

Fellowship Issue Discussions

Objective 1: *Identify, frame and better facilitate a dialog with members around current issues and NA philosophy.*

Existing Approaches to be carried over into the 2006-08 Planning Cycle

- ◆ Follow up on the 2004–2006 issue discussion topics.
- ◆ Frame and promote fellowship issue discussions for 2006–08 (explain the origin of the issue, the context and intended use of the input).
- ◆ Interact with fellowship at zonal forums and workshops.
- ◆ Continue to make changes to *CAR* to become more of a discussion-based document

New Approaches for 2006-08 (in priority order)

1. Develop a process and tools for consistent, efficient synthesis and reporting of issue discussions.
2. Ensure concrete follow-up to issue discussions as appropriate (e.g., a report, a set of recommendations or suggested next steps, or a definitive position on the issue).

Purpose and scope of the project:

The purpose of this project is to both facilitate fellowship-wide discussion of specific issues and to improve the quality of that facilitation. The first steps taken in the 2004–2006 conference cycle with issue discussion topics seem to have been successful. Our challenge this cycle will be to build and improve on that experience. The board will begin by reviewing reports summarizing the content and process of the issue discussions from the last conference cycle—*Infrastructure* and *Our Public Image*—as well as the two “unofficial” topics of *Atmosphere of Recovery* and *Leadership*. After the conference selects new topics for the next conference cycle, the board will talk about how to frame the discussion of these topics and facilitate that discussion throughout the fellowship.

Direct expense items:

Distribution of material in NAWS publications \$ 15,000

Direct project expenses: \$ 15,000

Essential or Carryover

Priority ranking

Second Ranking

Third Ranking