

Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Approved World Board Minutes

8-11 January 2014

Wednesday 8 January

Present: Ron Blake, Sharon Harzenski-Deutsch, Bob Gray, Arne Hassel-Gren, Tali McCall, Odilson Gomes Braz Junior, Jim Buerer, Paul Fitzgerald, Mark Hersh, Ifiigo Calonje Unceta, Irene Crawley, Antonia Nikolinakou, Franney Jardine and MaryEllen Polin. Tana Agostini and Paul Craig arrived Thursday, January 09, 2014 due to weather delaying their travel.

Not present Mary Banner and Ron Miller.

Staff: Eileen Perez, Becky Meyer, Travis Koplow, Jane Nickels and Anthony Edmondson

WB Sharing Session

The world board began their meeting with a closed sharing session that is not a recorded portion of the board.

2014 CAR

Discussion of the regional proposal process, videos, and input received on CAR workshops that have already occurred and any other comments related to the 2014 CAR.

The Executive Committee (EC) recapped their discussion regarding regional proposals and the belief that the regional proposal process description in the Guide to World Service (GWS) is inadequate. Therefore the desire is to add more language that better explains the process and what a regional proposal is and isn't.

It should be noted that these regional proposals have had more distribution than they would have under the motion process. If they did not meet WSC policies, they simply would not have been included. WB motions are the result of typically years of forewarning and discussion and have more of an opportunity to be refined for a decision. These proposals were summarized for decision and included in an addendum. The addendums were all translated which is not our normal process.

General Discussion

- Part of the challenge is being in the between a formal and informal process with regional proposals theoretically supposedly being a way to submit topics for discussion.
- There is a community that uses a RFI (request for information) process that helps members develop a proposal and once that is completed, this is followed by submitting an RFP (request for proposal).
- We have discussed previously the idea of getting regional proposals from RD's at the conference and that could be discussed during the cycle. Proposals could be discussed, decided at the following WSC.

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- Still believe regional proposals are a great way for discussions to occur; just think it needs something that addresses the benefits of a proposal to then discuss more with the fellowship?
- The board will recommend keeping proposals for new business. Will ask for ideas and how this can be made more workable, better.
- Have to recall the original intent of what the proposals were intended to do. Part of what happens is that everyone loses some of the original intention which gets dropped with the turnover of people. Have to come up with communications that tell what happened.

Individuals that have attended workshops provided verbal reports.

Webinar

The World Board went over the webinar PowerPoint. This will again be talked about in more detail on Friday. The World Board went through each slide.

- 15 minutes will be spent on the introduction and exit
- 20 minutes for motion 1-3
- 20 minutes for motion 4-6
- 20 minutes for Regional Proposals
- 15-20 minutes for CAT and other miscellaneous items

No other questions or comments on the webinar scheduled for Saturday.

EC recommending that there be another webinar on March 22, 2014 but on CAT material. Staff will create a (bare bones) CAT PowerPoint

2014-2016 Strategic Plan and Project Plans

Discussion focused on conceptual ideas for the project plans.

WSC Seating Cover memo

This is the 3rd cycle that a moratorium has been recommended. All agreed believing seating criteria would have long been developed before now.

Will report that a conference session will be held to talk about this further with the hopes of coming up with ideas together. No one had anything further to add.

The World Board meeting ended on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 6:07pm

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2014 CAT

GWSNA Cover Memo and proposed changes

- The cover memo will more strongly reiterate what is being attempted for the Guide to World Service.

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- Stronger language will be added to the introduction and conclusion.
- Cover letter - Formatting and grammar changes provided.
- The sentence beginning..."it" falls short of its goal *as it is currently written or the Guide as currently written*
- Proposing the idea of a Glossary in the Guide to World Service
- Explain the term *proposal* and *motion* in cover memo
- Add a legend to explain color or symbols in the cover letter as well as in footer of document.

It will be revised and sent to the Board. The World Board had no other changes to add.

Guide to World Service

The highlighted sections show where there language which refers to motions is located.

- **Page 9** large green box, some confusion about the sentence *once arriving at the conference the body*. Not sure this is needed because it doesn't really say what happens if someone is not ready. Sentence will be left in.
- **Page 13** World Service Conference Publications/ green highlighted section. No change to green section

Seating Cover letter recap

- We've heard some not practical ideas and other regarding risers that if done would will change the current essence of the conference.
- If the decision of the conference to move towards an ever growing World Service Conference WSC (size) then we will in fact be moving away from a discussion based WSC, making it impossible to be discussion based.
- We are taking slices and trying to improve each piece of such a large issue.

A refresher as to why we say what we say given. We have issues that are isolated and covered by memos so do we homogenize or pull out each issue. So what would we have about things that are not here, how and when?

Create a WSC list that will become a parking lot of issues (*future item* it's the list of WSC challenges).

- Remove the inference "growing the conference" because it's negative and not what we really mean.
 - The Vision statement will be used.
- Language that alerts to some qualification as it relates to limit must be added to the memo (resource qualifier).
- The cover memo will address hearing the questions regarding seating at the conference.

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The World Board agreed with the memo and changes, no other changes made.

2014 CAT discussions

Fellowship Letters

The board discussed responses to the letters received regarding WSC.

Legal Update

The Board provided with an update.

Team Building Exercise

The World Board chairperson along with a staff facilitated a team building exercise until 5:30pm at which time the board meeting ended for the day on Thursday, January 9, 2014.

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Friday 10 January

Corporate Responsibilities

Step Working Guide

Staff is currently working on developing a Step Working Guide (SWG) mobile app for apple, android and windows phone. It will be a mobile app only and not a desktop app. Staff highlighted some of the apps features.

User agreement will have a privacy indemnity clause. Nothing further added.

WCNA Update

WCNA 36 June 2015 in Brazil

Expect to go on sale in May or June 2014 to give people additional time to save and/or make payments. A company in Brazil is being used to help us with contracts as well as using a board member in conjunction with other members (implementation group) in Brazil.

Point person for the host committee selected; Theresa O. The selection of host committee members will begin later in order to focus more on other portions for the convention. However when selection begins; Human Resource Panel form will be used in that process. The Brazilian service office has also agreed to assist in accomplishing goals for convention and therefore we may use them for many things not normally done in other circumstances.

Convention will be held 30 kilometers outside of Rio de Janeiro in Barra de Tujica. This convention will have a very compressed format of special events, will be with bilingual both English and Portuguese speakers.

WCNA 2018 United States

We are still waiting for further information from contending sites for 2018 World Convention in the United States before making a final decision.

WCNA 2021 International

The Conference Report will provide information regarding the World Convention which is scheduled to be held in the Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa zone in 2021. For many reasons the board will recommend that this convention be held in Turkey. In order to allow a large sector of our members from Iran, who are almost one-third of all NA meetings worldwide, an opportunity to attend a world convention it would have to be in a country that they can access. No objection to doing more research for a world convention in Turkey.

2014-2016 NAWS Budget and cover memo for 2014 CAT

Financial Update

Entries explained. This year's cover budget will be a bit longer and more detailed to help explain the realities of the entries and percentages.

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In the past a percentage increase would have been created to offset the conference expenses projection.

- It is the responsibility of each group to fund each level of service and that has nothing to do with how much is or isn't needed. There is always more that we could do if we had more money.
- Line 18 in the financials has a typo

There were no further questions on the budget. The board will receive another updated version with the changes incorporated.

No further questions or input provided.

Adoption of October minutes

No objection to adopting the October 2013 minutes.

Travel and Meeting Dates Availability

The World Board will send Eileen dates they will not be available for travel during 31 July 2014 – 30 June 2016 cycle.

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WSC 2014

Beginning discussions and ideas for WSC 2014

The board broke into small groups to discuss ideas for sessions during the upcoming World Service Conference.

Any discussions needed before the webinar not already covered.

The questions for the webinar will be sent to the board and all conference participants. Nothing further added.

The World Board meeting adjourned for the day at 5:00pm on Friday, January 10, 2014.

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Conference Participant Webinar

CAT Price

After some discussion regarding production costs etc. the World Board decided to set the CAT price at \$14.00.

Introduction to NA meeting IP that needs decisions – Motion 1

The World Board will recommend amending the approval draft by removing the 3 words "our primary purpose" and both hyphens.

Webinar

A webinar for conference participants was conducted on CAR issues from 10:30-12 which is not a recorded session.

Leadership

After lunch the board will reconvene at the hotel to discuss the future of the board's leadership which transpires each cycle

The World Board meeting ended at 12:23pm Saturday, January 11, 2014

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