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GREETINGS FROM THE NAR-ANON 2010 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

We are sending this report to all registered Regions, Delegates, Alternate Delegates, World Service Committees and the World Service Board of Trustees of Nar-Anon Family Groups in preparation for "Together We Can," the 2010 Nar-Anon World Service Conference (WSC) to be held from April 23 through April 26 at the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel in San Pedro, California, USA. This Conference Agenda Report (CAR) will only be available in English, but registered non-English speaking Regions may translate it into their own language.

The WSC is the time when the WSO staff, World Service Board of Trustees, World Service committee members, Regional Delegates, Alternate Delegates, and any other interested Nar-Anon members join together to pursue our fellowship's growth. As we continue to grow and develop in our fellowship, our primary purpose "to offer support to friends and families of addicts" and to listen to the group consciences of the Nar-Anon Family Groups will remain unchanged.

Our first "official" WSC was held in 2006. It was attended by Delegates from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Japan, Alternate Delegates, members of the Board of Trustees, and other Nar-Anon members. The accomplishments of the 2006 WSC included development of the Nar-Anon Preamble, Vision and Mission Statements; conference approval of "SESH"; approval of the Nar-Anon Guidelines for Assembly Region and World Service Conference Delegate; and approval of the Bylaws of Nar-Anon Family Groups. We also elected six (6) new Trustees and the conference participants joined World Service committees to further the work begun at the 2006 conference.

The next WSC was held in 2008, with representation expanded to include Colombia and additional regions of the USA. In 2008, we streamlined conference procedures; appointed an independent conference chair; continued to approve new recovery literature; created a new committee for fundraising; adopted a new logo; elected a new trustee; and adopted moratoriums on changes to existing conference approved literature and repeat non-literature related motions.

In preparation for the 2010 WSC, we solicited motions from all Nar-Anon Regions around the world. Our deadline for receiving motions was October 5, 2009. The 32 motions received from the Regions appear at the end of this report.

The CAR is a tool by which we are able to communicate the issues that we will address at the WSC. We ask that each Region pass the CAR, not only to their Areas, but to each Nar-Anon Family Group, so that every member of our fellowship worldwide may review it and have their voice heard at the Group level. Our hope is that each Group's conscience will then be carried to the Area and to the Region, so that every Regional Delegate or Alternate Delegate will be able to fully represent their Region. The Regional Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate will then attend the 2010 WSC and vote on behalf of their Region. If a Region does not have a Regional Delegate or Alternate Delegate, they may send a Representative who will have a voice but no vote. Only Regional Delegates (and Alternate Delegates while serving in place of their Delegates) and Trustees will have a vote at the conference.

GOALS OF THE 2010 WSC

The theme "Together We Can" was adopted and approved at the 2008 WSC to reflect the unity with which we strive to continue moving forward in our development; to carry Nar-Anon's message back to our Regions; and help to further educate the Nar-Anon community and ourselves.



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At the 2010 WSC, we hope to continue developing our service structure and service-related literature and to approve *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services*, which was presented to the fellowship in July of 2009.

REPORTS

Each Region represented at the 2010 WSC is asked to prepare a Regional Report and submit it to the WSO in Torrance, California, no later than February 22, 2010. This will enable us to compile the Regional Reports for presentation with the WSO and World Service Board of Trustees Reports, Budgets, and Agenda. The Regional Report is to be no longer than one page and should offer information regarding the number of groups, how many meetings are held, Region structure, and events each Region has participated in since the last conference in 2008. We would also like to include Regional Reports from those Regions that are not attending the WSC. Sharing your report with the WSC, even if your Region is not attending, will provide important information about Regions around the world to allow us to better serve our fellowship.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

The intent of using rules of order is to provide an orderly way to conduct business, to protect each member's rights, to protect the WSC's rights, and to protect the free exercise of debate. If we understand the principles and use the procedures appropriately, the use of parliamentary procedure will enhance, not hinder, the accomplishment of the business of the WSC.

At the opening of the 2010 WSC, all voting members will be polled to establish that the voting members present have submitted the proper minutes necessary to be recognized at the WSC.

Our WSC will strive to be an issue and discussion based event. After adequate discussions have occurred, the conference formalizes its consensus by taking a vote. The consensus of the WSC is determined by a majority vote except for those decisions that require a 2/3 vote as defined in these Rules of Order. All activities of the WSC strive to achieve the spirit of consensus-based decision making.

To conduct business, the conference utilizes the following WSC Standing Rules of Order, adapted from the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Robert's), in conjunction with the following Floor Motion Criteria. The WSC Standing Rules of Order have been found to meet the general needs of the conference in the process of conducting the business of the biennial meeting when they are not in conflict with other conference policies, the principles of Nar-Anon or the Twelve Concepts of Nar-Anon Service.

In cases where the WSC Standing Rules of Order are not comprehensive enough, the latest edition of Robert's is used. This use is solely in cases where we have not written our own rules of order. If there is a conflict or discrepancy, WSC procedures will take precedence over Robert's.

WSC Standing Rules of Order:

1. Each WSC Delegate and Trustee will have a voice and a vote. Alternate Delegates and Regional Representatives will have a voice. An Alternate Delegate has a vote in the absence of their Regional Delegate. Regional Representatives have no vote.
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.



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3. There is a time limit on debate by any member. No member may speak longer than three minutes on a motion for each time they are recognized by the Chair to speak. However, the Chair may exercise discretion to extend the time limit when, in the Chair'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 the 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 World Board 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 the 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 Chair will recognize the maker. All motions are displayed in writing before debate or voting. After a motion is made and seconded, the Chair 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 the 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 assembly; it does not necessarily mean that the member who seconds the motion is in favor of the motion. Amendments presented by the World Board do not require a second. Amendments must be turned in to the motions table before the Chair will recognize the maker. All amendments are displayed in writing before debate or voting.
7. Debate follows (if the motion is debatable), and/or 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 Chair. The Chair addresses members by name. Discussion (debate) is not between two members but through the Chair.
8. When ready, the conference votes to adopt (carry) or reject (fail) the motion or amendment. This is also known as the Chair putting the question. The member who is chairing the conference, conducting a vote, or officially counting a vote does not have a vote while serving in this capacity. Voting shall be by a voice vote while standing. All in favor of the item are asked by the Chair to stand and remain standing for a count of the vote. Then those in favor will be asked to sit down, and the procedure will be repeated for those opposed and in abstention to the item in question.
9. A majority vote (simple majority) is a vote of more than one-half of the votes cast.
10. Every motion to amend *The Nar-anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* or to change other policies and guidelines currently in use must be carried by 2/3 of the voting body 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 Robert's Rules of Order.



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Floor Motion Criteria:

The agenda for the World Service Conference (WSC) includes several sessions where the conference participants address different types of business.

The Old Business session addresses the motions that were presented to the Nar-Anon Family Groups in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR). The fellowship has had an opportunity to consider and evaluate these motions. Regions have held Assemblies to discuss the CAR so that their Regional Delegates (RDs) can come to the WSC with an awareness of the group conscience of their Regions. During the Old Business session, any motions which arise that were not contained in the CAR must fall into specific categories in order to be considered.

Acceptable motions from the floor during the Old Business session would include amendments to or withdrawals of motions in the current CAR and motions regarding the daily conference agenda, conference rules of order or general operations of the current conference, such as motions to adjourn or motions to accept minutes of the prior day's business.

During the Old Business session, the WSC Chair will rule out of order any motions from the floor of the conference that: substantially change the intent of a motion presented in the CAR; attempt to change the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions or Twelve Concepts of Service in Nar-Anon; or attempt to change Nar-Anon's name, nature or purpose. Motions of this nature require review by the fellowship and will be dealt with under new business.

The WSC cannot approve new recovery literature or changes to existing Conference Approved recovery literature unless the new literature or changes to existing literature have been presented to the fellowship with the CAR. Recovery literature is simply defined as the Conference Approved literature that groups use in their meetings to work on recovery. This would include step and tradition books, daily readers, pamphlets on recovery topics, the Blue Booklet, step workbooks, etc. Changes to Conference Approved recovery literature require fellowship approval. Motions from the floor which attempt to change Conference Approved recovery literature will be dealt with under New Business.

The WSC also hears Region reports and World Service Committee reports. Any motions which arise as a result of these reports will fall under New Business.

The New Business session of the WSC deals with budgets, projects planned for the next cycle, approval of service material presented within the Conference Track Material timeframe, and the evaluation of new ideas which have come about during the current conference, including changes to Conference Approved recovery literature as mentioned above. After discussion of ideas which have come about during the current conference, the WSC decides whether these ideas or proposals will be included in the CAR for the next conference cycle or whether no action will be taken.

Conference Track Material is defined as non-recovery literature, such as handbooks and other service related literature or project proposals which have been sent to the RDs by the Board of Trustees or the WSC Committee for review. Conference Track Material does not require presentation to the fellowship in the CAR and may only receive Conference Approval provided the material was sent to RDs no less than (90) days prior to the WSC.

The Board of Trustees may decide that handbooks or service literature or changes to existing handbooks and service literature warrant fellowship review. In these cases, the proposed changes will be included in the subsequent CAR and the literature will be labeled Conference Approved after acceptance at the WSC.



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MOTIONS

We have received 32 motions from Regions around the world and 4 motions from the Board of Trustees to be discussed at the 2010 WSC. These motions are presented in no specific order. At the conference the motions will be dealt with as time permits. Although all motions are important - especially to the Regions that submitted them - time to complete each motion could be an issue, therefore we would like to accomplish this in as fair and equal a manner as possible.

The following are the motions submitted by various Regions of the Nar-Anon Family Groups and the Board of Trustees for consideration at the 2010 WSC:

Board of Trustees Motions

Motion 1: To revise the Tri-Annual Appeal to a quarterly appeal to coincide with the publication cycle of the Newsletter. This was approved on a temporary basis by the Board of Trustees at their July, 2009 meeting, pending permanent approval by the 2010 WSC.

Intent: To allow the appeal to reach more donors to further support the efforts of our World Service Office.

Motion 2: To develop a fund raising project plan for Regions' support of the WSC that will replace the existing equalized expense funding process with WSO funding within the next two conference cycles.

Intent: To broaden regional representation at the WSC by removing financial obstacles to participation.

Motion 3: To grant authority to the Website Committee regarding all content posted on www.nar-anon.org. All content on the site shall be approved by the Website Committee prior to posting. In the event that the Web Committee is unable to reach a consensus on a particular item, a decision will be made by the Board of Trustees.

Intent: As the web-site is the first impression of Nar-Anon for many and an informative resource for many more, it must always reflect our core philosophies. To ensure that this responsibility to our fellowship is met, decisions on its content can be best made by a body of Nar-Anon members with the experience to keep the Twelve Traditions in mind at all times.

Motion 4: To change Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, or Nar-Anon's name, nature, purpose or logo, any WSC proposal or action must be approved directly by the groups through a group tally process according to the following guidelines:

- A registration period is established, allowing enough time for non-English speaking groups to have translated any proposals or actions, to register for the tally with WSO. During this registration period all groups who choose to participate may do so.
- At the close of the registration period, the WSO will announce the total number of registrations to all WSC participants.
- At the WSC, the Board of Trustees will provide the conference with a motion to consider the validity of the database based on a comparison between the group tally database (those



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groups that have registered for the tally) and the group service database (all groups that are registered with WSO).

- Numbered ballots requesting a yes, no, or abstention response, together with self-addressed return envelopes, will be mailed to each group that registered for the tally. The groups will be provided sufficient time to return their ballots.
- In order for the tally to be valid, 75% of the groups who registered in the time period allowed for the tally must participate by responding.
- For each decision to pass, 75% of the groups who respond must vote in the affirmative.
- Ballot results will be reported to the fellowship.
- If the group tally affirms the decision(s), a motion will be placed in the next CAR for affirmation at the WSC.

Intent: Making changes to Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, or Nar-Anon's name, nature, purpose or logo should be decided by a representation of the fellowship as a whole. This will afford all Nar-Anon groups worldwide the opportunity to vote on making changes to the foundation of the Nar-Anon program.

Regional Motions

Motion 1: To change the policy on pg. 28 of the draft *Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services*. Lower the number of signatures required on every check to one (1) unless the check is over \$500. All checks over \$500 would require two (2) signatures.

Current Policy - Signatures on Bank Account: All checks shall require two (2) signatures, of any of the following: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, (or) Secretary.

Maker: Eastern Pennsylvania Region, Region Motion # 2

Intent: To expedite the paying of vouchers. Most of our Regions, as well as our officers, are spread out over a large geographical area making it difficult to obtain signatures in a timely manner.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services is not a rulebook, but a guide. Its purpose is to provide a framework for developing service structure. We feel that the change suggested in this motion falls within the autonomy of the individual regions or areas.

Motion 2: With the approval of the Regional Board recurring expenses including, but not limited to, Hotline telecommunications expenses, may be set up for automatic electronic payment from the Region's checking account. In addition, where the functionality exists, the treasurer may utilize online banking services to issue any payments authorized by the Board.

Maker: New Jersey Region, Region Motion # 1

Intent: The intent of this motion is to allow the Region to take advantage of today's technology especially where the authorized signatories are geographically dispersed to the point where obtaining two signatures on checks is an inconvenience at the minimum and an undue burden at most.



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Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

See our recommendation on Regional Motion 1 above. We feel that the suggested changes are within the autonomy of the individual regions or areas.

Motion 3: To replace the second paragraph on pg. 19 of the draft *Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* under "Dual Membership in Nar-Anon":

Nar-Anon/Narateen members who are also members of NA do not hold office (including the GSR and alternate GSR) beyond the group level in order to maintain the focus on the Nar-Anon program and to avoid the possibility of a conflict of interest at the area service level and beyond.

Replace: In order to maintain the focus on the Nar-Anon program and avoid the possibility of a conflict of interest at the area service level and beyond, Nar-Anon/Narateen members who are also members of NA are prohibited from holding the office of GSR or Alt GSR on the group level. However, Nar-Anon/Narateen members who hold dual membership at the group level may be elected to other offices within the group.

Maker: Eastern Pennsylvania Region, Region Motion # 9

Intent: To better clarify the positions a member of NA may hold within the Nar-Anon group.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The first paragraph of the Dual Membership section on page 19 states that "Nar-Anon/Narateen members who are also members of NA are eligible to hold office within their Nar-Anon or Narateen groups." The Board feels this is a clear explanation.

Motion 4: To modify pg. 19, second paragraph, under Dual Membership in Nar-Anon/Narateen and NA in *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* by inserting the words "in both fellowships simultaneously":

Nar-Anon/Narateen members who are also members of NA do not hold office (including the GSR and alternate GSR) beyond the group level in order to maintain the focus on the Nar-Anon program and to avoid the possibility of a conflict of interest at the area service level and beyond.

Replace: Nar-Anon/Narateen members who are also members of NA do not hold office (including GSR and Alt. GSR) beyond the group level in both fellowships simultaneously in order to maintain the focus on the Nar-Anon program and to avoid the possibility of a conflict of interest at the area service level and beyond.

Maker: Florida Region, Region Motion # 2

Intent: We believe by adding these four (4) words this better adheres to Nar-Anon Traditions in maintaining anonymity of NA members; this also opens service positions to members with significant recovery even if they are in another fellowship when there is no conflict of interest. Members can hold positions in Nar-Anon but not when they are holding a position in another fellowship.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board opposes permitting dual members of Nar-Anon and NA to serve as GSRs or Alternate GSRs to prevent a conflict of interest when serving beyond the group level.



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Motion 5: To delete in its entirety the section in *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* about taped meetings on pg. 17:

"Taped Meetings" Nar-Anon meetings may be taped by members, but the person doing the taping must have the group's permission. Nar-Anon closed meetings may be taped for use by professionals in the field of drug abuse with the following suggestions:

- All members are aware of and approve the taping.
- Anonymity is carefully preserved.
- The participants are knowledgeable about our traditions, demonstrate how the Nar-Anon philosophy has affected their own attitudes and actions, and avoid dwelling on the addict's story.

Note: WSO has no responsibility in the matter of tape enthusiasts who realize a profit from the sale of taped talks by Nar-Anon members.

Maker: Ontario Region, Region Motion # 5

Intent: We strongly disagree with meetings being taped as there is no way anonymity can be protected after the tape leaves the room.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board opposes the removal of guidelines for taping from *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services*. Tapes are a resource for sharing recovery as well as a fundraising item used by conventions.

Motion 6: To define the term "Group Conscience" somewhere in *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* especially for the benefit of newcomers. This wording first appears on pg. 10 of the GLS.

Maker: Eastern Pennsylvania Region, Region Motion # 7

Intent: Explain what a Group Conscience is and how/when it is used.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To affirm.

Motion 7: To develop a Suggested Group Business Meeting format and add it to *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* on pgs. 17 – 18.

Maker: Eastern Pennsylvania Region, Region Motion # 8

Intent: To have a Suggested Business Meeting format developed and added to the *NFG Guide to Local Services* as a guide for local groups.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To affirm.

Motion 8: To amend *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* by deleting the Preamble on pg. 2 because it repeats the Mission and Vision statements.

Maker: Ontario Region, Region Motion # 1

Intent: The Mission and Vision statements repeat the Preamble. One way to resolve this repetition is to delete the preamble



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Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Preamble, Mission and Vision Statements are a set of key messages reflective of our program's goals which were developed and approved at the 2006 WSC. The 2006 WSC voted unanimously to have the Literature Committee place the new Preamble and the Mission/Vision Statements appropriately throughout our literature. We believe these messages should be kept intact as a preface to *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services*.

Motion 9: To amend *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* by moving the Table of Contents currently on pgs. 4 - 7 to start on pg. 2.

Maker: Ontario Region, Region Motion # 2

Intent: It makes more sense for the Table of Contents to come immediately after the cover page since it lists the Introduction, Mission Statement, etc.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board recommends that this motion be withdrawn and that edits of this nature be left to the Literature Committee to complete during the final editing process.

Motion 10: To delete the word "personal" from the first sentence on pg. 9 of *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* under the heading "Membership in Nar-Anon and Narateen": "Anyone who feels their personal life is or has been affected by close contact with an addict is eligible for membership in Nar-Anon."

Replace: "Anyone who feels their life is or has been affected by close contact with an addict is eligible for membership in Nar-Anon."

Maker: Ontario Region, Region Motion # 3

Intent: The reasoning behind this is that addiction can affect both personal and work life so criteria for membership should refer to more than personal life.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To affirm.

Both the Board and the Policy & Guidelines Committee affirm this motion. P&G will make the suggested revision *unless* the conference does not vote to carry the motion.

Motion 11: To add the following sentence to paragraph two on pg. 10 of *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services*. "Also useful are websites that list local meetings and a Telephone Helpline that people can call to get information about meetings." New paragraph would read: "You will need to attract more members to your group. Informing the clergy, doctors, social workers and others in your community who have occasion to counsel the families of addicts may be productive. This can be done by mail and you can keep your anonymity. Some newspapers will include Nar-Anon listings in the local events columns without charge. Also useful are websites that list local meetings and a Telephone Helpline that people can call to get information about meetings."

Maker: Ontario Region, Region Motion # 4

Intent: A website for the local Region and/or Area and a helpline are also proven methods to inform the public about Nar-Anon so should be included in this section.



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Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board affirms the intent of this motion but does not approve the rewording proposed in the motion. We recommend that the Policy & Guidelines Committee revise this section to provide more information about the suggested additional methods for attracting members.

Motion 12: To change the wording on pg. 15 of the draft *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* where the second bold topic states "Don't rely too heavily on visiting speakers". Replace: "Don't rely solely on visiting speakers".

Maker: Eastern Pennsylvania Region, Region Motion # 5

Intent: To remove negative connotation from the manual.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: None

Motion 13: To place the current version of the *Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* manual on the nar-anon.org website and revise in a timely fashion to coordinate with the Nar-Anon world conference schedule.

Maker: Eastern Pennsylvania Region, Region Motion # 4

Intent: This would make this up-to-date information available to the entire fellowship as well as those in service. Those in service would still buy a hard copy of the manual.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

At this time, the Board does not support making literature available for download from the website. The Board will request that WSO add an informative banner to nar-anon.org indicating that the draft version of *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* will be available in PDF by e-mail upon request. Printed copies of the final approved version may be purchased from WSO.

Motion 14: To have WSO create a PowerPoint presentation for use when doing public outreach including information on: what Nar-Anon is, how it works and how it can help families and friends of addicts.

Maker: Eastern Pennsylvania Region, Region Motion # 1

Intent: A PowerPoint presentation would provide a usable tool for doing public outreach with a consistent message among all of the groups in accordance with the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board affirms the intent of this motion, but does not see it as a function of the WSO. It is the Board's view that such a project would be a World Service committee function. Among the Board's concerns is obtaining copyrights to ensure it could not be altered or otherwise used without permission. We recommend that a project plan be developed before a motion to create a PowerPoint presentation for public outreach is considered.



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Motion 15: To give conference approval to the following "Unity Prayer":

I put my hand in yours, and together we can do what we could never do alone. No longer is there a sense of hopelessness, no longer must we each depend upon our own unsteady willpower. We are all together now, reaching out our hands for power and strength greater than ours, and as we join hands, we find love and understanding beyond our wildest dreams.

Maker: 2008 World Service Conference, WSC Motion # 1

Intent: To give the fellowship the opportunity to decide on the usage of the Unity Prayer that is used by some groups as a meeting closing. This prayer is attributed to a founder of Overeaters Anonymous.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: None

The Board feels that Regional Motions 15, 16 and 17 must be decisions reached by a majority of the fellowship. Our concern surrounds a need to clarify the specific usage - when a prayer is included in a format the implications are not the same as when it appears as part of a piece of recovery literature. The autonomy of the groups may be diminished by inclusion of a prayer in meeting formats. The first Tradition reminds us to strive for unity, not uniformity.

Motion 16: To approve and add the following to the Suggested Meeting Format as an additional closing statement at the end of a meeting:

"Let us place our hands together, for together we can do what I cannot do alone."

Maker: Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia Region, Region Motion # 2

Intent: To provide the fellowship with an additional closing at the end of a meeting. This would be an alternative to the Serenity Prayer and remind us that we are a family group that that help and hope are just a step away.

Board of Trustees Recommendation:

See Board recommendation on Regional Motion 15 above.

Motion 17: To add "Prayer for the Growth of our Fellowship" to the Suggested Meeting Format after the Serenity Prayer:

God, we thank you for the peace and serenity we are finding as we learn to put our addicts in Your hands, one day at a time, and cease trying to change them. We are grateful that You help those still alone and in pain because of the addiction of a friend or loved one. Please help them to find their way to these rooms, so that we may give back the gifts we have been so freely given, as well as give us a chance to share our experience, strength and hope with those suffering the isolation created living with an addict. As we try to reach out to others, with our fellowship, help us to be ever mindful of our traditions. We are trusting in Your love and concern for our addicts and us, and we ask that You help us to search always for Your will for us and for those we care about.

Maker: Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia Region, Region Motion # 3

Intent: To add the above prayer for use as an Opening for a meeting and/or instead of the Newcomer's Welcome if there are no newcomers to the meeting. The above prayer has been approved and will provide additional readings to meetings to strengthen our resolve to help keep the focus on us. Although our program strongly suggests throughout all of our literature to



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remain steadfast and keep the focus on ourselves and to work the program, this prayer would also fortify that concept.

Board of Trustees Recommendation:

See Board recommendation on Regional Motion 15 above.

Motion 18: To place previously approved Al-Anon Books "One Day at a Time" and "Courage to Change" back on the Nar-Anon CAL.

Maker: Connecticut, Western and Central Massachusetts Region, Region Motion # 2

Intent: To reinstate previously conference approved Al-Anon literature on our Nar-Anon CAL. This was not voted on at any WSC. The "SESH" book is the only daily reader we have at this point and both of these books have been very beneficial in the past to the recovery of Nar-Anon members.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

This motion is misleading by its premise that Nar-Anon Conference Approval was removed from Al-Anon literature. Nar-Anon Family Groups had permission from Al-Anon to sell certain pieces of *Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature* until we could develop our own work, which does not constitute Nar-Anon Conference Approval. The 2006 WSC voted to give Conference Approval *specifically* to all existing previously approved Nar-Anon literature.

We would like to remind all Nar-Anon members that they are free to use any literature they choose in their personal recovery, that the use of *only* Conference Approved Literature applies to Nar-Anon meetings and events.

Motion 19: To make the SESH book, blue book and other Nar-Anon literature available in audio editions for sale (CD's or audio tapes). A recording using a diversity of voices is suggested.

Maker: Eastern Pennsylvania Region, Region Motion # 6

Intent: To make our literature available to those for whom reading is difficult or impossible. To provide a format for Nar-Anon literature that can be listened to at any time such as while driving or doing housework or hobbies.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To commit.

The Board affirms the intent of this motion as a means of making Nar-Anon recovery material available to as many members as possible, however, no plan has been proposed. We recommend that a project plan be developed specifying a timeframe, means of implementation and distribution, and the estimated costs.

Motion 20: To lift the WSC Moratorium on motions to alter CAL for 2 conference cycles after the literature has been adopted.

Maker: Connecticut, Western and Central Massachusetts Region, Region Motion # 1

Intent: Members do not wish to wait 2 conference cycles to make changes to conference approved literature.



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Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The cost that WSO would incur to continually change and reproduce existing literature after each conference cycle is one that WSO is not financially able to absorb.

Motion 21: To remove from the heading of the meeting format for the Nar-Anon Meetings any reference to the word sample, suggested, or any equivalent.

Maker: New Jersey Region, Region Motion # 3

Intent: To remove the ambiguity in regards to the format to be followed by any and all Nar-Anon Family Group meetings.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board opposes removing the word sample, suggested, or any equivalent from meeting formats. Sample formats are provided as an aid to new groups. There are no formats that are required to be followed. Again, the first Tradition reminds us to strive for unity, not uniformity.

Motion 22: To remove the terms "suggested", "sample" or any synonym thereof, as specifically listed below, from *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* where the intent of the guide is to provide specific direction.

1. Page 4, Table of Contents: Delete "Suggested" from Suggested Programs for Nar-Anon Family Group Meetings
2. Page 4, Table of Contents: Delete "Sample" from Sample Format for Nar-Anon Meetings
3. Page 4, Table of Contents: Delete "Suggested" from Suggested Format for Beginner Meeting heading.
4. Page 12, Heading: Delete "Suggested" from Suggested Programs for Nar-Anon Group Meetings heading.
5. Page 12, Third paragraph: First line, replace "Suggested" with "recommended".
6. Page 12, Meeting Format: Delete from format heading the word "Sample".
7. Page 15, Beginner Meeting Format: Delete "Suggested" from section heading.
8. Page 43, Outside Therapy, line 5: Replace the word "suggests" with the word "states". There is no mention of "suggests" in The Sixth Tradition.

Maker: New Jersey Region. Region Motion # 4

Intent: Intent is to clarify or eliminate any ambiguity.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board reaffirms its position expressed on Regional Motion 1; *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services* was not written as a rulebook.

Motion 23: To remove the voting rights of Trustees on Motions contained in the CAR report.

Maker: Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia Region, Region Motion # 1

Intent: The Trustees should not have voting rights concerning Motions in the CAR report because they are not carrying votes from the fellowship and are only carrying their vote which is not representative of the whole of Nar-Anon. The purpose of the CAR Report, which includes all Motions presented to World for inclusion at the World Service Conference for approval by its members, as well as the election of the Delegates to represent the family groups in the election



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process is being circumvented by allowing the Trustees to vote their individual ideas and/or thoughts. Therefore, no Trustee should have a single vote. The Delegates should be the only authorized vote because the Delegate represents the Group and fellowship as a whole.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board feels that there is a misunderstanding by some members of our fellowship surrounding what the Board does and who we represent. As members of the Board of Trustees, we do not represent ourselves individually nor do we represent our regions. The Board of Trustees represents the Nar-Anon Family Groups as a whole, taking all Nar-Anon members around the world into consideration when making decisions.

The Board of Trustees has the responsibility of protecting Nar-Anon's Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. Restricting voting rights of the Trustees at the WSC would be at cross-purposes to Concept Seven which states, "*All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.*" As active members of the World Service Conference, members of the Board must be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes. To restrict the voting rights of any group of conference participants would be restricting their participation in the decision-making process.

The 2010 WSC will only be Nar-Anon's third conference. At the 2006 WSC, 15 delegates and 4 trustees were present, with 15 delegates and 3 trustees voting. At the 2008 WSC, 16 delegates and 10 trustees were present, yet only 3 delegates represented regions outside of the USA. The current number of participating delegates at the WSC does not adequately represent the worldwide fellowship as there are nearly 1,000 international groups. On a world level, our fellowship's service structure is only in the early stages of its development.

It has been brought up that NA's trustees do not vote on the motions in the CAR at their WSC. The Board feels that using NA's current voting process for comparison does not take the present developmental stage of our own WSC into consideration. NA's decision to restrict their World Board from voting on old business was not reached until 1995, their 20th conference.

Motion 24: To have no Board of Trustees (BoT) votes on old business which includes the CAR motions at the World Service Conference (WSC). They shall only have a voice on CAR reports.

Maker: Carolina NFG Region, Region Motion # 1

Intent: We feel with the BoT voting at the WSC they have two votes. Their votes come when they vote at their home groups and their region delegate will present to WSC, just as a delegate votes at their home group and only carries their region's vote to WSC.

We feel the BoT should state their feelings of support/non-support on the CAR report giving home groups & regions their thoughts on any motions.

Also, following guidelines of NA, their board has no votes on old business. Old business is any items that have been sent down to regions and home groups.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

See Board recommendation on Regional Motion 23 above.



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Motion 25: Whereas, while in attendance at the World Service Conference, the Board of Trustees does not represent any specific geographic area it is hereby moved that the Board of Trustees right to vote be restricted solely to tie breaker situations. In such case, the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to one (1) vote as a unit.

Maker: New Jersey Region, Region Motion # 2

Intent: Since the Board of Trustees does not represent any particular group, their vote would not be representative of the constituency and therefore should only have the right to vote in the event of a tie.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.
See Board recommendation on Regional Motion 23 above.

Motion 26: To change the World Service Conference to every 3 years.

Maker: Carolina NFG Region, Region Motion # 2

Intent: We feel that changing the WSC from every 2 years to 3 years will give regions more time to raise funding for the WSC & help in region growth and may help increase attendance at the WSC. Also, we feel this will allow more time for the process of motions and other world business. We understand every 2 years is the process of NA fellowship but also this has only been in practice in their recent history; we are not nearly as far along as NA and also NA provides attendance to their seated delegates at no cost to their regions.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.
The Board feels that extending the conference cycle from 2 years to 3 years would hamper the ability of the fellowship to continue moving forward as many of the decisions requiring WSC approval could take up to 2 cycles (or 6 years) to be made.

Motion 27: To exclude the delegate's cost for transportation to the WSC from the equalized expense cost for all delegates to attend the World Service Conference. The transportation costs will be the responsibility of their region.

Maker: Carolina NFG Region, Region Motion # 3

Intent: We feel that this will help lower costs of the WSC while still providing what the WSC needs to cover costs of conference and also allowing more choices of transportation for delegates and maybe will help increase the attendance of regions close to the WSC – who now pay the higher costs – whether or not transportation is needed to attend.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.
At this time, the Board does not support changing the equalized expense method currently used to finance the WSC. Transportation costs are included in the equalized expense for Regions within the USA, Canada and Mexico. Eliminating the cost of transportation from the equalized expense sum would give an undue advantage to those Regions geographically close to the site of the conference by easing their financial burden, while at the same time increasing the financial burden on those Regions geographically distant from the conference. See Board of Trustees Motion 2 for our recommendation to develop a means of supporting the WSC in the future.



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Motion 28: To change the wording of the Fourth Tradition which currently reads: *Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other Nar-Anon Family Groups, or NA as a whole.* Replace: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other Nar-Anon Family Groups, or Nar-Anon as a whole.

Maker: Florida Region, Region Motion # 1

Intent: This will keep the tradition focused on our fellowship and not another 12-Step fellowship.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

See Board of Trustees Motion 4 which outlines our recommendations for changes to Traditions.

Motion 29: That the WSC appoint a committee to review and make recommendations about the Nar-Anon Internet Forum with regard to its purpose, effectiveness, and how it can be managed by the fellowship as a whole.

Maker: Eastern Pennsylvania Region, Region Motion # 3

Intent: The forum began as a connecting point for people with a need for Nar-Anon. It supported many new meetings and sponsorship connections. Over the last 11 years, it has become a world-wide forum. Supervising it is now too big a task for one Area to be doing over such a prolonged period of time. If the forum is to continue, World Service should now take responsibility for the forum's management. Suggestion: that the current Area 10 Forum Committee be represented on this new committee.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board does not believe that this should be a function of a Nar-Anon World Service Committee. This is an Area or Region function if they wish to continue to operate this forum.

Motion 30: To create a World Service committee to assist new groups in getting started and help members connect in order to start new groups. The responsibilities of this committee would include referrals to Region or Area where request originated and encouraging/ mentoring Regions and Areas that are not yet organized.

Maker: Northern California Region, Region Motion # 1

Intent: To help facilitate new groups, as well as improve organization of Regions and Areas to help Nar-Anon grow.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

Assisting new groups to get started is one of the Area Service Representative's (ASR) responsibilities as described in *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services*. These services need to be local for them to be truly functional and effective. A World Service committee may not be able to effectively assist new groups getting started due to the geographical location of its members. Most World Service committees are made up of members located in several different parts of the world. Areas may establish committees as they deem necessary, such as one to assist new groups. See pgs. 20-21 of *The Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) Guide to Local Services*.



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Motion 31: The establishment of a committee and allocate it to Narateen.

Maker: Iran Region, Region Motion # 1

Intent: To help Narateen to develop and progress.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To table until New Business.

The Board affirms the intent of this motion. To implement such a committee, a project plan to evaluate the purpose of the committee, available resources and costs, if any, must be developed. The Board would like to see this discussed under new business.

Motion 32: As you know, there are more than 650 groups of Nar-Anon in Iran. It is felt necessity to establish a representation of WSO in Middle East.

Maker: Iran Region, Region Motion # 2

Intent: It will get better to service in Middle East in particular, in Iran.

Board of Trustees Recommendation: To not adopt.

The Board understands the intent of this motion. Nar-Anon Family Groups WSO does not have the resources to expand WSO representation outside of the USA. The Middle East groups could be effectively serviced through the establishment of a GSO or NSO.