

Alaska Region of NA WSC 2010 RD Final Report

To the fellowship:

I am not much at reports. I have posted some information for your review at the Website AKNA.ORG. A summary of daily activities at the conference has been provided...

Now, I will tell you the main things I took back. These are the things that stuck out to me. I can answer any questions that you might have regarding information posted. **Please review it as it is a lot of stuff.** What I relate to you now is only the things that really stuck out to me.

- 1) Narcotic Anonymous is really struggling in the money department.
 - a) We get the bulk of our money through literature sales. Sales are down due to the bad economy.
 - b) Some of the moneys come from regions. There are a few solid regions that have in the past been large contributors. Their donations are down due to the poor economy.
 - c) Another reason for fewer contributions is that areas and groups are doing more events and conventions and the funds are not spent appropriately. The money comes up missing or goes to the wrong things.
 - d) Only 9% of money comes from Regions.
 - e) Our region only has contributed approx. \$1000. \$500 from Anchorage Area and \$500.00 from "Walk Your Talk Group". **I personally think our groups could do a lot better in this regard.**

- F) Self support IP is in the works. World is operating on a 90 day reserve. The lowest ever in our history.
 - f) **Bottom Line is our since of fund flow is not working.**

- 2) We are going to restructure the way world does business at the world level and we are talking about changing things all the way down to the group level.
 - a) There is a special workgroup formulating several service system models to figure out how we can best make these changes. We looked at some of their ideas at the conference. This is in the early planning stages and is going to be really big in the next two Conferences.

- b) The way that we have been doing business for the last 50 years is no longer working for us. It is time to make these fundamental changes, the fellowship is reluctant to change, and I think we as individuals can understand this problem. I am very excited about this and hope we can come together as a fellowship to implement these changes in a timely manner.
 - c) I know that this is going to be a subject of contention in the next conference. There are some regions that are not going to want to change. This is going to be a huge issue in the next conference.
 - d) **Bottom line is we are dysfunctional now and really need to make some big changes at the WSC and it makes since to carry this on down through are service structure all the way down to the group level.**
- 3) NA is doing excellent work carrying the message around the World.
- a) We have over 58,000 meetings Worldwide
 - b) We have a moratorium on seating new regions at this time because of our problems with our service structure.
 - c) **With the lack of funds we will not be able to continue to do the work we are doing now at the world level.**
- 4) I would like to see the Areas and Groups of this region reach out for more information from the RD and ARD. We want to be of service...
- a) We are underutilized, I have information such as the Area Planning Tool and we offer presentations. Only one Area has taken advantage of it.
 - b) We are available to individual groups and Areas for informational reports and presentations. We are not being requested for this service (Anchorage Area evened refused to hear my report). We want you to request help and information!
 - c) I am hoping to be invited to the 2010 Alaska NA Convention for a workshop. My request for the meeting space has not been responded to? The convention would be a great place to report and answer questions.

In Closing:

I have been honored to be asked to be a participant in the service structure at this level. There is an overwhelming amount of information we process at the WSC. The work is very important and I hope someone will pan thru the daily notes provided and ask questions. I have a lot of knowledge and what I do not know about I have now made the connections to find out if asked.

I was sent to 2008 conference with one month's time to prepare. Ross B. had quit the position just before conference and I was elected in an emergency situation. I had no idea what was going on and was pretty ineffective at the 2008 conference cycle.

Most regions send their delegate for several conference cycles. I can provide other regional guidelines to show how it is common practice. The RD's at our Western Forum have suggested that I do this as they would like to see me come back.

I have just made the connections at our zonal forum and at the WSC that make me an effective agent from our region. I hope you will consider sending me again.

The next session at WSC is going to be very contentious, the old school RD's are going to be reluctant to change. Having had the opportunity to serve so far I have gained a real knowledge of how it works at conference and what is really going on. It took me several years to gain this awareness and I feel I can now be very effective in this position.

Thank you for your consideration. Any questions about any of this are welcomed. Please feel free to call me at 907-748-2773.

Yours in Service

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