

Southern Zonal Forum Winter 2018, Hosted By Volunteer Region Conference Agenda Report

<https://na.org/?ID=conference-index> : All information including the Conference Agenda Report, Conference Approval Track, and WSC 2018 Conference information can be found here.

<https://www.na.org/?ID=wsc2018-vids> : Helpful videos can be found here.

Survey for WSC 2018 can be found here; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/car18surv> . Please share.

All Motions in the Conference Agenda Report are Regional Motions. Please read the essays found in the Conference Agenda Report.

- Motions 1-6 are related to literature and production issues.
- Motions 7-8 FIPT (Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust) <https://www.na.org/?ID=legal-bulletins-fipt>
- Friendly reminder- Any production issues and ideas can be emailed to worldboard@na.org.
- Motions 9-14 are related to DRT (Drug Replacement Therapy), MAT (Medication-Assisted Treatment), Special Events and Issue Discussion Topics.
- Motions 15-25 Future of the WSC (World Service Conference)

The following links may be helpful and provide some background information;

<https://www.na.org/?ID=servicemat-svc-pamphlets> : “Social Media and Our Guiding Principles”

<https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/files/EN3127.pdf> : “For the Parents or Guardians of Young People in NA”

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/2016-18%20GWSNA_Web.pdf

This link will get you to a description of approval processes for NA material begins on page 39 of A Guide to World Services in NA

Regional Motions

Motion 1 Video 1: Introduction and Motions 1 - 6

Maker: Ohio Region and Michigan Region

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at WSC 2020 to convert the service pamphlet Social Media and our Guiding Principles into a recovery IP that includes fellowship input and review.

Motion 2

Maker: Venezuela Region

Remove from the NAWS catalog and inventory IP 27 For The parents or Guardians of Young People in NA

Some discussion: PR Regional Chair stated this is one of the most widely used/taken IP's. Very helpful information included in IP. A workgroup of young addicts in recovery created this IP. An addict in a remote area stated their homegroup uses them and are used as well.

Motion 3

Maker: Baja Son Region

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for a Step Study booklet containing questions derived only from sentences in the Basic Text chapter 'How It works', for consideration at WSC 2020.

Some discussion: This could of been be submitted as an idea and then sent out for discussion. Motion is simply a yes or no; it is no longer up for discussion as a motion. Region is asking to approve the book as is. Regardless of the rational, it needs to be a project plan 1st. What we produce as a Fellowship has to go out for Review and Input. Guide to World Services shows the processes and guidelines we as a Fellowship already have in place. World Services will not send out to the Fellowship someone's already written piece for review and input. It will not come back the same as it was sent in.

Motion 4

Maker: Eastern New York Region

To direct NAWS to produce and add to inventory an MP3 digital download of the Basic Text Fifth Edition in Spanish, previously in inventory on audio cassette. By conference policy, NAWS is not authorized to publish a fifth edition once a sixth edition is available. This motion would provide for a one-time waiver of the policy for NAWS until the Spanish Sixth edition is completed.

Some discussion: This is already a future plan. NAWS is unsure of the how and when. Will have more information at the Conference.

Motion 5

Maker: Venezuela Region

To approve an NA Service Prayer, utilizing the language that is already in the intro of the Basic Text, substituting the word write with the word serve, including it in the set of posters of the meetings for NA groups, as shown here: "GOD, grant us knowledge that we may write serve according to Your Divine precepts. Instill in us a sense of your purpose. Make us servants of your will and grant us a bond of selflessness that this may truly be your work, not ours, in order that no addict, anywhere, need die from the horrors of addiction."

Some discussion: This motion is not changing recovery literature. It is a word on a poster, not the basic text. The word "write" in Basic Text and the word "serve" on the poster.

Motion 6

Maker: Eastern New York Region

To direct NAWS to produce and add to inventory key tags that reflect the growth of years clean in Fellowship Worldwide; specifically, Granite for one Decade, Purple for Decades Clean and Pink for 25 Years Clean.

Some discussion: We need to be careful to add items to storage if there is no interest. This can be put out in a survey. What do we do with those who do not produce on a regional need but a worldwide need? Not all countries have the amounts of clean time. Taking the data of the population 1st. By voting no on this motion, or if this motion fails does not mean this cannot happen in the future. Might not be time yet.

Motion 7 **Video 2: FIPT and Motions 7 - 8**

Maker: Northern New York Region T

To direct the World Board to create a Service Pamphlet (SP) that clearly and simply outlines the rights of groups to reprint Narcotics Anonymous recovery literature covered under the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust and its bulletins.

Some discussion: Look at (FIPT) Fellowship Intellectual Property and Trust.

See Video 2: FIPT & Motions 7 - 8

Motion 8

Maker: Northern New York Region

To replace the first paragraph under "What kinds of literature should we use:" in the group booklet as follows:
Original Paragraph NA World Services produces a number of different kinds of publications. However, only NA-approved literature is appropriate for reading in Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Selections from NA-approved books and pamphlets are usually read at the beginning of an NA meeting, and some meetings use them as the core of their format. NA-approved literature represents the widest range of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. Replacement Paragraphs (split) NA World Services produces a number of different kinds of publications. However, only NA-approved literature is appropriate for reading in Narcotics Anonymous meetings, and then only NA-approved edition(s) of literature that conveys a unified message as the most current edition(s). For Basic Texts, this would be the 3rd Edition Revised and newer. Older editions of our literature as well as approval drafts, while valid in history, and while they carry a message of recovery, all carry a message that in some way or ways contradict our current edition(s) of literature and are no longer in unity with the fellowship's conscience regarding our message of recovery. Selections from NA-approved books and pamphlets are usually read at the beginning of an NA meeting, and some meetings use them as the core of their format. NA-approved literature represents the widest range of recovery in Narcotics Anonymous. It is suggested that meetings that utilize older editions of NA-approved literature acknowledge the current editions of NA-approved literature for the sake of NA unity.

Some discussion: See Slides from Video 2

Motion 9 Video 3: Motions 9 - 14

Maker: Northern New York Region

To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at WSC 2020 to create or revise one piece of recovery literature to directly address Drug Replacement Therapy (DRT) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as it relates to NA.

Some discussion: We have IP 29 for Professionals and "The Only Requirement" found in the Basic Text. If this motion passes it will eliminate Motions 10 & 11. It would have to be decided on at the Conference. Surveys seem to be working well and helping to find the needs of the fellowship. Continue to send ideas to your Delegate Teams ,NAWS.....The survey for this year is linked above.

Motion 10

Maker: Upper Midwest Region

Remove Bulletin #29, (WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BULLETIN #29, Regarding Methadone and Other Drug Replacement Programs) from publication and use.

Some discussion: The tone does not reflect "welcomeness" but it does reflect many members' views on the topic. Shared experiences with empathy and compassion.

Motion 11

Maker: Upper Midwest Region

Remove, "Narcotics Anonymous and Persons Receiving Medication Assisted Treatment" from publication and use.

Some discussion: This IP had just been approved after going thru a 90 day review and input period. Simply about being clean and not being clean. We need to be careful about not putting out any false information.

Motion 12

Maker: Venezuela Region

Assign a week each year as an NA PR week, beginning in 2019. NAWS would establish the dates and would have information available for the whole NA fellowship a minimum of 90 days prior and also have available the possible contents of the program or the suggested agenda for such week.

Some discussion: What about those communities that do not have an active PR? We could filter help to those that do not. If passes we would create a policy. Simply about creating events.

Motion 13

Maker: Iran Region

To authorize the World Board to define more special days, like unity day, in the yearly calendar.

Some discussion: Creating special days. Would not need to create a policy since we do not know specific days yet.

Motion 14

Maker: South Florida Region

Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) will be selected based on the following process: By August 1 following the World Service Conference (WSC), NAWS will create a section on na.org for IDT submissions. The poll should be translated via available software into as many languages as possible. Any member, group, area, region or zone will be able to add an item to the poll. Beginning February 1 in the year before the WSC the process of voting on the poll will start. Any member, group, area, region or zone will be able to vote on the choices in the poll. The poll will close on the final day as set by the Guide to World Services (GTWS) for regional motion submissions. The top six Issue Discussion Topics in the poll will be placed in the Conference Agenda Report and voted on in old business at the World Service Conference with the top three being the Issue Discussion Topics for that next conference cycle.

Some discussion: This is the second cycle of using a survey- want to continue to use this process. Gathers input. This Motion would be more difficult given the language barriers/ translations... The software is not always reliable.

Motion 15 **Video 4: Future of the WSC and Motions 15 - 25**

Maker: Portugal Region

To hold a 3 day meeting of 2 representatives from each of the existing zonal forums. The meeting will be planned by NA World Services who will also cover the expenses for the meeting itself. The zonal forums or their regions will cover the cost of travel and meals for the representatives with financial assistance from NA World Services if necessary. This meeting will occur in the 2018-2020 conference cycle.

Some discussion: This motion will not change representation that is currently taking place at WSC 2018. Very similar to a “Workgroup”. Would be held in California. This was a though 20 years ago. The Workgroup would be basically on The Zone and The Role the Zones Play.

Motion 16

Maker: Australia Region and Aotearoa NZ Region

That the WB develop a project plan, including budget and timeline, for presentation at WSC 2020 on the role of Zones, their relationship to the wider fellowship, including integrating Zonal Delegate participation into the decision making process at WSC.

Some discussion: If motion 15 passes, this would frame the project plan.

Motion 17

Maker: Portugal Region

To approve a change in the description of World Service Conference participants from regional delegates to zonal delegates. This change will occur over 3 conference cycles from 2018 to 2024 with the choice of representation left to the seated regions during this transition period. These three conference cycles will be used to develop details for the future. Any policies or ideas developed will be presented back to the fellowship in the CAR. Zonal delegates attending the WSC will carry a vote for all of their seated regions that are not represented by a regional delegate. No new regional seating requests will be considered during the transition.

Some discussion: Less people giving dialogue. Will not represent unseated Regions.

Motion 18

Maker: Australia Region and Aotearoa NZ Region

That any Zonal Forum with two or more zonally seated regions or communities that are not seated at the World Service Conference, may choose to send one Zonal Delegate to the World Service Conference to represent those regions or communities.

Some discussion: **NOTE-** Motion 19 will not be offered if Motion 18 does not pass. Allows unseated Regions to participant with the seating of a Zonal Rep.

Motion 19

Maker: Australia Region and Aotearoa NZ Region

If motion 18 is not adopted then the following will not be offered. That Zonal Delegates are voting members when in attendance at the World Service Conference. These Zonal Delegates would have one vote.

Motion 20

Maker: Australia Region and Aotearoa NZ Region

If motion 18 is not adopted then the following will not be offered. Zonal Delegates are eligible to receive the same funding from NA World Services as regional delegates when attending the WSC. This funding includes travel, lodging, and meal expenses only.

Motion 21

Maker: Australia Region and Aotearoa NZ Region

If motion 18 is not adopted then the following will not be offered. Alternate Zonal Delegates may attend the WSC with the same rights and limitations as is currently offered to Alternate Regional Delegates.

Motion 22

Maker: Washington North Idaho Region

To discontinue the WSC Conference Participants Discussion Board hosted and maintained by NA World Services.

Some discussion: Conference Participants should decide.

Motion 23

Maker: Argentina Region Direct the World Board

To develop plans to move to a three-year conference cycle. This plan would include quarterly web meetings, longer review time for the Conference Agenda Report, and would be developed in a way to provide an opportunity to include other ideas from conference participants.

Motion 24

Maker: Israel Region

In new business the World Board will have one collective vote represented by the World board chair. Each World Board member votes only in Elections and may make motions in all sessions.

Some discussion: This motion continues to come forward and continues to fail. 1/3 of the Fellowship or less wants this to change. How can we negate this process? Can we place a moratorium on these types of motions? It is a misconception that the World Board votes as a block. Each Board member has their own thoughts and ideas. Our World Board only votes in New Business during the Conference.

Motion 25

Maker: Iran Region

To authorize the World Board to investigate and pursue ways for conference participants who are unable to attend the WSC due to visa and other issues beyond their control, to engage in sessions of the WSC.

Some discussion: Only an agreement with Conference Participants would be needed. Our World Board already wants to give this a try. More conversations would be needed in the virtual part including voting. Once again this can be decided upon at the Conference.

Conference Approval Track:

https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/CAT/2018CAT_WEB.pdf

Forum Business

As discussed at the previous forum, we met Friday evening and reviewed our Operating Guidelines, 27 members were in attendance. Our Facilitator, Staci, is making the corrections and will be sending out to the body.

Sunday Morning Business

Meeting Opened at 9:20am

Tom D. read The 12 Traditions / Troy read The Twelve Concepts

Randie read Treasurers Report (See Attachments)

SZF body asked if Randie will continue as Treasurer until new Treas. Elected in July,

Will renew Go to Meeting for another year. We will discuss options in July. Jim- RDA Volunteer Region willing to research various media conferencing platforms and communicate with Secretary.

Resume's for Treasurer: Charmaine & Scott (See Attachments)

Resume's for Secretary: Lucy & Janeen (See Attachments)

Will be elected in July to begin positions in November during the Multi Zonal Service Symposium

SZF will be meeting Sunday Morning during the MZSS.

Reminder....Facilitator (July) and Representative (January) elected on odd years (July) / Treasurer (January) and Secretary (July) elected on even years.

SZF Timeline and Resumes will be included in the Operating Guidelines.

Send Henry any photos Regions may have for our SZF video to be shown at the conference.

Question was asked why we do not have an archivist. How do we disseminate info? We used to have an addict who did this for us for several years. We then had a website which basically became a place for our "archives".

Multi Zonal Service Symposium Report was given by Lucy. (See Attachment)

If anyone would like to be on the next conference call, Feb.21st @ 7 pm (central) please email Daniel. See MZSS report attached.

Next Forum will be in Kansas City. Some Areas within the Show-Me Region have asked for assistance in doing a PR Presentation to Medical Professionals. We have discussed doing this as a Forum for a few years now, per request from the Hosting Region. This can also be Regions asking for some Fellowship Development (Outreach). Staci, Charmaine, Sharon, Delores, Kristin and Randie have expressed their willingness to assist in this endeavor.

SZF Summer July 2018 / Show-Me Region /Arrive July 27th Forum; July 28-29,2018

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Topics will be:

**Discussion of Solutions (experience strength and hope) to Shared Fellowship Concerns-All
Apathy in Service- Volunteer Region (Tim & Jim)
Conference 2018 Review- Henry & Tom**

SZF Winter 2019 will be in Louisiana- In July 2018 Forum will need Topics & Hotel. T-Shirt design will be due in the Fall 2018 at the MZSS SZF Forum Meeting

SZF Summer 2019 – Bluegrass-Appalachian- will need Hotel place in July 2018, Topics by Fall 2018 at the MZSS SZF.

SZF Fall 2019- Arkansas

New- Per updated Operating Guidelines- Secretary – 2 weeks to get minutes to Facilitator, Facilitator has 1 week to ok minutes. Minutes then sent to RD/RDA's for 2 weeks. Once ok'd by body, Secretary will have 1 week to make any changes and then minutes will be posted to SZF website by webmaster (Steve S.)

ILS,
Kristin D.