



## Alaska Regions WSC Virtual 2020 Delegate Report

### In Summary:

- We allowed ourselves to conduct business and the Alternate to participate
- We passed an emergency budget that is adjustable as things change.
- We acknowledged and accepted that 2022 project plans were created before the world crisis and will be worked on when and if resources become available.
- We approved the Spiritual Principal a Day Project.
- We did not pass a new recovery IP
- We approved The Loner as the Revising Existing Recovery Information Pamphlets
- We approved the Issue Discussion Topic project plan and it will include DRT with a survey to members about what we want included.
- We approved the Local service toolbox plan which will include, how to carry the NA message effectively including virtually and best online meeting practices.
- We approved the role of the zones project plan
- We approved the FIPT revision project plan
- We Elected 4 new world board members: Danny, Eduardo, Jorge M, Michael B.
- We elected 2 new HR members: Arne, Laura
- We elected 1 new co-facilitator or the WSC: Mario
- We approved meeting again virtually to address some or all the remaining CAR & CAT motions at an unknown date.

Below you will find details on business conducted and how Alaska participated.

There is a section on my take-aways, impressions, and thoughts to ponder.

## Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> E-poll

Each delegate was sent an e-poll via email to decide if they felt it necessary to move forward with a partial virtual conference. We also voted on which items needed to be addressed if we move forward virtually.

**Alaska:** This E-poll came right as Alaska meetings were being shut down. I had 2 tally sheets turned in and many groups were not meeting. I did not feel I had a conscious for the Alaska Region. We voted yes to virtually meeting for FIPT material (Budget, Project plans and reports from world) We voted no to CAR work.

Results

[https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/04022020\\_CP\\_Poll\\_results.pdf](https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/04022020_CP_Poll_results.pdf)

## Friday, April 24th

There was 135 voting Participants in attendance, and 250+ total attendees. Much of the day was spent on procedural business and training on how to use the tools in our virtual meeting room.

118 Regional delegates, 6 Zonal delegates, 11 World Board members.

The following motion was proposed by the World Board and passed by a Strong Consensus vote (giving ourselves authorization to conduct the WSC virtually).

*Motion V1*

*Because current government law, public health orders, and other crisis-related effects preclude conducting the World Service Conference in person, we resolve that all 2020 World Service Conference participants may participate and vote remotely in the same manner as the current policy for participants who are unable to obtain visas:*

*“Participants who are unable to attend the WSC due to visa issues may participate remotely. Remote participants have the same rights as if they were at the WSC” 2018 GWSNA*

**Intent:** *To allow WSC 2020 to make decisions on issues that participants have selected to proceed with virtually in April 2020. These issues include an emergency budget and project plans, elections, and the FIPT moratorium end date.*

**Alaska voted: yes**

## Saturday, April 25th

We spent most of the day discussing the **Emergency Budget** (which wasn't ready for review at the time; however, has since been provided).

Emergency Budget

[Emergency Budget Cover Sheet](#)

[Emergency Budget Draft 2021-2022](#)

**Alaska:** At this time, I scheduled a virtual meeting for interested member of the Alaska Region to provide me direction. one member was interested so I contacted and discussed with them privately.

On Sunday, we will be asked to vote on the following 2 motions, both proposed by the World Board.

#### **Motion V2**

*To adopt an emergency financial frame to serve as the World Service Conference approved budget for Narcotics Anonymous World Service, Inc. for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022. We acknowledge that this frame will be adjusted by the World Board during the cycle as a result of current and changing conditions. All adjustments made will be reported to conference participants.*

**Intent:** *To fulfill the responsibilities required of NA World Services, Inc as the trustee called out in Article IV, Section 12 of the FIPT and current policies in GWSNA while at the same time acknowledging the uncertain and changing circumstances of the world. All other reporting requirements remain the same.*

#### **Article IV: Rights and responsibilities of the Trustee**

##### *Section 12: Trustee reporting obligation*

*Each year, the Trustee shall give a full written report of its activities to the Trustor. This report shall be delivered to all participants of the World Service Conference at or before its biennial meeting and shall be available at cost or less to any Narcotics Anonymous member. This report shall include:*

- 1. A year-end financial report of the previous calendar year.*
- 2. A description of all Trustee activities funded from proceeds generated by the Trust in the previous year.*
- 3. A budget and project description for Trustee activities planned for the coming conference cycle.*

#### **Motion V3**

*As WSC 2020 participants, we acknowledge our understanding and acceptance that all 2020-2022 project plans were created and offered before the current world crisis and public health-imposed quarantine and will only be worked on when and if the resources become available. We will consider each project plan presented for the 2020-2022 cycle on a project by project basis as required by current conference policy with this qualification. We will also provide priorities for the plans for new and revising existing Recovery IPs, IDTs, and the Local Service Toolbox plan.*

**Intent:** *To continue to fulfill the responsibilities required of the conference for the initiation of projects.*

Here's a little information on the moratorium that will be discussed near the end of wsc 2020.

- FIPT inspection clause moratorium- 2018 Conference

*STRAW POLLS FROM SECOND FIPT SESSION*

*1. Do you agree that a change is needed in the future to Article III of the Operational Rules? (this has no effect on the current inspection request)*

*93-15-4-2 consensus support*

*2. Do you support a temporary suspension of the right for an inspection request from a single region? (this suspension would expire at WSC 2020)*

*77-32-3-1 strong support*

*DECISION FROM SECOND FIPT SESSION Acting as the trustor, the delegates present at WSC 2018, are suspending Article 5, Section 3 of the FIPT Operational Rules, while we make a decision about the future. This suspension would expire at the close of WSC 2020.*

*Final vote/decision: 89-22-0-2 consensus support*

## Sunday, April 26th

Emergency Budget was submitted. Although it includes some cuts in the first year, it really doesn't seem to be realistic. Anthony E., the Executive Director of NAWS, basically said the same in his report.

They are hopeful that income will increase over the next two years. The budget presented was created with that in mind.

Member contributions have increased. 40% of the non-members who buy literature are still purchasing literature.

[Emergency Budget Draft 2021-2022](#)

### Highlights from Discussion of Emergency Budget by WSC Participants:

- There is concern that the Emergency Budget has a higher deficit than the original CAT Budget
  - The Alaskan members wanted to see the deficit lowered.
  - There was concern about the income decrease amounts not matching what was verbally reported.
  - Anthony said several times that any budget is only ever a best-guess, and that in this case, things are too fluid to predict. They are asking for our trust to adapt as new information arises.
- Hearing that NAWS is struggling financially for such a long period of time members suggested a restructuring of the service structure or willingness to help with forming a workgroup to work with the WB.
  - Looking from NAWS perspective they hope to increase member and Regions contributions and not interested in a restructuring of business.

**MOTION V2** – Several amendments were proposed in the afternoon session.

**Alaska** Submitted an amendment to the WB via email.

- **VAM 13** – Alaska RD In the Spirit of the 1st Tradition and Building unity a regular reporting schedule that the fellowship can count on regarding rapid budgetary changes needs to be established along with approval of the emergency budget.

### **New Motions from the World Board:**

Seven new motions (motions V4 – V10) were added from the World Board, in regard to Project Plans from the 2020 CAT (Conference Approval Track).

*Each of the new motions corresponds to a motion from the CAT. I have included the CAT motion number in case you want more information.*

**Alaska:** *The Delegate team provided an online CAT workshop for the Alaskan members to have an opportunity to guide us. Thank you to the members that gave us direction.*

### [Current motions for virtual WSC 2020 4-26-20](#)

### [2020 CAT – Conference Approval Track](#)

#### **Motion V4:**

CAT MOTION 18 – (yes)

*To approve the Spiritual Principle a Day project for inclusion in the 2020-2022 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.*

*This was specified to us at \$75,000 at the WSZF in January.*

#### **Motion V5:**

CAT MOTION 19 – (yes) Which pertains to DRT

*To approve the New Recovery Information Pamphlets project plan.*

#### **Motion V6:**

CAT MOTION 20 – (yes)

*To approve the Revising Existing Recovery Information Pamphlets project plan.*

#### **Motion V7:**

CAT MOTION 21 – (yes)

*To approve the Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) project plan.*

#### **Motion V8:**

CAT MOTION 22 – (yes)

*To approve the Local Service Toolbox project plan.*

#### **Motion V9:**

CAT MOTION 23 – (yes)  
To approve the Role of Zones project plan.

**Motion V10:**

CAT MOTION 24 – (yes) Based off group tally sheets on CAR motions 3-5  
To approve the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) revision project plan.

## Tuesday, April 28th

Voting on Motions V3 – V10

### Emergency Budget

At this point, the World Board has pulled motion V2, probably to see what impact the amendments below have, and the matter will be discussed at one of our next sessions.

23 Amendments were proposed to the budget. Another way to think about that is that 17% of the 135 voting participants took issue with some portion of the proposed Emergency Budget.

[Budget amendment proposals](#)

### Results

<https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/wsc2020virtual/CP%20Straw%20Poll%20on%20where%20we%20go%20from%20here.pdf>

**Virtual WSC Motions**

Please review your choices carefully. Once this vote is cast by clicking "Confirm", you will not be able to make further changes.

Motion V3:	<b>Yes</b>
Motion V4:	<b>Yes</b>
Motion V5:	<b>Yes</b>
Motion V6:	<b>Yes</b>
Motion V7:	<b>Yes</b>
Motion V8:	<b>Yes</b>
Motion V9:	<b>Yes</b>
Motion V10:	<b>Yes</b>
Straw Poll Question 1:	<b>Yes</b>
Straw Poll Question 2:	<b>Some</b>
Straw Poll Question 3:	<b>Some</b>
Straw Poll Question 4:	<b>60 Days</b>

## Wednesday, April 29th

### Session 1

The Human Resources Panel (HRP) chairperson made a detailed report explaining the process they utilize to screen and review candidates (they screened candidates for World Board, Facilitator/Co-facilitator, and HRP members and provided good information for all of the candidates).

The HRP chair also presented a video with a brief hello (name and location) from each of the candidates they had screened. Not included in the video were candidates who were nominated directly from regions or zones (those candidates do not go through the HRP screening process).

The Co-fac made note of the fact that **all voting participants** were present.

The meeting was turned over to Anthony for discussion about NAWS' response to COVID-19. After a brief rundown of NAWS' response, he moved to discussion regarding a research project:

- 2 researchers who have worked with NAWS previously to publish papers which our PR committees were then able to utilize to demonstrate the effectiveness of our program.
- These researchers are assisting in presenting our fellowship as a “viable” program of recovery to other professionals.
- Extensive discussion ensued regarding the research, other research available, and their impact on our credibility with professionals

### Session 2

Discussion of the results of e-Polls and moving forward.

Tana (WB Chair) acknowledged that they were not really prepared for Sunday's afternoon session.

#### Voting Results:

None of the 23 Amendments proposed to motion V2 had enough support.

**Alaska's:** amendment had the highest support with 46%. We were assured verbally the reporting on the budget would occur every two months during our CP webinar meetings.

***Motion 2VR was proposed by the WB: The wording was reduced***

*To adopt the Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. emergency budget for 2021-2022 as presented.*

**Straw Poll 1:**110y, 18n, 2ab, 2pnv

**Straw Poll 2:**108y, 23n, 1ab, 1pnv

**Motion Passed**

**Alaska** Voted Yes based of the accommodations of accurate and updated reporting every two months.

Its hard to imagine what day to day tasks the WB does. They are tasked with fiduciary responsibility to hold the office and budget accountable. We are confident the WB heard the regions concerns and will honor them.

Final words from Tana: We are collectively committed to reducing expenses.

**Virtual WSC 2020 Budget Amendments**

Please review your choices carefully. Once this vote is cast by clicking "Confirm", you will not be able to make further changes.

VAM 1: **No**

VAM 2: **No**

VAM 3: **No**

VAM 4: **Present/Not Voting**

VAM 5: **No**

VAM 6: **Present/Not Voting**

VAM 7: **Yes**

VAM 8: **Yes**

VAM 9: **Yes**

VAM 10: **No**

VAM 11: **No**

VAM 12: **No**

VAM 10: **No**

VAM 11: **No**

VAM 12: **No**

VAM 13: **Yes**

VAM 14: **No**

VAM 15: **Present/Not Voting**

VAM 16: **No**

VAM 17: **Present/Not Voting**

VAM 18: **Present/Not Voting**

VAM 19: **No**

VAM 20: **Yes**

VAM 21: **Yes**

VAM 22: **Present/Not Voting**

VAM 23: **Present/Not Voting**

The ballot for elections will be sent out following the last Wednesday session.



Saturday, May 2nd

HRP Report

Elected WB members: Danny, Eduardo, Jorge M, Michael B.

Elected HR members: Arne, Laura

Elected Coo-Fac member: Mario

Voting results on motions V3 – V10:

All motions, with the exception of V5 passed. (New recovery IP)

Straw poll (non-binding) results for where to go next with the WSC follow:

Straw Polling for the future (126 out of possible 136 responded - 93%)		Percentage of those answering each question	
	%	#	
1. Do you want to come back together virtually as a WSC in this conference cycle to consider CAR and CAT motions?			
a. Yes	76%	96	
b. No	24%	30	
total responding to #1		126	
2. If yes to question 1, do you want to consider all CAR motions or some CAR motions?			90%
a. All	68%	73	
b. Some	21%	23	
c. None	10%	11	
total responding to #2		107	
3. If yes to question 1, do you want to consider all remaining CAT motions or some CAT motions?			89%
a. All	58%	62	
b. Some	31%	33	
c. None	11%	12	
total responding to #3		107	
4. If yes to question 1, do you have a preferred time window to begin? 60 days 90 days 6 months?			
a. 60 days	42%	41	
b. 90 days	31%	30	
c. 6 Months	28%	27	
total responding to #4		98	

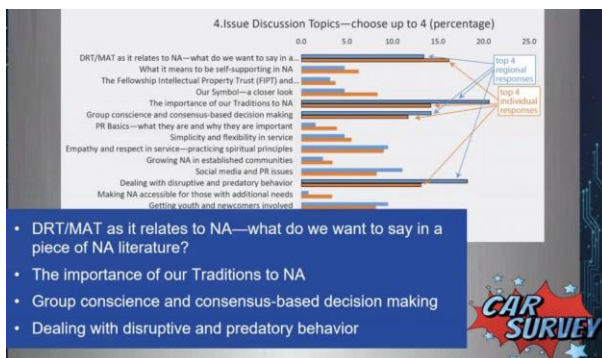
A motion to challenge was presented:

There was a motion from 14 regions to overturn the votes on V3 – V10 because discussion was not allowed, among other reasons.

After extensive discussion and 3 straw polls, there was not enough straw poll support to continue.

CAR Survey

[Link to view CAR lit survey](#)



Tana took the time to review a number of the responses before asking for straw polling of the items as they relate the WB projects plans.

### Based off CAR survey the world board recommends

- Issue discussion topic -DRT

Polled several times- split into two motions

- Accept DRT idt- [motion passes](#) with strong support

87 yes- 39 no-4 abst-4 pnv

- Approve a fellowship survey on DRT

Polled 2 times- [motions passes](#)

122 yes, 10 no, 1 abst, 1 pnv

- Service material- accept two topics to focus on for the local service toolbox.

Online meeting practices.

How to carry the NA message effectively including virtually.

Polling 3 times- [motion passes](#) with 98% consensus. [Alaska](#) voted Yes

We closed out business partway through the project plans.

## May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

First session

- Existing Literature- The loner

Polling 2 times- [motion passes](#) with 86% consensus. [Alaska](#) voted Yes

- Proposal-To agree to conducting the prioritization later in the upcoming conference cycle.

2 straw polls- [motion passes](#) with consensus support 123 yes, 6 no, 2 abst, 4 pnv

Second session

Do you want to come back together virtually as a WSC in this conference cycle to consider CAR and CAT motions?

Anthony reported there is no budget allocated for a face to face until 2022.

Straw polled twice- [Alaska yes](#). Rational: we are prepared to serve considering we have the average amount of group tally sheets at this time.

Minority discussion: Not vital, virtual is ineffective, can't resolve time zone challenges, AD participation is limited, we are not easily able to amend, too short of time to address business.

Poll 4 & 5- [Alaska, PNV](#). We are prepared and willing to serve, however hearing the responses and finding no real solution and not having any way to direct the flow as CP's I opted to trust the consensus.

[Motion failed](#)- with support of 61%, motion failed with 60% support

Appeals began to challenge the co-FACS decision

Do we uphold the decision of the co-facs- [AK yes](#)

The co-facs decision was accurate based off the group consensus. It was mentioned that this would close the 2020 conference.

The motion to appeal the co-fac [failed](#), with lack of support.

An amendment was made by Pacific Cascade. It did not reach consensus. People felt strongly about not prioritizing certain motions over others.

Another appeal occurred

New proposal: Do you support to comeback together virtually as a wsc 2020 in this cycle with the items submitted via e-ballot?

Polled twice, 77% strong support and 78% strong support

Polled more, [proposal passes](#) with 80% consensus.

- We will be coming back virtually in this cycle with items for decision to be determined by CP's the e-ballot.
  - The moratorium will remain in place
  - Trusted servants at the world level will remain in place.
- ❖ When going through the amendments to the budget, many were similar in intent. Some would be difficult to get behind because of the sheer amount of information the office and WB members deal with would be next to impossible to push down to the groups. The WB is tasked with the fiduciary responsibility of doing some of the work that our members are interested in being included in. I have thought hard about how it could work if set up differently. I have heard members express a desire for change. However, I have yet to hear a solution that could be proposed. Questions I'm asking myself; If I'm not pleased with a current set up, what could change or what could be done differently. I'm still pretty new to this commitment as I have only attended half of a conference, so hopefully, more will be revealed as my understanding and experience grow.

- ❖ Another thing I noticed that caught my attention was in the budget amendments. A zone and region asked for less money in Fellowship Development. I believe the places that proposed less in FD benefit directly from that portion of our world services. Had this occurred in person, I would have loved to talk with them and ask more questions. As of now, it's a topic of interest I'd like to explore more. I plan to call them to ask questions when time permits.
  
- ❖ I'm interested in having a couple of World Board members provide a Q/A on the budget and or annual report for interested members. Looking at the information provided annually can be exceedingly difficult if you are not an accountant, and that leaves room for speculation, assumptions, and distrust. I'd love to hear a little more on how to read it and understand it better as a member of NA. I believe this would help us create less confusion and more unity and trust with the process. I talked with our WB representative about this idea and will further pursue it if we have interested members. Would you attend this if this was available?
  
- ❖ When it came to voting for on nominees for the wb, hr and co-fac, the alternate and I choose members and worked very diligently to diversify our selections. We read through each one of their information independently and review/ selected together. I was surprised that none of the women were selected. However, I am letting go and trusting the conscious.
  
- ❖ Considering the worldwide pandemic and our original 1.5 million deficits presented in the CAT before the lawsuit and then the coronavirus, we all agreed to meet virtually and take care of the time-sensitive material.

One of the intense conversations at the end of this segment was whether we should continue to meet virtually later to cover CAR and the remaining CAT material. Alaska pivoted here because of information that came in after the conversation started.

At first, we voted yes because we have a conscious to carry. Then after hearing from other members share about the difficulties of meeting this way, we switched to PNV with the idea that we are prepared but willing to trust the conscious. There were some severe time restraints for doing business in this format. The procedure in gwisna could not easily be honored. Members talked about the procedures for business not occurring. People talked about the time zone constraints, and I can't imagine doing this at 2 in the morning. There were e-polls sent out that were final decisions without any discussion. Some regions are not prepared to carry a conscious.

At one point, I thought this might happen to Alaska as when this was beginning, I only had two tally sheets, and our meeting were closing rapidly. This was conflicting as we all share a deep desire to honor the region's motions that are on the table and the regions conscious that has been workshopped and are prepared to be carried.

One of my concerns was if we did not proceed with business, this cycle would the motions carry over to the next cycle. I asked Tanna the world board chair and other members privately as this discussion and polling were happening very quickly, and I was reassured that it would.

There were a few points to consider as the last straw poll came up for the final decision.

One, we were at such a deficit financially with most of the wso offices closed, most staff furloughed and remaining staff at 20 hours a week and looking at the work we had accomplished already which included a significant amount of work for our office to carry out (wish list) for if the economy gets better.

Two, so long as our conscious would carry over to the next cycle, our members and the regions with motions on the floor would be honored.

Three, my hands felt tied behind my back without an effective procedure for doing business in this format. All these items played into our final vote. However, the conscious went another direction. We are going to meet again, and the board is asking for ways to improve the process, which is a relief.

- ❖ One thing we tried this year was to hold a virtual CAT workshop and allow the Alaska region members to give us direction. I'm happy to say two of our members showed up and weighed in on those decisions. I learned that the CAT was initially created because, in the past, the WSC would send 100+ motions back to the groups, and it was a strain. The cat was designed to separate decisions. CAR for the groups and CAT for the trusted servants. Some regions are incredibly interested and want to participate in the whole process. They want to weigh in on all the information and give their delegate guidance. I would venture to say at this time Alaska is not that interested. This means that as a region, we choose to trust our delegates to make those decisions—thoughts to ponder.
  
- ❖ This was the first time the WSC met virtually and we did get a sufficient amount of business done considering the budget limitations at this time.

**This is a partial report as the WSC 2020 has not concluded.**

**In loving Service,**

Mandy H