more can NAWS do?

My final outlook on this is we are moving forward probably to some type of Zonal Forum. The way we are doing business is still dysfunctional and I think Frank has a grip on what is really going on.

The RD cycle is too short and I wish I could continue on this path but my time is ending. The way we vote is wrong in my opinion as the results of the survey showed, I believe only the people who show up to get the information should be entitled to vote. The vote tally from our groups is flawed due to lack of information and the interest level is poor. Those who sought out the information voted differently than those that did not participate. I will provide the spread sheets to those that request to see them.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve at this level and I am available for any comments or questions anyone may have.

That is all I have for now and I will attend the Blowout on Saturday nite for further discussion.

