

Motion #12: Venezuela Region / Ohio 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.

Intent: Establish a common week of this type, to be held permanently every year, so the whole NA fellowship can hold events for this important service for NA worldwide.

Initial straw poll Motion #12: 79-25-6-3 Strong support

Clarence A (Ad Greater Philadelphia) said this will bring us together in unity and will inform addicts about who and where we are.

Carols P (RD Rio de Janerio) shared that Brazil already has this type of event. It draws members who are not involved in service and raises enthusiasm. Our region is in favor.

Jonathan C (RD Philippines) said that it has become challenging in the Philippines to do PR work. This seems like a way to draw members back into structured NA service and for them to know they are part of the bigger picture of NA with a worldwide event.

Deb N (RD British Columbia) spoke against the motion because it is too vague. Our regional members did not know if the motion was about training NA members or about going out to community, or what resources would be required.

Vote on Motion #12: 83-23-4-3 Carried

There was no objection to taking the second straw poll as the final vote.

Motion #14: South Florida Region / Ohio 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.

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

Initial straw poll Motion #14: 41-60-8-4 Lack of support

Proposal #E Rio de Janeiro / Ohio Region

To substitute the sentence “the poll should be translated via available software into as many languages as possible” by the sentences: “the poll should be translated by each language community. The responsibility of this translation would be of the literature translation committees and the regional delegates, which would report on a workgroup of members willing to participate in the service of the poll translation.”

Initial straw poll Proposal #E: 46-56-4-7 Lack of support

George B-H (Washington/N Idaho) explained that his region is not in favor of the main motion, but the amendment resolves one of their issues. Involving the translation committees means they can be culturally and linguistically competent for the translation.

Carlos P (Rio de Janeiro) said that involving people who can translate is a good idea. Last cycle, the Conference selected an IDT on *Guiding Principles*, and we do not yet have that

Support for Regions and Zones

Arne H-G (WB) began by discussing NAWS participation at regional and zonal events. Our Fellowship support activities nearly always come at the request of a service body, These contacts affect everyone involved and foster growth, said Arne. There were some challenges this cycle; many CAR workshops were scheduled on the same weekend.

Strategic Planning

Arne spoke of the strides made in the strategic planning process this cycle and the value and insight that came from the regional input to the environmental scan. We took all of that input into account when we drafted the strategic plan, which is included in the CAT material. As the whirlwind graphic illustrates, said Arne, it is not a linear process. We collect information at every opportunity, including travel and the CAR survey. (See Appendix I.)

Projects and Workgroups

Four of the projects we've proposed build on the work of this cycle or previous cycles.

Future of the WSC Project

This project will continue to look at ways to improve our effectiveness and sustainability. In order to ensure geographic diversity, we'd like to depart from our usual methods of selecting workgroup members; instead we are asking that each zone choose a participant for the workgroup, said Arne.

Literature Projects

The survey before the last Conference showed some enthusiasm for the idea of a new daily meditation book and a pamphlet on "mental health/mental illness." The pamphlet idea was also forwarded as a regional motion. The project plans reflect the Fellowship input we have gathered about the focus for these two potential new pieces of literature, said Arne.

Training and Tools Project

We are proposing to continue work on local service tools and conventions and events tools, said Arne. This cycle we used virtual web meetings, which is a cost-effective approach, to develop a tool on CBDM and another on event programs.

Potential Issue Discussion Topics for 2018-2020

The top IDT priorities in the CAR survey were 1. Attracting Members to Service and 2. Carrying the Message and Making NA Attractive. (See Appendix I.) We'll have an opportunity to workshop these topics on Thursday, said Arne. [Note: the WSC agenda changed by Thursday and these sessions were moved to a web meeting after the Conference.]

RBZ Candidates

Arne shared the Board's confidence in the candidates they forwarded to the HRP for nomination consideration—not to diminish other candidates, but simply to explain the Board's process. The Board considers the needs for a diverse group of people with a range of language skills, history, and service experience, from different cultural backgrounds, with at least some Board members who possess some business acumen.

Conference Participant Discussion Board

Arne said the Board knows there is a need for a forum so people can talk to each other between WSCs. We also know there are issues with the current forum, and there's been discussion and different opinions about how to address them. We want to know what you want as a body, he said, and that's what we'll do.

Project Priorities

Straw polls of project priorities (high/medium/low)

WSC of the Future: 77 high, 34 medium, 12 low, 1 present not voting

New Daily Meditation Book: 49 high, 37 medium, 38 low

Mental Health/Illness IP: 79 high, 35 medium, 10 low

Training and Tools: 81 high, 37 medium, 5 low, 1 present not voting

2018-2020 Issue Discussion Topics

The two IDTs that scored the highest from regional and individual input on the CAR survey (see Appendix I):

- Carrying the NA message and making NA attractive
- Attracting members to service

Arne asked if it was okay to start off with these two, knowing that we can add IDTs later, and this was affirmed by a voice poll.

Recovery Literature and Service Material from the CAR Survey

Arne announced that the project plans already adopted at the Conference have filled our capacity for the upcoming cycle.

CAR Survey issues

Arne explained that we are looking for input on how can we get more CAR survey participation, and how can we take regional conscience on the survey effectively. He asked that input be submitted via email.

Virtual Workgroups

Arne announced the following virtual workgroups:

- *FIPT* Operational Rules and Bulletins
- We are recommending we create Delegates Sharing
- WSC Seating
- Audit Committee
- *Reaching Out*
- *The NA Way Magazine*

Face-to-Face (with some virtual meetings) Workgroups

Arne announced the following face-to-face workgroups:

- WSC of the Future – members selected by zones
- New Daily Meditation Book
- Mental Health/Illness IP
- Business Plan
- WCNA 37 (already selected)

After receiving no objections to these two lists, Arne made announcements regarding deadline to submit names and relevant qualifications and interest for specific workgroups, and verified that all zones will forward a name for the WSC of the Future workgroup. He also requested that delegates consider spreading their dates out for 2020 CAR workshops or collaborating with other regions because the Board had difficulty being in so many places with such a narrow window.

3. Issue Discussion Topics—Pick Two (percentage)

