

ARD REPORT WSC 2010

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Thank you for the opportunity to attend the conference and be part of the magic of the WSC.
NA ROCKS!

I hope that we do not deviate from the normal rotation policy in the future to allow for all persons qualified and interested in participating in service at this level.

My benefits;

Just like being in a recovery meeting the wheels get turning as folks share. I have many ideas about service that I desire to share.

Hot topics

- Involvement in service
- "Helping groups see beyond their own groups welfare to our common welfare in worldwide term"
- Apathy
- Communication
- Money

Common Acronyms

WSC	=	World Service Conference
WB	=	World Board
NAWS	=	Narcotics Anonymous World Service
WSO	=	World Service Office
HRP	=	Human Resource Panel
WSZF	=	Western States Zonal Forum

I attended the following meetings;

SATURDAY, April 24th

10:00 – 12 Noon, World Board open forum

Any member present could ask questions of the World Board members.

- More translations
- Alternative to the current business model, (WSC every 4 years)
- Inconsistent web page
- Discussion boards (web based) need more participation.

12:30- 2:30 pm Tour of World Service office

- The memorabilia on display is enormous

WSC ARD Report

3:00 – 4:15pm Workshop/Speakers Recovery Based Service

4:45 – 6:00pm Workshop/Speakers Home Group the Fifth Tradition

7:30—9:00pm Main Speaker meeting.

SUNDAY, April 25th

9:00 – 10:30am 1st things first

- My table was second and we received a gift edition of Just for today
- Introductions
- Recognize new Regions

11:00 – 12:30pm Our Vision Our Future

Round Robin Discussions

- Learn about folks at our table
- Share about Experience Hope Fears @WSC
- Contribute to Chapter 7 Living Clean
- Daily Evaluation assignment

2:00 – 3:30pm Navigating the WSC – Orientation/ Overview of week

- All business session begin with informal session (No Robert Rules)
 - Motion made
 - Straw poll
 - Discussion
- Card usage
- Human Resource Panel (HRP)

4:00 – 5:30pm Literature Process

- Workgroup process used today
- Review and input
 - Discern whether concepts are missing
 - Consistent w/NA philosophy
 - Reflective of best practices
 - Word choice, grammar, local specific
- How can we improve the literature process
- How can we help members who want to get involved
- Draft “Fellowship Literature Survey.

MONDAY, April 26th

9:00 – 10:30am World Board Forum

Anonymity & the Web

- NAWS and the internet
- When is it okay to take pictures at functions?

Ron WB made a video in Norway w/Jimmy buffet music video and put it on face book. A link to U-tube. Someone complained their anonymity was broken. Music was copywrited....

- Tradition 11 maintain anonymity @the level of press radio and films.

- Is Facebook or U-tube at that level?

How do you define the level of press radio and film? I can break my anonymity but not yours. But when it becomes of press radio and film it is not okay to break anonymity (Tradition 11).

11:00 – 12:45pm Service Structure part one

Overview of Service System Project.

- Challenges in delivering service
- Challenges in delivering information.

Develop options for service structures for presentation and discussion.

1. What are our needs for our service structure? Trusted servants need information.
2. System has to be flexible to accommodate all participants.

Primary focus of service structure study is to how to support the groups.

- 200 total RD/ARD @ 2010 WSC

Session was for input by delegates to provide feedback on the possible different service structures presented.

- Most groups that do not send a GSR to the ASC is because they cannot see how the ASC serves the group needs.

2:15 –8:12 pm Old business

Recommended Read : Consensus & Guide to World Service.

Straw Poll of concept of having purple key tags split, and was strongly debated both sides.

The following motions primarily focused around the literature process and the fellowships dissatisfaction with the current process

- In depth and very lengthy discussions.

Voters present to vote on old business. 111 RD, 16 WB, total 127

- Abstain, does not change the vote total needed to pass
- Present, changes the majority count needed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH

9:00 – 10:40 am Fellowship development (FD)

What has WSO/WB done in the last cycle for FD?

Lithuania delegate reported on World Board coming to their region.

Africa is our least NA developed continent. FD is literature development (translation), sponsoring/attending workshop/conferences, reaching out with other media.

India received their first Basic Text after 27 years.

HUG RIGHT AWAY a great sign.....:0)

FD requires planning, execution, and follow through.

11:45 – 12:30 PM NA World Service (NAWS) report

Living Clean update.

- Significant changes on Chapter one from fellowship feedback.
 - Most feedback and communication with fellowship on literature than any other literature project.

There has been a \$500,000 reduction in income @ WSO in the prior year.

- Translations approximately \$10,000 – 20,000 per Basic Text.
- Electronic versions of literature available on-line (PDF).

WSC ARD Report

WSO has a 5 step cost cutting plan. First step "1"= least cuts, with five the most drastic. We are on step two. Step five equals the only service provided would be literature production and distribution. WSO desires to stop the NA Way mailings to groups free of charge.

2:30 – 4:12 pm NAWS Report continued

Questions and Answers continued.

Who is receiving the NA without subscribing? A.All registered groups.

April 2011 "Living Clean" out for one year review. At that time input is virtually closed.

- The time for input is now.

4:45 – 6:15 pm Human Resource Panel (HRP)

The HRP ask members of the World Services pool who would like to be considered for positions as World Board Member, HRP member, or Co-Facilitator. Those interested complete a lengthy written application. The applications are blind scored. Based on those scores and the number of vacant positions those applicants are on the ballot at WSC. (Two nominees for each vacancy). For WB a 60% of the total ballots cast are required to be elected. Most votes for other positions.

A heated topic of the afternoon was because one of the candidates forwarded by the HRJP noted in their application that they had an AA sponsor.

6:40 – 10:30pm RD Sharing Session Local Issues

Apathy

- Matching person to task
- Mentoring
- New Area growth
- Reaching out to member outside of central geographic locations
- Focus on the positive

Communication

- Creating communication Subcommittee
- Open Forums to discuss topics
- Teleconference between meetings
- Leadership with humility
- Rotation at regional service level

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH

9:00 – 10:30 am Scanning

Scanning is used to guide leaders in decision making.

- Collect ---What do we hear, observe.
- What does the information we collect mean.
- What should we do about it.

"Area Scan Worksheet" – A tool to take home to region/area

"Area Planning tool 'lite' Draft another tool.

11:00 – 12:30 PM Leadership

Know your Audience

Know what you want in results.

“Helping groups see beyond their own groups welfare to our common welfare in worldwide terms”
That no addict seeking recovery.....
Prepare an effective report.

1:00 – 5:30 pm Calamigos Range, play time. (optional)
I did not attend.

6:00 – 8:30 pm Western States Zonal Forum (WSZF)
Discussed the follow topics.

- WSZF Vision Statement
- WSZF policy on nominations to World level policies.
- Updating WSZF polices
- Possible changes in the service structure
- Approved Albuquerque first week of February 2011 for next zonal meeting site.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29TH

9:00 – 10:33 am Public Relations (PR)

PSA Public Information video bite from Website is available for free,(can change phone number)

- One from Lone Star, and one from South Africa
- Pens and Bags{(like reusable shopping bags)NA} will be available for sale at NAWS June 1st.

PI is like a first date

PR is like a marriage

11:00 – 12:50 Elections & Approval of NAWS Budget

- Approved project plans(PR, SS, Living Clean)
- Approved Budget(2010 WSC approximately \$460K)

2:30 – 4:00 Election Results

- Six of the eight WB positions filled (requires 60% of votes to elect)
- Two of the two HRP, and one of the one Co-Facilitator filled.

WB Forum Internet

Names and pictures are displayed on the following websites

- Facebook
- In the rooms
- NA Purist

A lot of addicts utilize Facebook.

- How do we tap that energy
- Cannot hide a fan list on a Facebook site.

Spokeo.com Search engine on names, searches and returns web information, sometimes very personal.
Be careful when you attach your name on any document that gets posted to the web.

4:30 – 6:00 pm Self Support

Funding

- Intentions of addicts
- Bottlenecks
- Holding fund – Convention money reserves but have not had a convention in years.

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Most of the NA funds come from events.

Exercise – how to help

- Full disclosure treasurer report.
- Education – power point, workshops
 - Donations in \$ help addicts on the other side of the world.
- “Prudent “ reserve

6:00 – 8:00 Zonal reports

Brazil is a new zone.

FRIDAY April 30th

9:00 – 10:30 Service System (SS)

- Model One
 - Zonal is the same
- Model Two
 - Eliminate Region at WSC, now use Zonal Representatives at WSC

What are my roles and responsibilities?

- To understand what we all are doing?
- Need to hear what everyone else thinks

Loose Voice

Support at group level

11:00 – 12:30pm Service Structure con't

What challenges do you think we will face in discussing these models as a fellowship?

- Change is happening
- Lovingly communication
- Getting input from the groups
- For EDM this S.S. already exists
- Justifying the need for S.S.
 - Why the change?
 - Is it about \$?
- Understanding the models
- Do the models violate the concept of Service?

What should we stress to try to show the benefits?

- Our current model will eventually be too large to do business. (from growth)
- It could give more support to the groups

OR DOES FOCUS ON THE S.S. FAIL TO ADDRESS THE REAL ISSUES OF

- Apathy
- Communication
- Insufficient Resources \$.

2:00 – 4:14 pm New Business

Moratorium on Seating New Regions

4:40 – 6:55 pm New Business

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Equal amount of written responses in the CAR by both the Region and the WB.

8:25 – 10:27 pm New Business con't

Many HRP issues

10:50 – 12:30 am New business

More HRP issues.

Cease production of IP 27 "For the parents and guardians of young people" Limited support

S.S motions should be in the C.A.R

12:45 – 1:05 New Business con't

WB send out WSC minutes automatically

- They are currently sent on request

1:05 – 2:50 am New Business Formal Session

Roll Call RD 108, WB 16, Total 123

- Majority 62, 2/3rds 82

Moratorium on seating new regions was very close.

Standing vote,

- 80 yea, 40 nay, 1 present

Appeal of the facilitators count

- Appeal vote majority required, vote stands appeal did not pass

A motion to modify a prior WSC motion requiring one year review process for book length literature was rescinded, Now 150 days again.

SATURDAY 10:30 -- 12:30 WSC Processing, Assess the Process

- WB will work on creating a process that would not be dependent on motions to get the conversations/ideas from the Regions to the floor of the WSC.
- Amended literature survey will be going out to the fellowship this cycle.
- No vote strong support "Straw Poll" on NAWS/WB using Facebook as a service communications media.
- Purge the NA WAY magazine mailing list to remove unused/not needed snail mail and email addresses.
- Please update information from/about the region to WSO/NAWS.
- The ARD/RD is responsible to receive request and respond to the requests of contact information of other conference participants

2:00 – 3:30 pm, goodbye and certificates.

The following countries were represented at WSC

Australia	Canada	Costa Rica	Columbia	Chile
Denmark	Egypt	El Salvador	Finland	France
Greece	Guatemala	Germany	Honduras	Israel
India	Ireland	Iran	Italy	Lithuania
Japan	Nicaragua	Norway	Mexico	Philippines
Poland	Puerto Rico	Panama	Peru	Portugal
Russia	South Africa	Sweden	Spain	United Kingdom
Uruguay	Venezuela			