



PROGRESS THROUGH WORLDWIDE UNITY
NAR-ANON WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 2023

PROPOSED WSC 2023 STANDING RULES OF ORDER (FINAL)

1. Each WSC delegate and trustee will have a voice and a vote. Alternate delegates and representatives will have a voice. An alternate delegate has a vote in the absence of their regional delegate. Representatives have no vote. World service committee chairs have voice limited to their committee report and questions regarding their committee's activities. The World Service Office Executive Director has a voice limited to his/her report and questions regarding World Service Office activities.
2. No member may speak on a motion more than once unless others desiring to speak on the motion have exercised their opportunity. A region's delegate and alternate delegate are considered to be the same member when speaking on a motion.
3. There is a time limit on debate by any member. No member may speak longer than three minutes on a motion each time they are recognized by the facilitator. However, the facilitator may exercise discretion to extend the time limit when, in the facilitator's opinion, such action is warranted. To otherwise extend debate, a motion from the floor to do so must be adopted.
4. There is a limit on the number of speakers on any motion. No more than three members may speak in favor of (pro) and no more than three members may speak in opposition to (con) any motion. Debate may be extended when a motion from the floor to extend debate is made and adopted.
5. Every main motion from the floor must be presented in writing on a WSC motion form and contain the names and positions of members proposing and seconding the motion. A region's delegate and alternate delegate are considered to be the same member when making or seconding motions. Motions presented by the BOT do not require a second. Motions should be worded in the positive to provide clarity on the effect of the motion. A motion should be clear, concise, comprehensive, and have its intent visibly reflected, as members will be voting on the actual wording of the motion, not the maker's intent of its effects. Motions must be turned in to the motions table before the facilitator will recognize the maker. All motions are displayed in writing before debate or voting. After a motion is made and seconded, the facilitator restates the motion clearly to the conference. The motion is now pending and before the conference; it is only at this point that the motion belongs to the conference and must be disposed of in some manner.
6. Every amendment to a main motion must be presented in writing on a WSC motion form and contain the names and positions of members proposing and seconding the amendment. A region's delegate and alternate delegate are considered to be the same member when making or seconding amendments. Any second merely indicates that another member wishes the matter to come before the conference; it does not necessarily mean that the member who seconds the motion is in favor of the motion. Amendments presented by the BOT do not require a second. Amendments must be turned in to the motions table before the facilitator will recognize the maker. All amendments are displayed in writing before debate or voting.

7. Debate follows if the motion is debatable. Debate will also follow the making of an amendment to the motion, if the motion is amendable. Debate addresses the motion or the amendment, not the member making it. Motives should never be questioned. Members should address each other through the presiding facilitator. The facilitator addresses members by name. Discussion (debate) is not between two members but through the facilitator.

8. When ready, the conference votes to adopt (carry) or not adopt (fail) the motion or amendment. This is also known as the facilitator putting the question. Voting shall be by raising virtual hands. All in favor of the item are asked by the facilitator to raise their virtual hand and keep it raised for a count of the vote. If the affirmative (in favor) vote is determinative (more than 50 percent of the total number of voters present at the most recent roll call, or two-thirds for those votes that require a two-thirds majority to pass) then the negative (opposed) vote is not taken or recorded. In all other cases, the negative vote is taken and the count for both affirmative and negative is included in the minutes. Abstentions are not asked for unless the member is abstaining for the reason of conflict of interest.

9. A majority vote (simple majority) is a vote of more than one-half of the voters present at the most recent roll call.

10. Every motion to make or amend policies and guidelines must be carried by 2/3 of the voters present at the most recent roll call as polled in each session.

11. Any motion submitted in the CAR for the current conference and approved at the conference becomes effective at the conclusion of the conference, unless otherwise specified in the motion.

12. These standing rules of the conference are applied in conjunction with the Twelve Traditions of Nar-Anon Family Groups, the Twelve Concepts of Nar-Anon Service, and RONR.

13. The use of a combination of technology and simultaneous translations is authorized to allow members who do not speak English as their primary language to hear what is discussed and speak in their native language with translation into English during the World Service Conference.

14. All members who have voice and/or vote are expected to be visible on screen during the Conference proceedings. Members who are not visible on screen, lose their voice and vote unless the facilitator grants an exception for a special need.

15. If a person holding the vote is absent or unable to participate, the vote can be transferred to that region's previously designated alternate by using a Point of Privilege.