



## Status of Projects Adopted for the 2014–2016 Cycle

### ◆ Fellowship Issue Discussions

We had several Issue Discussion Topics this cycle: Group Support, Planning, and Welcoming All Members. Fairly early in the cycle we added The Role of Zones. This is an ongoing essential service and as such, we are not including a project plan for 16-18.

### ◆ Service System

This cycle's project was about *how we can support communities in the transition to a new system as well as those that are still fact-finding and contemplating implementing some of these ideas*. We had, most crucially, hoped to produce a series of "Service System Basics" this cycle but we did not have the resources (human) to do so. We did, however, begin holding two types of web meetings, one focused on explaining the service system ideas and the other providing an opportunity for communities to share implementation experiences. We also continued our efforts to collect locally developed tools from communities. Both of these strategies will be included as part of the project plan for service tools proposed for the upcoming cycle.

### ◆ Traditions Book

Our goal this cycle was to develop drafts for review and input and to complete an approval draft for the 2016 CAR. The approval draft of "Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions" will be considered at WSC 2016.

### ◆ Public Relations

This cycle attendance at professional events remained the same as the previous cycle and cooperative events realized marginal growth. In addition to attendance at professional events, we held a professional panel on Criminal Justice and Medical at WCNA 36 in Brazil. PR and H&I webinars continue to be held quarterly and will continue into the next cycle. We did not conduct a roundtable with medical professionals this cycle but would like to hold one in the upcoming cycle, if resources permit.

## Idea submitted for Conference Consideration

From the South Florida Region:

**Proposal:** 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. 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.

**Policy Affected:** This motion would change Addendum E (“Issue Discussion Topics – Selection and Discussion”) of the GTWS on page 67.

**Intent:** To have more direct and specifically defined fellowship involvement in the creation and selection of Fellowship Issue Discussion Topics.

**Rationale by Region:** Between 1998 and 2002, a list of possible Issue Discussion Topics were provided in the CAR. The two favored by the most regions became the IDT’s for the conference cycle. This was discontinued after the 2002 WSC. With the increased usage of the internet and the widespread availability of free polling software, we feel fellowship involvement in creating the topics can be achieved. We feel the World Board has had too much influence over the topics that have been selected over the past few cycles, and the topics selected have had little interest to the fellowship in our region. Therefore, our region wished to return to a process where local fellowships have a more active role in identifying and selecting the issues discussed by the whole fellowship during each cycle. We also believe that this grassroots involvement at the inception of the IDT process will yield increased local participation in the discussions, and provide results of greater value to the fellowship as a whole.