



## PROGRESS THROUGH WORLDWIDE UNITY

NAR-ANON WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 2023

### CONFERENCE OPENS

Thursday - April 27, 2023 – opened at 6:00 am PST / 9:00 am EST

- The conference opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer
- The 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service were read
- Daily SESH Reading
- Announcements - Approval of Facilitator for the WSC 2023 conference by unanimous consent  
Confirm Tina as the WSC 2023 Facilitator – Carried by Unanimous Consent
  
- Welcome from the Board Chair
- Introduction of the Board of Trustees
- Welcome from the Executive Director - unable to attend, the Office Manager provided Welcome
- Introduction of Delegates and Alternates
- Roll Call at 6:35 AM: 43 voting members present: 22 votes = simple majority, 29 votes = 2/3 vote

### PROCEDURAL VOTING / INFORMATION SESSIONS

- Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2021, though unanimous consent  
Motion to approve minutes as submitted – PASSED by Unanimous Consent
  
- WSC Literature Committee – Priority List Introduction by Linda, Chair of Literature Committee.  
Delegates will receive information via SimplyVoting with a dropdown ballot to select the priority for each piece of literature; the ballot will end on Friday, April 28 at 5:00

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Recess for break/recess at 6:55 AM, reconvene at 7:15 AM

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- Standing rules of Order, reviewed proposed changes by the WSC Committee
  - Item 8 - *When ready, the conference votes to adopt (carry) or reject (fail) the motion or amendment. This is also known as the facilitator 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~~ raising virtual hands. All in favor of the item are asked by the facilitator to ~~stand and remain standing~~ raise their virtual hand and keep it raised for a count of the vote. ~~Those in favor are then seated, and the process is repeated for those opposed and in abstention to the item in question. If the "in favor" vote determines the outcome, no further votes are counted. If it is not sufficient to determine the outcome, then "opposed" votes are counted. Abstentions are not counted. The total number "in favor" and "opposed" is the total number of votes, and may change the number required to "pass" or "fail" the motion.~~*
  - Rule 9 – *A majority vote (simple majority) is a vote of more than one-half of the ~~votes cast~~ voters present at the most recent roll call.*
  - Rule 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 ~~voting body~~ as polled in each session,*
  - Rule 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.*



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- Rule 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.
- Standing Rules of Order, proposed amendments received by email
  - Rule 11 – received 4/24 made by Rocky Mountain Region - Any motion submitted in the CAR for the current conference, and any motion within the New Business session approved at the conference, becomes effective at the conclusion of the conference, unless otherwise specified in the motion. Vote to accept amendment to Rule 11 requiring a 2/3 vote

Facilitator determined this to be a policy requiring a 2/3 vote. Decision was appealed by a board member questioning if policy change or a it will require a 2/3 vote or if a general rule it would be simple majority.

Vote on the decision that Rule 11 will be voted on with a 2/3 vote (29 votes)  
PASSED – 34 in favor

Vote on Amendment to Rule 11 by 2/3 vote (29 votes)  
AMENDMENT FAILED - 24 in favor

- Rule 8, 9, and 10 – received 4/24 made by BC Region –
  - Rule 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 included in the determination of total votes cast none asked for unless a member is abstaining for the reason of conflict of interest. When the negative votes are counted, the percentage required to pass is recalculated based on the total number of votes cast.
  - Rule 9 – A majority vote (simple majority) is a vote of more than one-half of the voters present at the most recent roll call. votes cast. Abstentions are not included in the determination based of the total number of votes cast.
  - Rule 10 – Every motion t make or amend policies or guidelines must be carried by 2/3 of the voters present at the most recent roll call voting body as polled in each session votes cast. Abstentions are not included in the determination of total votes cast.

Vote on accepting amendments 8, 9 and 10  
AMENDMENT PASSED - 31 in favor

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- Recess for break/recess at 8:48 AM, reconvene at 9:15AM
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Roll Call at 9:15 AM: 44 voting members present: 30 votes = 2/3 vote, 23 votes = simple majority



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Challenge to seating the Delegate/Alternate Delegate from the Online Region as the Delegate has identified themselves as a member of Narcotics Anonymous, in GLS Section 4.4 Dual Membership Motion made to extend the debate, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and will require a 2/3 vote (30 votes)

MOTION FAILED – 16 in favor

Vote to allow the Alternate Delegate from the Global Online Region be seated by simple majority (23 votes)

MOTION PASSED - 25 in favor

- Rule 16 – received on April 27, made by Columbia Region -Rules of Order tools
  - *Point of Order – Any member who notices a breach of the rules has a right to call immediate attention to the fact and insist that that rules be enforced by raising a Point of Order*
  - *Point of Privilege – Used to solve some immediate problem of particular and urgent disadvantage to the group. It ensures the members can collaborate. Used if a member needs to leave and/or have alternate delegate replace the delegate*
  - *Point of Information – Used to bring up an additional point or additional information (in the form of a nondebatable statement) so that the members can make fully informed votes*
  - *Point of Inquiry – Used to ask the facilitator for clarification to make better voting decision*
  - *Point of Parliamentary Inquiry – Used to ask the facilitator for clarification on either standing or Roberts Rules of Order*
  - *Appeal the decision of the Facilitator – To vote on the ruling of the Facilitator.*
  - *Division of Assembly or Call for a Division – Take a roll call to verify results of a vote*

Facilitator stated that we only reference Roberts Rules, they do not need to be included in the Standing Rules of Order

Vote to accept the Standing Rules of Order as amended, 2/3 vote (30 votes)

MOTION PASSED - 41 in favor

- Acceptance of Agenda (changes, revisions, etc)
  - Friday, Motion 01 should state Motion 16 (although it has been withdrawn by the motion maker) – no objections
  - Friday, Motions 11, 12, 78, and 79 have been withdrawn by the motion maker
  - Time slot requested for the Budget and Finance to make a presentation, item added on Tuesday, 7:15 – no objections
  - Thursday, motion 07 is titled incorrectly, title should read Amend Previous Minutes – no objections
  - Thursday, move motion 03 to before motion 28 – no objections
  - Thursday, motion 28 withdrawn by motion maker
  - Friday, move motions 20 to before motion 15

Vote to consideration of motion 20 before 15

MOTION PASSED – 29 in favor

- Saturday, move motion 43 to before 39 – no objections
- Friday, motion 50 has been withdrawn by the motion maker
- Sunday, motions 56, 57, and 58, be referred to World Service literature approval process



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Vote to refer Motions 56, 57, and 58 to World Service Literature approval process  
PASSED by Unanimous Consent

Vote to accept the Conference Daily Agenda as amended by simple majority (30 votes)  
MOTION PASSED – 40 in favor

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Recess for break/recess at 10:39 AM, reconvene at 10:55 AM

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1 Delegate has left, so the number has changed to 43, 29 for 2/3 vote, 22 for simple majority

MOTION 02: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 28: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 03: Motion - In the Guide to World Services, section "2023 WSC Standing Rules of Order," Rules 1, 5, and 6, page 16, make the changes as indicated below:

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. The World Service Conference (WSC) delegates and the chair of the Board of Trustees (BOT Chair) will each have a voice and a vote. Each alternate delegate and the vice-chair of the Board of Trustees have a voice and, additionally, have a vote in the absence of the regional delegate or Board of Trustees Chair, respectively. Trustees and representatives will each have a voice when recognized by the WSC facilitator, but have no vote. World Service Committee (WS Committee) chairs have voice limited to their committee report and questions regarding their committee's activities or motions. The World Service Office (WSO) Executive Director has a voice limited to his /her report and questions regarding World Service Office activities or motions.~~

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.

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.

Motion made to remove Rules 5 & 6 from the amendment by simple majority (23 votes)  
MOTION PASSED – 32 in favor

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Board of Trustees have a voice and, additionally, have a vote in the absence of the regional delegate or Board of Trustees Chair, respectively. Trustees and representatives will each have a voice when recognized by the WSC facilitator, but have no vote. World Service Committee (WSC) chairs have voice limited to their committee report and questions regarding their committee's activities or motions. The World Service Office (WSO) Executive Director has a voice limited to his /her report and questions regarding World Service Office activities or motions.

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#### Amendment on Motion 3 from Trustee

~~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. The World Service Conference (WSC) delegates and the chair of the Board of Trustees (BOT Chair) will each have a voice and a vote. Each alternate delegate and member vice chair of the Board of Trustees have a voice and additionally, each alternate delegate and vice chair of the Board of Trustees will have a vote in the absence of the the regional delegate or Board of Trustees Chair, respetively, vote. Each alternate delegate and the members vice chair of the Board of Trustees will have a voice and, additionally, each alternate delegate anvhave a vote in the absence of the regional delegate or Board of Trustees Chair, respectively. Trustees and Representatives will each have a voice when recognized by the WSC facilitator, but have no vote. World Service Committee chair/designated member have voice limited to their submitted motions, committee report and questions regarding their committee's activities or motions. The World Service Office (WSO) Executive Director has a voice limited to his /her report and questions regarding World Service Office activities or motions.~~

Motion to extend meeting to resolve Motion 3 and then end the meeting once completed by simple majority (23 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 37 in favor

Vote on the amendment by Trustee with simple majority (23 votes)

AMENDMENT PASSED – 39 in favor

Vote on Motion 3 as amended by 2/3 vote (29 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 40 in favor

Closed at 12:15 PDT/3:15 EDT with Serenity Prayer



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- Daily SESH Reading
- Announcements
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## PROCEDURAL VOTING / INFORMATION SESSIONS

- Minutes of Thursday, April 27, 2023

Motion made to accept minutes as corrected

PASSED by Unanimous Consent

MOTION 04: In the Guide to World Services, WSC Standing Rules of Order, item #1, make changes as indicated:

~~World service committee chairs have voice limited to their committee report and questions regarding their committee's activities~~

Each World Service Committee shall be represented at the Nar-Anon World Service Conference (WSC) with a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate who are entitled to participation - by attending the Conference in-person or by virtual means - with a voice and vote. Each World Service Committee chair will also provide a committee report and may respond to questions regarding their committee's activities.

Vote on Motion 04 by 2/3 votes (29 votes)

MOTION 04 FAILED – 7 in favor

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Recess for break at 7:00 am, reconvene at 7:15 am

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MOTION 05: In the Guide to World Services, Standing Rules of Order of the World Service Conference (WSC), Rule # 1, page 16, make the changes as indicated:

Add this as the last sentence of Rule # 1:

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

Vote on Motion 05 as amended by simple majority (22 votes)

MOTION 05 AS AMENDED PASSED – 40 in favor

MOTION 29: In the Guide to World Services, page 16, WSC Standing Rules of Order, Rule 1: add this new sentence as the last sentence:

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 during the World Service Conference.

MOTION 29 WAS DISPOSED OF – SAME AS MOTION 05



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MOTION 30: In the Guide to World Services, page 18, section "Floor Motion Criteria", paragraph 7, revise the last sentence so the paragraph reads:

The New Business session of the World Service Conference deals with budgets, projects planned for the next cycle, approval of service material presented within the CAT 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 and floor motions which have come about during the current conference, the World Service Conference decides at the current conference whether these ideas or proposals will be; adopted (carried) and effective at the conclusion of the conference, rejected (failed), included in the CAR for the next conference cycle, or whether no action will be taken.

Vote on Motion 30 by 2/3 vote (29 votes)

MOTION 30 PASSED – 33 in favor

MOTION 06: In the Guide to World Services, section "WSC Standing Rules of Order," page 17, Item 11, make the changes as indicated below so it reads:

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. Regarding floor motions which have come up during the current conference, the conference decides whether these ideas or proposals will be; adopted (carried) and effective at the conclusion of the conference, rejected (failed), included in the CAR for the next conference cycle, or whether no action will be taken.

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Recess for break at 8:15 am, reconvene at 8:45 am

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- Roll Call at 8:45 am, 44 voting members present: 30 votes = 2/3 vote, 23 votes = simple majority

Vote on Motion 06 as amended by 2/3 vote (30 votes)

MOTION 06 AS AMENDED PASSED – 37 in favor

MOTION 07: **Motion to "Amend Something Previously Adopted" by changing the name of the "prayer composed at World Service Conference 2016" to "Third Step Prayer" in the 2016 World Service Conference Minutes regarding floor motion #3 and in the 2018 World Service Conference Minutes on motion #3.**

Reference is made to:

2016 World Service Conference Draft Minutes, Monday, May 2, 2016 (p. 2), Floor Motion 3

2018 World Service Conference Final Minutes, Saturday, April 28, 2018 (p. 2), Motion 3

OUT OF ORDER

MOTION 08: In the Guide to World Services, Introduction, page 4, 2nd paragraph, make changes as indicated.

The Guide to World Services is a resource for service bodies in every country committed to providing services to the Nar-Anon Fellowship. Due to cultural differences, geography, national, or provincial law, ~~or the developmental state of a particular Nar-Anon community~~, parts of this guide may be incompatible inappropriate for use. ~~Therefore, each Nar-Anon community can organize services in any way that works. Examine~~ In these cases, after a group ~~conscience~~ conscious, examining the service needs among those ~~effected~~ affected groups, areas, regions, or NSOs to discover what works best, ~~for each such community. The services selected by the group conscience of each Nar-Anon community are acceptable, even if they are not yet described in a Nar-Anon service manual, so long~~



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~~as it truly serves our one purpose and does not oppose or contradict the Nar-Anon Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, and the Nar-Anon Mission and Vision Statements. adjustments may be made, provided these adjustments are consistent with Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, and the Nar-Anon Mission and Vision Statements authorization has been obtained from Nar-Anon's World Service Office (WSO).~~  
In observance of Tradition Four, the Nar-Anon World Service Office requests to be informed of any such adjustments. For further information, contact Nar-Anon WSO.

Motion made to move to the Committee of the Whole and seconded requiring a simple majority (22 votes)  
MOTION PASSED— 40 votes

Parliamentarian, who acted as Facilitator, presented the Rise and Report: conference agreed to adopt this amended language

Vote to approve Motion 8 as amended by 2/3 vote (30)  
MOTION 08 AS AMENDMENT PASSED - 42 votes in favor

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Recess for break at 10:50 am, reconvene at 11:11 PM

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Presentation World Pool-election presentation describing the election process, there is one candidate for this election cycle.

MOTION 62: Make the following changes within the Nar-Anon Guide to Local Services, Introduction, page 1-1, paragraph 3:

This guide is a resource to those in every country committing themselves to providing services necessary to carry the message to the families and friends of addicts. Parts of it may prove to be ~~inappropriate incompatible~~ for use because of geography, national or provincial law, cultural differences, or the developmental state of a particular Nar-Anon community. ~~Therefore, each Nar-Anon Community can organize services in any way that works. . . Examine the service needs among groups, areas, regions, or National Service Offices to discover what works best for each such community. The services selected by the group conscience of each Nar-Anon community are acceptable, even if they are not yet described in a Nar-Anon service manual, so long as it truly serves our one purpose and does not oppose or contradict with Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, and the Nar-Anon Mission and Vision Statements. If this is the case, certain adjustments may be made to this guide to meet the needs of the group or service body, provided these adjustments serve our one purpose and are consistent with Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service, Nar-Anon's Mission and Vision Statements, and authorization has been obtained from the Nar-Anon World Service Office. The services selected by the group conscience of each Nar-Anon community are may be acceptable, even if they are not yet described in a Nar-Anon service manual. In observance of Tradition Four, the Nar-Anon World Service Office requests to be informed of any such adjustments. For further information, contact Nar-Anon WSO.~~

Motion made to extend day by 30 minutes made and seconded  
PASSED by Unanimous Consent





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Vote to accept Motion 62 as amended by 2/3 votes

MOTION 62 AS AMENDED PASSED – 42 in favor

MOION 09: In the Guide to World Services, page 5, after the term Regional Service Committee (RSC), add the following as indicated:

AD HOC OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Groups, through motions at assemblies, or the World Service Conference, may temporarily delegate to structures, specific responsibilities for which a standing committee is not needed. Areas, Regions, National Service Offices and World Services may create Ad Hoc Committees to fulfil a responsibility assigned by the groups or an unanticipated need that may be of assistance in fulfilling our primary purpose. These committees will submit a report to the structure that delegated the responsibility at the end of the activity for which they were created. After review by the responsible committee, all such reports will be made available to the membership

OUT OF ORDER

MOTION 10: **In the Guide to World Services, section "Nar-Anon World Services," subsection World Service Board of Trustees (BOT), pages 7-8 in English translation, insert the following as a new paragraph at the end of this subsection:**

All Nar-Anon members are welcome to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and other world service committees. Speaking by non-voting members may be limited at the discretion of the chair. Portions of a meeting may be closed when the committee is discussing human resources, contract, or legal issues. To support this openness, in advance of each meeting, these service structures will post their meeting schedules and contact emails on the Nar-Anon world service website.

Vote to accept Motion 10 by 2/3 majority (30)

MOTION 10 FAILS – 24 in favor/18 opposed

**Closed** at 12:28 PDT/3:30 EDT with Serenity Prayer



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- Minutes of Friday, April 28, 2023

Motion to approve minutes as corrected – CARRIED by unanimous consent

MOTION 11: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 79: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 12: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 78: motion withdrawn by motion maker

Motion made and seconded to postpone Motion 13, Motion 14, Motion 15, and Motion 20 definitely until after the half hour break

Vote to postpone Motion 13, Motion 14, Motion 15, and Motion 20 by simple majority (23)

MOTION PASSED – 23 in favor

MOTION 16: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 17: To direct the Board of Trustees, upon approval of this motion, to change the name of Board of Trustees (BOT) in the Bylaws and in the Guide to World Services to change the Board of Trustees (BOT) to World Service Board (WSB) and the name of the National Board of Trustees (NBOT) to National Service Board (NSB) on all of the following pages:

Guide to World Services

Table of Contents (Page 3 of English translation)

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World Service Board (WSB) ~~of Trustees (BOT)~~ PAGE 7

World Service Conference Election Procedures PAGE 19

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World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~ PAGE 28

Mission Statement PAGE 28

World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~ Guidelines 28

Synopsis of Bylaws Regarding ~~World Service Board of Trustees~~ PAGE 28

Nar-Anon World Services, section on pages 7-8 of English translation, first paragraph:

Nar-Anon World Services provide information, communication, coordination, and guidance to those all over the world Service Office, ~~World Service Board of Trustees (BOT)~~ (WSB)

World Service Conference (WSC) PAGE 7



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The WSC is a biennial event for the expression of the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Fellowship. Its participants are elected regional delegates and alternate delegates, the World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~, world service committee chairs, WSC Facilitator and the executive director of the World Service Office and staff.

World Service Board (WSB) ~~of Trustees (BOT)~~ PAGE 8

In accordance with the Nar-Anon Twelve Concepts of Service, the World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~ acts as guardian....

World Service Office (WSO) PAGE 8

**Nar-Anon's World Service Office, located in California, is the headquarters of the worldwide fellowship.** The purpose of WSO is to function as a clearinghouse; maintain communication with the ~~BOT~~ WSB

On page 9, Nar-Anon World Service System  
WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (~~BOT~~) (WSB)

On page 10  
WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE  
~~BOT~~ WSB

On page 11  
WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS, Conference Agenda Report (CAR)  
In order to provide the fellowship with relevant information, the World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~ may include their comments on the CAR including any financial impact that could result if the motion is passed

On page 12  
SUBMITTING MOTIONS FOR PLACEMENT IN THE CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT (CAR)  
National Service Board ~~of Trustees (NBOT)~~ (NSB)  
World Service Board ~~of Trustees (BOT)~~ (WSB)  
National Service Board ~~of Trustees~~  
World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~

On page 14  
Deadline for ~~BOT~~ WSB members and ...

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Amendments presented by the ~~BOT~~ WSB

On page 19  
Nominations to the World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~ and World Service Conference Facilitator ....  
Election of Board Members ~~Trustees~~ from the World Pool  
Voting members of the WSC elect one-third of the Board members ~~trustees~~. The ~~BOT~~ WSB elects two thirds of the Board members ~~trustees~~ from the World Pool as provided in our bylaws. The election of ~~trustees~~ Board members at

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Challenging a Nomination  
3. one member will be assigned from the ~~BOT~~ WSB, and



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NAR-ANON RECOVERY LITERATURE AND SERVICE MATERIALS

Recovery Literature

Requests for or submissions of recovery literature, come from the fellowship (members, groups, areas, regions, NSOs, world service committee and the world service board of trustees.)

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Approval Process for Recovery Literature

After recovery literature has been reviewed and edited, it is forwarded to the ~~BOF~~ WSB. Once ~~BOF~~ WSB has reviewed it, it is forwarded to the ~~BOF~~ (WSB)

In the diagram, change: Sent to ~~BOF~~ WSB for review

On page 25

Development and Approval Process for New Service and Outreach Literature/Materials

Suggestions for service and outreach literature/materials can come from members, groups, areas, regions, world service committees, or the ~~BOF~~ WSB and should be sent directly to the ~~BOF~~ at

~~BOF@nar-anon.org~~ WSB at wsb@nar-anon.org

If the ~~BOF~~ WSB evaluation

The World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee will forward it with comments to the ~~BOF~~ WSB.

The ~~BOF~~ WSB will provide suggestions and return it to the developing committee for revisions. This process will repeat until the ~~BOF~~ WSB agrees by 2/3 vote it is ready for fellowship review.

Edits that change the intent in any way must be sent back to the ~~BOF~~ WSB for approval. When the review has been completed by the World Service Literature Committee, the literature/material will go to the ~~BOF~~ WSB for final review.

After ~~BOF~~'s WSB's final review,

During this time, the fellowship can use the piece and the ~~BOF~~ WSB will accept suggestions and comments from the fellowship.

If necessary, ~~BOF~~ WSB approved literature/material requirements, the ~~BOF~~ WSB or the appropriate....

On page 27, last paragraph

Whenever a violation of a copyright or trademark comes to the attention of the World Service Board of ~~Trustees~~.

On page 28, WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mission Statement

The World Service Board of ~~Trustees~~ is dedicated to the growth and financial stability

World Service Board of ~~Trustees~~ Guidelines

Nar-**Anon's World Service Board** of ~~Trustees~~ is responsible for NFGH, Inc., a California non-profit corporation. In accordance with Nar-**Anon's Twelve Concepts of Service**, the ~~BOF~~ WSB acts as a guardian of

These guidelines define the roles and responsibilities of the ~~BOF~~ WSB and the qualifications of its members. These guidelines were created to service as a reference for

Many guidelines of the ~~BOF~~ WSB are directed

Synopsis of Bylaws Regarding ~~World Service Board of Trustees~~

The ~~BOF~~ WSB

by majority votes of the ~~BOF~~ WSB

The ~~BOF~~ WSB is responsible

The ~~BOF~~ WSB may also designate ...

of the ~~BOF~~ WSB, as specified



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service on the ~~BOF~~ WSB.

On page 29, first paragraph

~~Trustees~~ Board members shall be available

at any time by the ~~BOF~~ WSB chair

This synopsis of the Bylaws of NFGH, Inc. only pertains to the ~~BOF~~ WSB.

On page 29, Qualifications of a ~~Trustee~~ Board Member

Roles and Responsibilities

Attend six ~~BOF~~ World Service Board and ....

On Page 30, change the 6th bullet

Remove or request the resignation of any ~~BOF~~ WSB member

Executive Committee

of the ~~BOF~~ WSB, and

to the ~~BOF~~ WSB regarding major expenditures

The ~~BOF~~ WSB must approve

submitted to the ~~BOF~~ WSB, which oversees this committee.

On page 31, sixth paragraph of WORLD SERVICE OFFICE (WSO)

quarterly to the ~~BOF~~ WSB ....

On page 32, sixth paragraph of NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE (NSO)

by the national service board ~~of trustees (NBOT)~~ (NSB)

quarterly to the ~~NBOT~~ NSB and annually ....

On page 33, National Service System

NATIONAL SERVICE BOARD ~~OF TRUSTEES (NBOT)~~ (NSB)

WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEES

World service committees are directly responsible to the ~~BOF~~ WSB as described

and the ~~BOF~~ WSB

Submit quarterly committee reports to the ~~BOF~~ WSB and biennially to the WSC .

On page 35, World Service Budget & Finance Committee

Suggestions to the ~~BOF~~ WSB of any

present to the ~~BOF~~ WSB

Events – World Service Conference Committee

Communicate directly with the World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~, ....

On page 36, World Service Human Resource Committee

Become members of the World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~ and

qualified for election to the ~~BOF~~ WSB and

On page 44, ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

~~BOF~~ WSB

World Service Board ~~of Trustees~~

~~NBOT~~ NSB

National Service Board ~~of Trustees~~



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Vote on Motion 17 by 2/3 vote (30 votes)

MOTION 17 PASSED – 34 in favor

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Recess for break at 7:28 am, reconvene at 7:44 am

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MOTION 52: In the Guide to World Services, page 5, after the title: Regional Service Committee (RSC), add the following paragraph:

INTER-REGIONAL FORUMS

Nearby regions that share a common language can group together in an Inter-Regional Forum, in order to foster the two-way communication expressed in Service Concept 8, sharing experience, strength and hope in services. Inter-Regional Forums are a source of information and cooperation with world services, to observe and convey the different needs of each sector where Nar-Anon Family Group Regions are located. This body can be helpful in the formation of Inter-Regional Translation Committees, among other challenges that may arise in the development of services. Interregional Forums are not part of the service bodies that present motions to the WSC, but they can be of great assistance in the exchange of ideas between regions to improve services and worldwide Nar-Anon unity. The internal organization of each Inter-Regional Forum rests on the conscience and autonomy of its constituent regions, following the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts for Service.

Vote on Motion 52 by 2/3 vote (30 votes)

MOTION 52 PASSED - 28 in favor, 14 opposed (42 votes cast)

MOTION 18: **Remove the phrase "acts as guardian of the Nar-Anon Traditions" from the Guide to World Services on page 8, page 28, and page 29:**

Nar-Anon World Services, World Service Board of Trustees (BOT)

In accordance with the Nar-Anon Twelve Concepts of Service, the World Service Board of Trustees is guided by the Nar-Anon Traditions, provides support for the administration of Nar-Anon World Services, and is responsible for and has legal authority to manage the worldwide affairs of Nar-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. (NFGH, Inc.), a registered non-profit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of California and the United States

During the discussion of Motion 18, a motion made and seconded to suspend Standing Rule 6, requiring amendments to be made in writing, to allow verbal amendments for the remainder of the conference

Vote to suspend Standing Rule 6 for the remainder of the conference by simple majority (23 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 35 in favor

Motion made and seconded to insert a blank space instead of the word "uphold"

Vote to insert a blank space instead of the word "uphold" in Motion 18 allowing committee consensus on the desired word by simple majority (23 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 29 in favor

Voting member left the conference leaving 43 members present, 29 = 2/3, simple majority = 22



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Vote on the amended language to replace "acts as guardian" with "is guided by" through simple majority (22 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 33 in favor

Vote to accept the amended motion by 2/3 vote (30 votes)

MOTION 18 AS AMENDED PASSED – 33 in favor

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Recess for break at 8:57 am, reconvene at 9:27 am

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- Roll Call at 9:27 am: 43 voting members present: 29 votes = 2/3 vote, 22 votes = simple majority

Motion made and seconded to go a Committee of the Whole to discuss Motions 13, 14, and 15.

Vote to go to Committee of the Whole by simple majority (22 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 33 votes

Motion 14: In the Guide to World Services, section World Service Conference, revise first paragraph:

~~The WSC meets for the expression of the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Fellowship guided by our Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. The fellowship is represented at this biennial annual event, held in late April or early May, in Southern California and virtually accessible world-wide. Regional delegates, alternate delegates, world service committee chairs, BOT, WSO staff, and any other interested Nar-Anon members come together at the WSC to advance the growth of our fellowship.~~

The WSC meets for the expression of the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Fellowship guided by our Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. The fellowship is represented at two-year conference cycle held in late April or early May, in Southern California and virtually accessible world-wide, with an Interim World Service Conference (IWSC) on a two-year cycle between the conference cycles, in Southern California and virtually accessible world-wide. IWSC and the WSC are attended by Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Board of Trustees, Chair and Vice Chair or designated member of World Service Committees, Regional Representatives, and Facilitator. A transition committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees, will complete the plan for this transition, and an Interim World Service Conference will be planned for 2024.

Interim World Service Conference is to discuss Common Welfare Topics (CWT), World Pool voting, approval of Recovery Literature and CAT material, reports committed/referred to by previous WSC, discussion and the possibility of writing motions to submit to the CAR for the WSC. The Conference Committee will develop the standing rules for the interim conference to be voted on at the start of IWSC.

**Deadline to inform the World Service Conference Committee of region's intention to participate in the Interim World Service Conference is no later than 3 months prior to the opening date of the Interim World Service Conference.**

The WSC held in late April or Early May will be held for CAR motions and to present any ideas from the Interim Conference that did not require a motion.



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Motion made to accept amendment to Motion 14 by 2/3 votes (29 votes)  
AMENDMENT TO MOTION 14 PASSED – 32 votes

Vote on Motion 14 as amended by 2/3 votes (29 votes)  
MOTION 14 AS AMENDED PASSED - 34 in favor

Motion made and seconded to extend time to work on Motion 20 by simple majority (22 votes)  
MOTION PASSED – 41 votes

The Parliamentarian, acting as Facilitator, presented the Rise and Report: Conference agreed to adopt Motion 14 as amended to replace CAR Motions 13, 14, and 15.

Motion made and seconded to accept Motion 14 as amended

Vote to accept amendment to Motion 14 by 2/3 votes (29 voted)  
MOTION PASSED – 34 in favor

Motion made and seconded to accept Motion 14 as amended replacing Motion 13 and Motion 15

Vote to accept Motion 14 as amended replacing Motion 13 and Motion 15 by a 2/3 majority (22 votes)  
MOTION 14 AS AMENDED PASSED – 34 votes in favor

MOTION 13: Hold the World Service Conference in a virtual format; therefore, make the necessary amendments to the Guide to World Services and the Guide to Local Services

In the Guide to World Services, page 10 in the English version, section WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE, first paragraph, revise second sentence:

The WSC meets for the expression of the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Fellowship guided by our Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. The fellowship is represented at this ~~biennial~~ annual event, held in late April or early May, virtually in Southern California.

In the Guide to World Services, page 10 in the English version, section WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE, revise third paragraph:

All expenses of the delegates and alternate delegates are paid by the regions and are due by December 31 prior to the WSC. Each region (~~within the United States and Canada~~) contributes the same amount to the cost of sending a delegate to the conference. A formula was developed to provide a fair equalization of travelling expenses ~~to California~~. These totals will include virtual, audio and translation technology, travel, hotel, means, shuttles, cost of supplies and materials. ~~For international delegates and alternate delegates – a flat rate will be determined on hotel, meals, shuttles and supplies. This amount will not include airfare.~~ The WSC Committee will inform regions of the amount of equalized expenses during June of the year prior to the conference.

In the Guide to World Services on page 23 in the English version, section NAR-ANON RECOVERY LITERATURE AND SERVICE MATERIALS, subsection Recovery Literature, paragraph 2, revise third sentence:

Requests for or submissions of recovery literature, come from the fellowship (members, groups, areas, regions, National Service Offices, world service committees, and the board of trustees). It is preferred that literature be submitted in English. These requests and submissions must be sent





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to the World Service Literature Committee, who in turn will compile/summarize requests which are in accordance with Nar-Anon principles and do not contain plagiarized language and/or materials, and will report to the issuers of the new literature on the writing received, and then submit them ~~biennially~~ annually **for presentation to the WSC for consideration and prioritization...**

In the Guide to World Services, page 31 in the English version, section WORLD SERVICE OFFICE (WSO), revise paragraph 6:

The World Service Board of Trustees oversees the activities of WSO. WSO reports its activities quarterly to the Board of Trustees and ~~biennially~~ annually to the WSC. However, it cannot mandate or govern the Nar-Anon Fellowship, which it serves.

In the Guide to World Services, page 34 in the English version, section WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEES, subsection General Requirements, General Committee Duties, revise fifth paragraph:

Submit quarterly committee reports to the BOT and ~~biennially~~ annually to the WSC.

In the Guide to Local Services, page 6-5 in English version, subsection World Service Conference, revise the first sentence:

The region will support Nar-Anon as a whole by sending a delegate and/or alternate delegate to the ~~biennial~~ annual WSC held virtually in California, USA.

MOTION 13 WAS DISPOSED OF WITH PASSING OF AMENDED MOTION 14

Motion 15: Hold the World Service Conference annually. Make the necessary amendments to the Guide to World Services and the Guide to Local Services

In the Guide to World Services, page 7 in English version, section NAR-ANON WORLD SERVICES, subsection World Service Conference (WSC), revise:

The WSC is ~~a biennial~~ an annual event for the expression of the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Fellowship. Its participants are elected regional delegates and alternate delegates, the World Service Board of Trustees, world service committee chairs, WSC Facilitator, and the executive director of World Service Office and staff.

In the Guide to World Services page 10 in English version, section WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE, revise the first paragraph:

The WSC meets for the expression of the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Fellowship guided by our Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. The fellowship is represented at this ~~biennial~~ annual event, held in late April or early May, in Southern California....

In the Guide to World Services page 10 in English version, section WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE, in the subsection, The World Service Conference Event, revise the last sentence of the third paragraph:

The WSC Committee will inform regions of the amount of equalized expenses during ~~June of the year~~ September prior to the Conference.



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In the Guide to World Services page 23 in English version, section NAR-ANON RECOVERY LITERATURE AND SERVICE MATERIALS, subsection Recovery Literature, revise paragraph 2:

Requests for or submissions of recovery literature, come from the fellowship (members, groups, areas, regions, NSOs, world service committees, and the board of trustees). It is preferred that literature be submitted in English. These requests and submissions must be sent to the World Service Literature Committee, who in turn will compile/summarize requests which are in accordance with Nar-Anon principles and do not contain plagiarized language and/or materials, and will report to the issuers of the new literature on the writing received, and then submit them ~~biennially~~ annually for presentation to the WSC for consideration and prioritization. After the WSC determines the priorities, the request or submission is sent to the World Service Literature Committee for further development, which includes being, reviewed, expanded on, and edited before going through the approval process for recovery literature (see below). Submissions received by the committee, not on the Priority List, can be reviewed, expanded, and/or edited if material is not **available for Priority List items."**

In the Guide to World Services page 24 in English version, section NAR-ANON RECOVERY LITERATURE AND SERVICE MATERIALS, subsection Approval Process for Recovery Literature, revise the diagram:

LitCom presents list of requests and submissions ~~biennially~~ annually to WSC

In the Guide to World Services page 31 in English version, section WORLD SERVICE OFFICE (WSO), revise paragraph 6:

The World Service Board of Trustees oversees the activities of WSO. WSO reports its activities quarterly to the BOT and ~~biennially~~ annually to the WSC. However, it cannot mandate or govern the Nar-Anon Fellowship, which it serves.

In the Guide to World Services page 34 in English version, section WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEES, in subsection General Requirements, revise text:

Submit quarterly committee reports to the BOT and ~~biennially~~ annually to the WSC

In the Guide to Local Services page 6-5 in English version, subsection World Service Conference, revise text:

The region will support Nar-Anon as a whole by sending a delegate and/or alternate delegate to the ~~biennial~~ annual WSC held in California, USA. Proper notification must be given to WSC Committee (wscconference@nar-anon.org) by submitting assembly minutes in which the delegate and alternate delegate have been elected.

MOTION 15 WAS DISPOSED OF WITH PASSING OF AMENDED MOTION 14

MOTION 20: No mandatory contributions are charged to attend the World Service Conference. Remove any information about payments or equalized expenses for the World Service Conference from the Guide to World Services and the Guide to Local Services.

In the Guide to World Services, page 10, remove paragraph 6:

~~All expenses of the delegates and alternate delegates are paid by the regions and are due by~~



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December 31 prior to the WSC. Each region (within the United States and Canada) contributes the same amount to the cost of sending a delegate to the conference. A formula was developed to provide a fair equalization of traveling expenses to California. These totals will include travel, hotel, meals, shuttles, cost of supplies and materials. For international delegates and alternate delegates — a flat rate will be determined based on hotel, meals, shuttles, and supplies. This amount will not include airfare. The WSC Committee will inform regions of the amount of equalized expenses during June of the year prior to the conference.

In the Guide to World Services, page 11, revise paragraph 1:

A developing region or lone group in a state or country, which does not have an established region, may send a representative to the conference by informing the WSC Committee of its intention to do so by December 31 prior to the WSC. To be recognized at the conference, written confirmation **of the representative's selection must be submitted to the WSC Committee.** Representatives will have a voice, but no vote. ~~Developing regions or groups sending representatives are responsible for payment of the equalized expenses by December 31 prior to the WSC.~~

The Guide to Local Services, page 6-5, revise subsection:

#### Budgeted Funds

RSC, assembly, and workshop expenses

~~Delegate's equalized expenses, and if possible, incidental expenses incurred due to attendance at the WSC~~

Subcommittee's expenses

**Chair's/delegate's mileage, postage and phone calls**

Newsletter

Miscellaneous expenses, such as photocopies and postage

Motion made and seconded to refer this to the newly form ad-hoc Transition Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees and adopted in Motion 14

Vote to refer Motion 20 to the newly form ad-hoc Transition Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees and adopted in Motion 14 by simple majority (22)

MOTION PASSED — 26 in favor, 17 opposed

Parliamentarian note — Ad Hoc committee will report financial information at the first IWSC

Closed at 12:31 with the Serenity Prayer



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### CONFERENCE OPENS

Sunday, April 30, 2023 – opened at 6:00 am PDT / 9:00 am EDT

- The conference opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer
- The 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service were read
- Daily SESH Reading
- Announcements
  - Theme - Explain the procedure for choosing next WSC Theme
- Roll Call 44 voting members present: 30 votes = 2/3 votes, 23 = simple majority

### PROCEDURAL VOTING / INFORMATION SESSIONS

- Minutes of Saturday, April 29, 2023

Motion to approve minutes as corrected– CARRIED by unanimous consent

Motion made and seconded to extend the meeting today by two hours or until we reach the end of the **today's** agenda, whichever comes first by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 36 in favor

Motion made and seconded to start one hour earlier (5 am PDT / 8 am EDT) on Monday & Tuesday by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 38 in favor

MOTION 47: In the Guide to World Services, page 29, revise as indicated:

Roles and Responsibilities:

Act as Guardians of Nar-**Anon's Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, policies and guidelines**

Comply with Nar-**Anon's bylaws, policies, and guidelines**

Implement decisions of the WSC according to the Minutes of the Conference

Attend six BOT and four World Service Policy & Guidelines Committee meetings per year and any other special meetings that may be called

Be an active member of at least one world service committee and attend its scheduled committee meetings

~~Oversee the activities of all World Service Committees~~ Cooperate and contribute to the activities of all world service committees

Elect the Executive Committee and establish subcommittees as deemed necessary

Motion made and seconded to accept Motion 47 as originally submitted by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 47 PASSED - 29 in favor, 11 opposed (of 40 votes cast)



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MOTION 19: Move to revise the Guide to World Services, English version, 21-10-05, page 8, section World Service Board of Trustees (BOT): add a new paragraph below the existing paragraph:

All committee reports presented to the Board of Trustees will be shared with the fellowship within three (3) months of receipt by Board of Trustees, excluding reports discussing human resources, contracts, or legal issues.

Motion made and seconded to move this statement to the end of the paragraph in the section Roles and Responsibilities by simple majority (23 votes)

MOTION PASSED - 31 in favor

Vote on Motion 19 as amended by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 19 AS AMENDED PASSED – 33 in favor

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Recess for break 7:15 am, reconvene at 7:30 am

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MOTION 50: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 21: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 22: Insert a section entitled Common Welfare Topics in the Guide to World Services, page 11, after Conference Approval Track (CAT), which reads:

~~[See Appendix to CAR Motion 22 Updated]~~  
Common Welfare Topic (CWT)

The purpose of the Common Welfare Topic (CWT) is to give all Conference members: Delegate/Alternate Delegates, Board of Trustees, Executive Director, and World Service Committee Chairs, an opportunity to submit topics and issues of concern that affect Nar-Anon groups and members worldwide. Submissions are sent to the World Service Conference Committee at least 120 days prior to the conference. Note: the WSC Committee may delete or combine similar topics.

The World Service Conference Committee will send out a poll to the BOT, World Service Committees, and the regions. The regions will send the poll to the GSRs. All replies to the poll should be made within 60 days with their top three (3) Common Welfare topics. The chosen topics are sent to the conference participants at least 90 days prior to the conference and added to the World Service Conference Agenda. Each Common Welfare Topic is conducted as a minimum of 90-minute open discussion. A Summary of Common Welfare Topics are included in the minutes of the Conference on the Nar-Anon World Service Conference Webpage.

Vote on Motion 22 as amended by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 22 AS AMENDED PASSED – 38 in favor

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Recess for break at 8:24 am, reconvene at 8:54 am

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- Roll Call at 8:55 am: 44 voting members present: 30 votes = 2/3 vote, 23 votes = simple majority



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MOTION 23: Make the following updates to the Guide to World Services:

In the Guide to World Services, section Conference Agenda, page 12, insert after the **Committee presentations and workshops a new Bullet Point "Common Welfare Topics"** so it reads:

The agenda is planned by the WSC Committee and distributed to WSC participants 30 days prior to the opening of the WSC. Typical agenda items might include the following:

Introductory session to discuss conference procedures

Old business - motions from the CAR

Review proposed new literature for approval

Regional reports

World service committee reports

World Service Office report

Presentation of financial statements

Committee presentations and workshops

Common Welfare Topics

Elections (i.e., world pool, conference facilitator, trustees)

New business – voting on Conference Approval Track and discussion of ideas raised at the conference

MOTION 23 PASSED by unanimous consent

MOTION 24: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 25: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 26: **In the Guide to World Services, section on "Submitting Motions for Placement in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR)," page 13 of the English version, insert the following two paragraphs above the final paragraph:**

No later than 120 days days prior to the deadline for World Service Conference draft motion submissions, motions that propose to change the Guide to World Services or the Guide to Local Services may be submitted to the World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee for review. The World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee may have verbal communication or meeting(s) with motion maker(s).

No later than 30 days prior to the deadline for World Service Conference draft motion submissions, the World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee reviews and sends the motion maker(s) a written response including suggestions, comments, observations, and information (including contact information) about any other motion maker(s) also in contact with World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee about the same article/section of the Guide to World Services or Guide to Local Services.

Vote on Motion 26 as amended by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 26 AMENDED PASSED – 43 in favor

MOTION 27: motion withdrawn by motion maker



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MOTION 31: In the Guide to World Services, page 20, Challenging a Nomination, under the subheading **"The procedure to challenge a nomination is as follows:"** remove numbers 3, 5 and 6 and replace with (add) the text below.

3. The WSC Facilitator will select a mediation panel comprised of three members. One from the Human Resource Committee, one member from the Board of Trustees, and a delegate or alternate delegate. This panel will review the Challenge to Nomination form and meet with the petitioner to determine if further action is appropriate.

5. The panel may ask the petitioner to withdraw the challenge or request the candidate to withdraw. If there is no agreement on action, the panel will present the issue to the conference for resolution.

6. If neither the petitioner nor the candidate agree to withdraw, then the item will be brought to the conference floor for a closed ballot vote.

Vote on Motion 31 as amended by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 31 AS AMENDED PASSED – 39 in favor

MOTION 32: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 33: **Apply the virtual tally process and use groups' emails when** numbered ballots are sent to the groups who have registered for the tally and returned to World Service Office when making changes to Nar-**Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, or Nar-Anon's name, nature, purpose, or logo.**

In the Guide to World Services, page 22 in the English version, revise text as indicated:

~~Numbered ballots requesting a yes, no, or abstention response, together with self-addressed return envelopes, will be e-mailed to each group who registered for the tally. In geographical areas where Internet access is limited or inadequate, self-addressed return envelopes will be sent. 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.

Vote on Motion 33 as amended by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 33 AS AMENDED PASSED - 41 in favor

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Recess for break at 10:07 am, reconvene at 10:23 am

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Announcement: Monday and Tuesday Zoom room will open at 4:30 am PDT for 5:00 am PDT start

MOTION 34: In the Guide to World Services, in the Nar-Anon Recovery Literature and Service Materials section, page 25 of English version, in the subsection Service Literature, revise text as indicated:

Service literature includes ~~both~~The Nar-**Anon Family Groups' Guide to Local Services and The Nar-Anon Family Groups-Guide to World Services, Board of Trustees publications, plus any other** any bulletins, handbooks, pamphlets, and/or service manuals pertaining to policies and/or guidelines used as resources for group and service work in Nar-Anon.



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Vote on Motion 34 by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 34 FAILED - 6 in favor

MOTION 35: To create a defined process for the Development and Approval Process of New Service and Outreach Literature/Materials section, Guide to World Services, pages 25-26, to be in accordance with our principles.

In the Guide to World Services, page 26, add new text after the last paragraph of that section:

#### TIME LIMITS:

Trustees will have one yearly quarter (3 months) to provide comments regarding materials submitted by developing committees after Trustees have received materials from World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee.

Developing committee will have 1 month (4 weeks) to reply back to Trustees and either make revisions, if agreed to by the committee, or explain why a revision is not warranted or necessary, and will send back to Trustees for additional comments or approval.

Trustees will have 1 month to comment or approve. This process shall commence for a total of 6 months.

If Trustees are unable to provide comments within the initial 3-month period, they will communicate with the developing committee to request a 3-month extension. In the spirit of cooperation, the developing committee will allow this one and only 3-month extension. All subsequent timing specifications listed above will remain in effect and the process will commence for a total of 9-months if a one-time extension is needed.

If there is no response from the Trustees to the developing committee within 6 months of receipt of materials from World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee, the developing committee may assume materials are suitable for fellowship review and request that Trustees send out materials to the fellowship within 30 days or reply with comments within one week.

#### DISAGREEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Disagreements between Trustees and World Service Committees that cannot be resolved will be resolved by an Ad Hoc Oversight Committee made up of one Board of Trustees member and one chair of each World Service Committee. If a World Service committee chair of any particular World Service committee cannot attend, that World Service committee will vote on the member they would like to sit on the Ad Hoc Oversight Committee. The Ad Hoc Oversight Committee will have 60 days to resolve the issue. The Ad Hoc Oversight Committee's determination by group conscience is final and materials will either immediately go out for fellowship review or will go back to the developing committee for changes determined by the Ad Hoc Oversight Committee. Developing committee will have 2 weeks to make determined changes and send back to Trustees. Trustees will then have 10 days to send out materials for fellowship review.

Vote on Motion 35 as amended by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 35 AS AMENDED PASSED - 38 in favor

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Recess for break at 11:24 am, reconvene at 11:39 am

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MOTION 36: In the Guide to World Services, page 26 of the English version, section **"Production Process for Conference Approved Literature and Materials"**

Add the following text at the end of the section:

Ensure new Conference Approved Literature, including translated literature, is made available in electronic format and existing Conference Approved Literature, including translated literature, is progressively reformatted into electronic format.

Motion to go to Committee of the Whole by simple majority (23 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 28 in favor

The Parliamentarian, acting as Facilitator, presented Rise and Report: Conference agreed to recommend that motion 36 be adopted, that an ad hoc committee for electronic publication be created, that the Board be authorized to select the members of that committee as soon as possible, and seek to find a champion or committee chair before the end of this conference. Robert P. has volunteered to be of service as Chair of this committee.

Vote to approve Motion 36 and adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole by simple majority (23 votes)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATION PASSED - 42 in favor

Vote on Motion 36 by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 36 PASSED – 44 in favor

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Recess for break 12:23 pm, reconvene at 12:38 pm

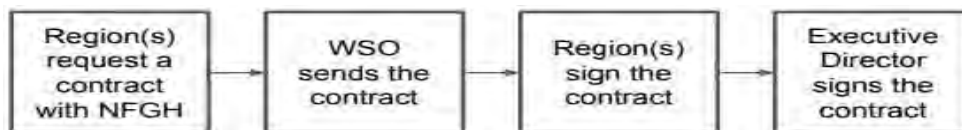
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Two voting members have left; total voting members 42 present, 28 = 2/3 majority, 22 = simple majority

MOTION 37: motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 38: In the Guide to World Services, page 26, after the paragraph Translations of Nar-Anon Literature, add the following:

Conference Approved Literature CONTRACT PROCESS:



Vote on Motion 38 by 2/3 majority (28 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 40 in favor



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MOTION 43: In the Guide to World Services on page 26 in the English version, in the section on Copyright and Trademark Information, in the first paragraph on page 27, to the third sentence, in order to allow the screen sharing of Blue Book readings during virtual Nar-Anon and Narateen meetings, add:

The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, Mission and Vision **Statements, the Preamble, The Newcomer's Welcome, The Family, Changing Ourselves,** About Addiction, Keeping Our Meetings Healthy, Helping, Just For Today, We've Been There, Serenity Prayer, Prayer for the Growth of our Fellowship, Third Step Prayer, 20 Questions, and Narateen Table Card be made available for download from the World Service website for use at virtual meetings or Nar-Anon events. ~~from the Nar-Anon Blue Booklet or world service website may be used in their entirety.~~

One member has left; leaving 41 voting members present, 28 = 2/3 majority, 21 = simple majority

Vote on Motion 43 as amended by 2/3 majority (28 votes)

MOTION 43 AS AMENDED PASSED - 40 in favor

MOTION 39: In the Guide to World Services, section Copyright and Trademark Information, page 27, paragraph 1, revise sentence 4 as indicated:

The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, Mission and Vision Statements, Newcomer's Welcome, and the 20 Questions ~~from the Nar-Anon Blue Booklet or world service website~~ Nar-Anon Conference Approved Literature may be used in their entirety.

MOTION 39 IS MOOT WITH THE PASSING OF MOTION 43 AS AMENDED

MOTION 40: In the Guide to World Services, section Copyright and Trademark Information, page 27, below paragraph 2, add this new text:

Nar-Anon groups and service committees may purchase electronic copies of Conference Approved Literature. Such literature may then be displayed during virtual Nar-Anon meetings or events.

Limited permission is granted to display, in Nar-Anon virtual meetings via screen sharing, Conference Approved Literature purchased from Nar-Anon World Service, contracted retailers, contracted Regions, or contracted National Service Offices. No other permission is hereby granted to download, upload, photograph, record, copy, reproduce, store in or introduce into a retrieval system, or transmit in any form or by any means other than as stated above.

Before displaying Nar-Anon literature on a shared screen, the following statement must be made: 'Nar-Anon copyrights prohibit copying literature from the screen.'

Vote on Motion 40 by 2/3 majority (28 votes)

MOTION 40 PASSED - 30 in favor

MOTION 45 motion withdrawn by motion maker

MOTION 41: In the Guide to World Services page 27, English version, Copyright and Trademark Information section, paragraph 2, add the following text to sentence 4:

To allow the screen sharing of the Narateen Table Card during virtual meetings:



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The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, Mission and Vision Statements from the Blue Booklet or word service website and Narateen Table Card, from the world service website Conference Approved Literature, may be used in their entirety.

MOTION 41 IS MOOT WITH THE PASSING OF MOTION 43 AS AMENDED

MOTION 44: In the Guide to World Services, section Copyright and Trademark Information, page 27, after and below paragraph 2, add this next text:

Nar-Anon groups and service committees may download electronic copies of literature that is posted on the Nar-Anon World Service Website or translated versions posted on a contracted Region or contracted National Service Office website. This includes both literature posted as text and as downloadable documents. Such downloaded Conference Approved Literature recovery literature may then be displayed during virtual Nar-Anon meetings or events. Conference Approved Literature service literature may be displayed during Nar-Anon service meetings. For review purposes, literature marked as "Fellowship Review" may be displayed during Nar-Anon service and business meetings.

Limited permission is granted to display such downloaded literature in Nar-Anon virtual meetings via screen sharing. No other permission is hereby granted to download, upload, photograph, record, copy, reproduce, store in or introduce into a retrieval system, or transmit in any form or by any means other than as stated above.

Before displaying Nar-Anon literature on a shared screen, the following statement must be made: Nar-Anon copyrights prohibit copying literature from the screen.

Motion made and seconded to extend the meeting to finalize the discussion on Motion 44 by simple majority (21 votes)

MOTION PASSES - 32 in favor

Two members have left leaving 39 voting members present, 27 = 2/3 majority, 20 = simple majority

Vote on Motion 44 by 2/3 majority (26 votes)

MOTION 44 PASSED - 24 in favor 11 opposed (35 votes cast)

Closed at 2:10 pm with the Serenity Prayer



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## CONFERENCE OPENS

Monday, May 1, 2023 – opened at 5:00 am PDT / 8:00 am EDT

- The conference opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer
- The 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service were read
- Daily SESH Reading
- Announcements
  - Theme Choose next WSC Theme – 2nd round voting
  - Election Direct election to the Board of Trustees by eBallot 7am – 8am PDT
- Roll Call: 43 voting members: 29 votes = 2/3 votes, 22 votes = simple majority

## PROCEDURAL VOTING

- Minutes of Sunday, April 30, 2023

Motion to approve minutes as corrected – CARRIED, by unanimous consent

Motion made and seconded to reconsider Motion 43 by simple majority (22 votes)  
MOTION PASSED – 38 in favor

MOTION 43: In the Guide to World Services on page 26 in the English version, in the section on Copyright and Trademark Information, in the first paragraph on page 27, to the third sentence, in order to allow the screen sharing of Blue Book readings during virtual Nar-Anon and Narateen meetings, add:

The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, Mission and Vision **Statements, the Preamble, The Newcomer's Welcome, The Family, Changing Ourselves,** About Addiction, Keeping Our Meetings Healthy, Helping, Just For Today, We've Been There, Serenity Prayer, Prayer for the Growth of our Fellowship, Third Step Prayer, 20 Questions, and Narateen Table Card be made available for download from the World Service website for use at virtual meetings, Nar-Anon websites, or Nar-Anon events.

Vote on Motion 43 as amended by 2/3 majority (29 votes)  
MOTION 43 AS AMENDED PASSED – 40 in favor

MOTION 42: All references to Nar-Anon in all new and revised Nar-Anon Conference Approved Literature (CAL) should be changed where appropriate by the World Service Literature Committee, or WS Website Committee in the case of website, to say "**Nar-Anon/Narateen.**" This will include all new and revised service literature, recovery literature, outreach literature, and the WS website. Exceptions include SESH, Sharing Recovery, Sharing the Slogans, the Nar-Anon 36, and legal references to Nar-Anon.

Vote on Motion 42 as amended by 2/3 majority (29 votes)  
MOTION 42 AS AMENDED PASSED – 36 in favor

MOTION 60: **All new and revised documentation that references "Nar-Anon" will also** reference Narateen where appropriate (Nar-Anon/Narateen). This will include all new and revised service literature, recovery literature, outreach literature and the website.

MOTION 60 IS MOOT WITH THE PASSING OF MOTION 42 AS AMENDED

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Recess for break at 6:06 am, reconvene at 6:21 am

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MOTION 46: ~~In Guide to World Services, page 28 English version, section Synopsis of Bylaws Regarding Board of Trustees, third paragraph revise to:~~

The WSC 2023 requests that the Board of Trustees amend bylaws section 6.4 as below:

The term of each trustee shall be for six years until the next annual meeting for election of the BOT, as specified in the Bylaws of NFGH, Inc., and until his/her successor is elected. Each trustee may serve no more than ~~two consecutive one additional~~ six-year term. ~~(s) without a break in service on the BOT.~~

Vote on Motion 46 as amended by simple majority (22 votes)

MOTION 46 AS AMENDED PASSED – 33 in favor

MOTION 48: In the Guide to World Services, section National Service Office (NSO), page 32, English version, revise paragraph 4:

An important function of the NSO is to serve as a clearinghouse for Nar-Anon Conference Approved Literature by translating, printing, and distributing both paper and approved electronic versions of Conference Approved Literature to worldwide as contracted to its members who speak the primary language of the National Service Office. ~~The National Service Office operates with permission and under contractual agreement with NFGH, Inc. Any proposed or newly developed literature approved by a national service conference will follow the procedures outlined in the literature approval process to become conference approved literature (Conference Approved Literature) at a WSC. References to the National Service Office also apply to those Regions who have translation/publishing/sales agreements with World Service Office.~~ To facilitate broad distribution of translated literature, approved electronic versions of all translated literature will be sent to the World Service Office and will be available for sale on the Nar-Anon Webstore.

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Recess for break 7:34 am, reconvene at 7:49 am

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1 voting member arrived making 44 voting members present, 30 = 2/3 majority, 23 = simple majority

MOTION 48 (continued)

Vote on Motion 48 as amended by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 48 AS AMENDED PASSED – 42 in favor

MOTION 49: In the Guide to World Services, page 32, National Service Office (NSO), revise text as indicated:

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE (NSO)

A national service office (NSO) is the Nar-Anon national administrative headquarters of a country, excluding the USA ~~and Canada~~, preferably located in a central area within the country it serves. An NSO is established when the fellowship in any country has multiple organized regions and has resources to do so. It is established under the laws and regulations of the country. The NSO is composed of employees and volunteer Nar-Anon members. The NSO is comprised of employees and volunteer Nar-Anon members. **Although an NSO's functions are similar to WSO's, it is not an international branch of WSO.**



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The primary function of the NSO is to unify its members and groups into a national fellowship, which is part of our worldwide fellowship. It maintains communication with its members, groups, areas, and regions by telephone and email and through their website and newsletter. The NSO gives support and guidance to new and existing groups, areas, and regions.

The NSO maintains a database of its registered groups, areas, and regions, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Group Service Representatives and group officers, ASC officers, RSC officers, and regional delegates. Records of all activities and the archives of the **country's Nar-Anon** history are kept by the NSO.

An important function of the NSO is to serve as a clearinghouse for Nar-Anon (Conference Approved Literature) by translating, printing, and distributing Conference Approved Literature to its members with permission and under contractual agreement with NFGH, Inc. Any proposed or newly developed literature ~~approved by a national service conference will follow the procedures outlined in the literature approval process to become conference approved literature (CAL) at a WSC.~~ **by a member, or a country's literature committee, follows the approval processes outlined in the Guide To World Services for recovery or service/outreach literature and materials to become conference approved literature (CAL) at a World Service Conference (WSC).**

Another function of an NSO is public relations and outreach. It does this by providing information to hospitals, institutions, and government agencies based on our traditions and in the spirit of cooperation not affiliation.

All NSO activities are overseen by the national board of trustees (NBOT). The NSO reports its activities quarterly to the NBOT and annually the National Service Conference ~~(NSC). To keep abreast of worldwide fellowship affairs, two-way communication is maintained with WSO.~~

#### National Service Board of Trustees Guidelines (NBOT)

**Nar-Anon's National Service Board of Trustees is responsible for the National Service Office (NSO) the non-profit corporation of their country. In accordance with Nar-Anon's Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service, it provides support for the administration of the National Service Office and has legal and financial authority and responsibility for managing Nar-Anon affairs in their country.**

#### National Executive Committee

The National Executive Committee is composed of the chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer of the NBOT. In addition, the board may, by a majority vote, designate other members of the board to serve on this committee.

The purpose of the National Executive Committee is to oversee the day-to-day business and affairs of the corporation. The Executive Committee makes recommendations to the NBOT regarding major expenditures, proposals of new staff, and compensation for employees of National Service Office. The NBOT must approve these recommendations before any action is taken. The committee meets between NBOT meetings to discuss affairs directly related to the smooth operations of National Service Office. Minutes of these meetings are timely submitted to the NBOT, which oversees this committee.



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### National Service Committees

National service committees are directly responsible to the NBOT, as described in the Bylaws. The world service committees and the NBOT are responsible to the fellowship as directed by the National Service Conference.

These National Service Committees may include but are not limited to, Outreach, Literature, Narateen, Conventions, Events, etc. Each NSC is composed of a chair, vice chair, and secretary.

Vote on Motion 49 as amended by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 49 AS AMENDED PASSED - 42 in favor

MOTION 51: In the Guide to World Services, page 34, at the end of General Committee Duties, after the sentence "The working language of the world service committees and the WSC is English" add the following new text:

Members who do not speak English may use interpreters or other technological means to make themselves understood in the working language.

Vote on Motion 51 as amended by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 51 AS AMENDED PASSED - 42 in favor

MOTION 53: Make changes as detailed below to the Guide to World Services Floor Motion Criteria and the Guide to World Services Submitting Motions section.

In the Guide to World Services, section Floor Motion Criteria, page 18, paragraph 5, revise text as indicated:

~~The WSC cannot approve new recovery literature or changes to existing conference approved recovery literature unless the new literature or changes to existing literature has been presented to the fellowship with the CAR. Recovery literature is simply defined as 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, and step workbooks. Motions to ~~changes to~~ change existing conference approved recovery literature must be intended to correct errors and require fellowship approval. Motions to change existing conference approved recovery literature that are not for the purpose of correcting errors will be ruled out of order. Motions from the floor that attempt to change correct errors in existing conference approved recovery literature will be dealt with under New Business~~ delegated to the World Service Literature Committee.

In the Guide to World Services, section Submitting Motions for Placement in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR), page 13, paragraph 1, remove sentence 2:

~~Additionally, there is a moratorium on motions to alter recovery literature for two conference cycles after the literature has been adopted by the conference.~~

1 voting member left making 43 voting members present, 29 = 2/3 majority, 22 = simple majority

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Recess for break 9:05 am, reconvene at 9:35 am

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Roll Call at 9:36 am: 41 voting members present: 28 votes = 2/3 vote, 21 votes = simple majority



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1 voting member returned making 42 voting members present, 29 = 2/3 majority, 22 = simple majority

MOTION 53: (Continued)

Motion made and seconded to postpone definitely to the last order of conference business on Tuesday by simple majority (22 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 31 in favor

MOTION 54: To approve the Traditions Introduction, Traditions 1, 2, and 3 of the Nar-Anon 36.

[See Appendix to CAR Motion 54 Updated]

MOTION 54 PASSED by unanimous consent

1 voting member left making 41 voting members present, 28 = 2/3 majority, 21 = simple majority

2 voting members returned making 43 voting members present, 29 = 2/3 majority, 22 = simple majority

MOTION 55: Printing and production of a poster and tablecard of the Nar-Anon Third Step Prayer:

**"Higher Power, guide me on my journey to peace and serenity, help me to let go of self-will, and turn my life over to your care."**

Vote on Motion 55 as amended by simple majority (22 votes)

MOTION 55 AS AMENDED PASSED - 40 in favor

MOTION 59: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 61: Addition of a hyperlink option to the World Service Office website for easy **access to groups hosting virtual/hybrid meetings. The hyperlink would show "Join Meeting."** Any group with a virtual/hybrid meeting may have a hyperlink either on the meeting location list or on the virtual meeting list of Nar-anon.org

In the Guide to World Services, section World Service Office (WSO), page 31 of the English translation, second paragraph, after sentence 2, insert a new sentence:

World Service Office offers web assistance to newcomers and others seeking meetings, in-person, hybrid and virtual. In addition to current geographical meeting location information, an optional hyperlink option for virtual/hybrid groups using "Join meeting" hyperlink option will be provided by World Service Office directly or by hyperlink update software. WSC offers assistance to members by putting them in contact with other members or groups in our fellowship.

Vote on Motion 61 by 2/3 majority (29 votes)

MOTION 61 FAILED - 22 in favor, 21 opposed (43 votes cast)

MOTION 63: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 64: In the Guide to Local Service (GLS) on page 2-2, section How to Start a Nar-Anon Group, after subsection Institution/Limited Access Groups, add this new subsection:

Virtual Groups





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Virtual groups are Nar-Anon groups that use a virtual platform as their meeting place and who abide by the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Service. It is suggested to contact the local geographic Nar-Anon region, virtual region(s), World Service Office, or National Service Office and inquire about any virtual platform account the region or National Service Office may have for the group to use as a platform for their meeting. Regional information is available on our website (nar-anon.org), click on newcomers, and other Nar-Anon sites.

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Recess for break at 10:50 am, reconvene at 11:05 am

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WSC 2023 Election: Board Member- Sheryl H was re-elected for a second term as a Board Member  
Election: Facilitator - Tina accepted the Facilitator service position for the IWSC 2024 & WSC 2025, with no objection

1 voting member returned making 44 voting members present, 30 = 2/3 majority, 23 = simple majority

MOTION 64: (Continued)

Vote on Motion 64 as amended with 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION 64 AS AMENDED PASSED – 41 in favor

Motion made and seconded to extend by one hour by 2/3 majority (30 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 33 in favor

1 voting member left making 43 voting members present, 29 = 2/3 majority, 22 = simple majority

CAT MATERIAL: Approval of 8 pieces of CAT Material

1. 3 Piece Outreach Flyer

Vote to accepted as a new piece of literature by simple majority (22 votes)

LITERATURE ACCEPTED – 39 in favor

2. Outreach Contact Card

Vote to approve as a new piece of literature by simple majority (22 votes)

LITERATURE ACCEPTED – 40 in favor

3. Pull Tab Flyers

Vote to approve as a new piece of literature by simple majority (22 votes)

LITERATURE ACCEPTED – 39 in favor

4. Outreach Handbook

Vote to approve as a new piece of literature by simple majority (22 votes)

LITERATURE ACCEPTED – 42 in favor

5. Social Media

Withdrawn by Literature Committee Chair

6. Starting a Meeting

Vote to approve as a new piece of literature by simple majority (22 votes)

LITERATURE ACCEPTED – 40 in favor



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7. Inappropriate or Disruptive Behavior

Vote to approve as a new piece of literature by simple majority (22 votes)  
LITERATURE ACCEPTED – 42 in favor

8. Service Sponsors and Our Trusted Servants

Vote to approve as a new piece of literature by simple majority (22 votes)  
LITERATURE ACCEPTED – 42 in favor

MOTION 65: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 66: motion withdrawn by maker

1 voting member left making 42 voting members present, 28 = 2/3 majority, 22 = simple majority

1 voting member returned making 43 voting members present, 29 = 2/3 majority, 22 = simple majority

MOTION 67: In the Guide to Local Services, page 3-1, paragraph 1, ~~remove~~ move **"About Addiction" as indicated below:**

Meetings follow an adopted format. They usually open with a moment of silence followed by the group reciting the Serenity Prayer. The chair or leader then reads the Preamble or the **Newcomer's Welcome** to the group. The Preamble is found on page 2 of our Nar-Anon Blue Booklet.

Volunteers, or members going around the room, read ~~About Addiction~~, the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Keeping Our Meetings Healthy. They may also choose to read The Family, Changing Ourselves, About Addiction, Helping, or other selections as decided by the group for its format. Most readings are found in the Nar-Anon Blue Booklet.

1 voting member left making 42 voting members present, 28 = 2/3 majority, 22 = simple majority

Vote on Motion 67 as amended by 2/3 majority (28 votes)

MOTION 67 AS AMENDED PASSED – 39 in favor

MOTION 71: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 72: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 68: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 69: In the Guide to Local Services, page 3-**9, Section "Recorded Meetings"**

Remove this text:

~~Recorded Meetings~~

~~Nar-Anon closed meetings may be recorded for use by professionals in the field of drug abuse with the following suggestions:~~

~~All members are aware of and approve the recording by group conscience.~~

~~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.~~



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### Note

Nar-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. [NFGH, Inc.] has no responsibility in the matter of recording enthusiasts who realize a profit from the sale of recorded talks by Nar-Anon members.

Replace with (add) this text:

### Recorded Meetings

Nar-Anon speaker meetings may be recorded, by group conscience and the permission of the speaker.

At the opening of the meeting, it should be announced it is a speaker meeting that will be recorded. If by group conscience the recordings will be made available to the members attending. A statement should be given informing the members that sharing of the recording is for personal use and should not be shared with anyone outside of the fellowship. We guard the anonymity of others in the fellowships of Nar-Anon/Narateen and NA.

### Note

Nar-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. [NFGH, Inc.] has no responsibility in the matter of recording enthusiasts who realize a profit from the sale of recorded talks by Nar-Anon members.

Vote on Motion 69 by 2/3 majority (28 votes)

MOTION 69 PASSED – 39 in favor

1 voting member returned making 43 voting members present, 29 = 2/3 majority, 23 = simple majority

MOTION 70: In the Nar-Anon Guide to Local Services, GROUP STRUCTURE, in the section **on "Organizing a Nar-Anon/Narateen Family Group", page 4-1** of the English translation, before Duties of Group Officers, add the following as a new second paragraph:

GROUP SERVICE COMMITTEE (GSC): The group may establish a Group Service Committee with such officers, as its conscience deems appropriate, for the purpose of fulfilling Tradition 5 and its internal needs and challenges. The officers of this committee may include, but are not limited to, meeting chairpersons, Group Service Representative, alternate Group Service Representative, secretary, and treasurer, who shall perform the following duties:

In the Chair/Leader functions (point 7), remove the name "Steering Committee" and replace with the name: "Group Service Committee" as indicated:

Can act as chair of the Group Service Committee

Vote on Motion 70 by 2/3 majority (29 votes)

MOTION 70 FAILS - 20 in favor, 22 opposed (42 votes cast)

MOTION 73: In the Guide to Local Services, page 4-3 in English version, Sample Group **Business Meeting Format, Renaming "Sample Group Conscience Business General Consensus Meeting Agenda" and on page 4-5** revise

Group Conscience Meetings

Group Conscience meetings are held regularly to discuss any issue pertaining to the welfare of the group.



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Motion made and seconded to extend meeting to complete Motion 73 before closing for the day by 2/3 majority (29 votes)

MOTION PASSED – 40 in favor

MOTION 73: (continued)

Vote on Motion 73 as amended by 2/3 majority (29 votes)

MOTION 73 AS AMENDED PASSES – 31 in favor

Closed at 1:09 pm with the Serenity Prayer



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## NAR-ANON WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 2023

### CONFERENCE OPENS

Tuesday – May 2, 2023 – opened at 5:00 am PDT / 8:00 am EDT

Election Delegate Representative was elected

#### Daily Opening

- The conference opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer
- The 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service were read
- Daily SESH Reading
- Announcements
- Roll Call 40 voting members: 27 votes = 2/3 votes, 21 = simple majority

#### PROCEDURAL VOTING / INFORMATION SESSIONS

- Minutes of Monday, May 1, 2023  
Motion to approve minutes as corrected – CARRIED by unanimous consent

1 voting member arrived making 41 voting members present, 28 = 2/3 majority, 21 = simple majority

MOTION 74: In the Guide to Local Services, at 5-1 and 6-1, replace the first sentences in Sections 5 and 6.

In Section 5, Area Structure, at 5-1,

Remove the first sentence:

~~Areas are convenient segments into which a region may be divided."~~

Replace with:

An area may be formed by Nar-Anon groups, with similar circumstances, to join together for mutual support and cooperation, and to provide a two-way communication channel to express the groups' conscience with their selected region.

In Section 6, Region Structure, at 6-1,

Remove the first sentence

~~The region is comprised of areas located within its geographic boundaries.~~

Replace with:

A region may be formed by areas and/or independent groups to join together for mutual support and cooperation, and to provide a two-way communication channel to express the groups' conscience with the World Service Conference through the delegate and alternate delegate.

Vote on Motion 74 by 2/3 vote (28 votes)

MOTION 74 PASSED – 39 in favor



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MOTION 89: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 76: To define that a region service structure can be formed without an area service structure, two family groups located within geographic boundaries of a region are enough to form a regional service structure, by making the necessary amendments to the Guide to Local Services, page 6-1, section REGIONAL STRUCTURE, by inserting text as indicated:

The region is comprised of areas located within its geographic boundaries. Approval for the formation of a region rests solely with the groups within the proposed region. A minimum of two family groups are enough to form a region. There may be multiple regions established in a state, province, or country. The region supports areas and groups by providing opportunities for them to communicate with each other, acting on behalf of their common interest and encouraging growth of the fellowship. The structure consists of the regional service committee (RSC) and the regional service assembly (hereafter assembly).

Vote on Motion 76 as amended by 2/3 majority (28 votes)

MOTION 76 AS AMENDED PASSED – 37 in favor

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Recess for break at 6:05 am, reconvene at 6:20 am

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MOTION 75: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 77: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 80: In the Guide to Local Services, Regional Structure, RSC Officers, page 6-2, subsection Duties, remove first duty of Vice Chair:

~~Acts as parliamentarian for the RSC~~

Vote on Motion 80 by 2/3 majority (28 votes)

MOTION 80 PASSED – 37 in favor

MOTION 81: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 83: Clarify the role of Narateen facilitator.

In the Guide to Local Services, page 7-4, subsection Narateen Facilitator, paragraph 1, add this new sentence to the end of this paragraph 1.

They may, by group conscience, briefly share their own experience, strength and hope using the programs' 12 steps and 12 Traditions of the Nar-anon/Narateen program.

Vote on Motion 83 as amended 2/3 majority (28 votes)

MOTION 83 AS AMENDED - 39 votes in favor

MOTION 84: In the Guide to Local Services, section Narateen Groups, page 7-7  
After the section "Sample Format for Narateen Meetings" -- add this new section.

Suggested Sample Format for Virtual Narateen Meetings  
(All readings are from the Nar-Anon Blue Booklet)



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**Leader/Chair:** Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. **Let's open the meeting with** a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

At this time, we ask you to please silence your cell phones and avoid texting during the meeting. **"To respect the anonymity and trust of our members in this meeting. Please refrain from taking photographs, screen captures or make recordings during this meeting."** Cameras should be on at all times and we ask that we see you on your video camera during the meeting.

In Narateen we have a group agreed upon code of conduct to keep this meeting a safe place for us all to share and grow. We read it at the beginning of every meeting. Narateen table card may be read.

Read code of conduct here...

Is anyone here for their first, second, or third meeting? If so, please introduce yourself by your first name only so we may welcome you.

Leader/Chair: Read the ~~Nar-Anon Newcomer's Narateen Welcome (Blue Booklet)~~. Leader/Chair: Ask members to introduce themselves, using first names only.

Leader/Chair: Ask members to read the following: Page 7 Twelve Steps, Page 8 Twelve Traditions, Page 12 Keeping Our Meetings Healthy

Leader/Chair: Ask members to read one or more of the following:

~~Page 2 Mission Statement: Vision Statement Page 4 The Family Page 5 Changing Ourselves Page 6 About Addiction~~

~~Page 15 Just for Today~~

Mission Statement, Vision Statement, The Family, Changing Ourselves, About Addiction, Just for Today

Leader/Chair: Once the meeting has opened, we only read from conference approved literature (CAL) ~~listed on the Nar-Anon Family Groups Headquarters (NFGH) literature order form located on the Nar-Anon World Service website.~~ If you wish to purchase literature, please speak to a facilitator after the meeting.

**Leader/Chair: Ask for Secretary's report and Narateen related announcements.**

Leader/Chair: Ask meeting facilitator(s) if ~~he/she has~~ they have any announcements. ~~The Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to Local Services — Conference Approved.~~

Leader/Chair: Our Seventh Tradition says that every group ought to be fully self-supporting. Our contributions are to be used for purchasing literature from WSO (World Service Office), to pay online services, and to make donations to service areas beyond the group level.

Leader/Chair: Anything you hear today is strictly the opinion of the person sharing. The principles of Narateen are found in our Twelve ~~Traditions~~ Steps and Twelve ~~Steps~~ Traditions. If a member says something here you cannot accept, remember they are merely speaking from their own experience. They are not speaking for Narateen. When you leave the meeting, take home those thoughts that will be most helpful to you, forget those you feel will not be helpful, and keep coming back.



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Leader/Chair: During the meeting only one person speaks at a time; we do not engage in crosstalk. We speak only about our own experiences and feelings. We accept without comment what others say because it is true for them. We will be happy to discuss your questions after the meeting has closed.

Please try to limit sharing to between three and five minutes per person. The last 15 minutes of the meeting can be reserved for newcomers to share.

Leader/Chair: Introduce the speaker or announce and share on the topic.  
The topic for this meeting is \_\_\_\_\_.

Leader/Chair: Open the sharing to the other members.

**At the close of the meeting, leader/chair says: Let's thank everyone for a great meeting.**

As this is an anonymous program, we ask all members and visitors to respect our anonymity. The stories you heard were told in confidence and should not be repeated outside. They are told so we may better understand this program and ourselves and to give encouragement and help to the new members.

After a moment of silence, close the meeting in any manner consistent with our traditions and the principles of Nar-Anon.

Vote on Motion 84 as amended by 2/3 majority vote (28 votes)

MOTION 84 AS AMENDED PASSED – 38 in favor

MOTION 82: In Guide to Local Services, page 6-4, subsection Quorum, revise text:

A quorum shall consist of more than 50% ~~51%~~ of voting members, or business will not be conducted.

Vote on Motion 82 by 2/3 majority (28 votes)

MOTION 82 PASSED – 38 in favor

MOTION 85: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 86: To add ~~Social~~ Internet and other forms of mass media as detailed below to the Guide to World Services Outreach and to the Guide to Local Services Outreach:

In the Guide to World Services, page 25 in the English translation, section Nar-Anon Recovery Literature and Service Materials, subsection Outreach Literature and Materials, sentence 1, revise the text as indicated:

Outreach literature and materials can include letters, pamphlets, flyers, posters, videos, ~~Social~~ Internet and other forms of mass media, digital slide show presentations, and television ads that are informational in nature and used to raise public awareness about the Nar-Anon program.

In the Guide to Local Services, section Outreach to Local Public, page 11-2, after paragraph 3, add this new subsection:





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### Social INTERNET AND OTHER FORMS OF MASS MEDIA

Social Internet and other forms of mass media is a conducive space for spreading the Nar-Anon message available to those who are unaware of the Nar-Anon program and the benefits offered at our meetings, where members share their experiences, strength, and hope. Each region can have an official account and their profiles must visibly include the mission, vision, and traditions 11 and 12. To take care of anonymity, the newcomer can be encouraged to follow a # created by and for the region instead of following the account, and that way they can still see all our publications. Posts must have closed comments and the moderating member can receive private messages to report on about groups in their region. In photos and videos for publication, faces can appear blurred or turned away from the cameras so that they are unrecognizable.

1 voting member left making the 40 voting members present, 27 = 2/3 majority, 21 = simple majority

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Recess for break at 7:30 am, reconvene at 7:45am

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Presentation Budget and Finance Presentation

1 voting member returned making 41 voting members present, 28 = 2/3 majority, 21 = simple majority

MOTION 86: (continued)

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Recess for break at 9:04 am, reconvene at 9:34 am

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- Roll Call 36 voting members: 24 votes = 2/3 votes, 19 = simple majority

MOTION 86: (continued)

2 voting memberS returned making 38 voting members present, 26 = 2/3 majority, 20 = simple majority

Vote to forward Motion 86 as amended to ad-hoc committee by simple majority (20 votes)

MOTION PASSED - 22 in favor, 16 opposed

1 voting member returned making 39 voting members present, 26 = 2/3 majority, 20 = simple majority

1 voting member returned making 40 voting members present, 27 = 2/3 majority, 21 = simple majority

MOTION 87: The 2023 World Service Conference directs the Board of Trustees (BoT), to form a representative ad hoc committee of no more than 12 trusted servants comprised equally of Group Service Representatives, Area Service Committee or Regional Service Committee Officers, National Service Office Officers, and Board of Trustees members to research and interview other 12 Step Fellowships and, identify best service structure practices to fulfill Nar-**Anon's Mission Statement.**

The ad hoc committee is responsible to provide a written report quarterly of its activities and findings to the Board of Trustees. The ad hoc committee will present a verbal and written final report of recommendations at the Interim World Service Conference 2024 for discussion, review and revision. The draft final report and recommendations document will be circulated in the Conference Agenda Report 2025 to the World Service Conference 2025. The ad hoc committee is granted permission to originate motions for inclusion in the Conference Agenda Report 2025 (CAR 2025).



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Vote on Motion 87 as amended by simple majority (21 votes)

MOTION 87 AS AMENDED PASSED – 38 in favor

MOTION 88: motion withdrawn by maker

MOTION 53: Make changes as detailed below to the Guide to World Services Floor Motion Criteria and the Guide to World Services Submitting Motions section.

In the Guide to World Services, section Floor Motion Criteria, page 18, paragraph 5, revise text as indicated:

~~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~~ has been presented to the fellowship with the CAR. Recovery literature is simply defined as 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, and step workbooks. ~~Motions to~~ Changes to ~~change~~ existing conference approved recovery literature must be intended to correct errors and require fellowship approval. ~~Motions to change existing conference approved recovery literature that are not for the purpose of correcting errors will be ruled out of order.~~ Motions to change existing conference approved recovery literature that are not for the purpose of correcting errors will be ruled out of order. Motions from the floor that attempt to ~~change~~ correct errors in existing conference approved recovery literature will be ~~dealt with under New Business~~ delegated to the World Service Literature Committee.

In the Guide to World Services, section Submitting Motions for Placement in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR), page 13, paragraph 1, remove sentence 2:

~~Additionally, there is a moratorium on motions to alter recovery literature for two conference cycles after the literature has been adopted by the conference.~~

Vote on Motion 53 by 2/3 majority (27 votes)

MOTION 53 PASSED – 31 in favor

FLOOR MOTION 01:

Create a special committee to approve the minutes from the final day of the World Service Conference. The committee will consist of the Chair of the Board of Trustees, the chair of the World Service Conference Committee, one Delegate selected by the conference, and the Conference Secretary in charge of the minutes. This motion will take effect immediately upon passage.

Vote on Floor Motion 01 by simple majority vote (21 votes)

FLOOR MOTION 01 PASSED - 38 in favor

1 voting member returned making 41 voting members present, 28 = 2/3 majority, 21 = simple majority

FLOOR MOTION 02:

To replace the entirety of the Standing Rules of Order in the Guide to World Services with the adopted 2023 Conference Standing Rules dated April 27, 2023, as sample standing rules. This change will be effective at the conclusion of the WSC 2023 Conference.

2 voting memberS left making 39 voting members present, 26 = 2/3 majority, 20 = simple majority



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Vote on Floor Motion 2 as amended by 2/3 majority (26 votes)

FLOOR MOTION 02 AS AMENDED PASSED – 30 in favor

FLOOR MOTION 03: In the Guide to Local Service (GLS) on page 6-3, section RSC Meetings, Paragraph 1, make changes as indicated:

RSC meetings are held to conduct the business of regional and area matters as described below. These meetings are attended by officers, ASRs, regional subcommittee chairs, Narateen Process Person (NTPP), and the delegate and alternate delegate. All Nar-Anon members in the region are welcome to attend. At the discretion of the chair, speaking by non-voting members may be limited.

In the Guide to Local Service (GLS) on page 6-9, Section Assemblies, Last paragraph, make changes as indicated:

All Nar-Anon members in the region are welcome to attend assemblies. At the discretion of the chair, speaking by non-voting members may be limited.

Vote on Floor Motion 03 by 2/3 majority (**26 votes**)

FLOOR MOTION 03 FAILED – 3 in favor

Final Business

- World Service Conference Minutes Committee - Delegate representative selected
- WSC 2025 Theme – Serve Without Borders

Closed at 11:40 with Serenity Prayer

WSC 2023 Closes