

experience from members who are or have recovered as a “loner,” and the IP would allow them to share their experience with other members looking for experience, strength, and hope.

Much like the project for new IPs, we would follow the typical process: Survey about the issue to see what the Fellowship wants to see in a revision; create a draft, send it out, and post it on na.org for at least a 90-day Fellowship review and input; revise the draft based on the input received; and ultimately have an approval draft in the 2022 CAR.

We are asking WSC 2020 to choose at least one IP for revision this cycle.

Remaining Project Plans

In addition to the three recovery literature project plans, we are proposing four more plans. Two of them, the Issue Discussion Topics and Local Service Toolbox Plans, take the same approach as the New Recovery Information Project Plan. They both depend on WSC decisions for a focus. The Conference will look at a list of possible Issue Discussion Topics and service tools and, using the CAR survey results as a guide, determine what to focus on in the cycle ahead.

The other two projects—the Role of Zones and the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* Revisions—both call for virtual workgroups, and both will depend on Conference participant input throughout the cycle to be effective.

ISSUE DISCUSSION TOPICS (IDTs)



ISSUE: DRT/MAT

OBJECTIVE 6: Support existing and potential members on DRT/MAT in successfully engaging with NA as a program of recovery.

APPROACHES

- ***Further the discussion on how to address DRT/MAT as a Fellowship in a piece of recovery literature. The original intent of the motion to create or revise a piece of literature to address DRT/MAT asked for a “unified Fellowship position,” and what was received as input focuses primarily on welcoming new potential members.***

Two of the IDTs for the current 2018–2020 Conference cycle were selected at WSC 2018 and framed in a Conference participant webinar shortly after the Conference. Those IDTs are:

- Attracting Members to Service
- Carrying the NA Message and Making NA Attractive

After the Conference, the Board asked participants to add the following topic, which was also framed by participants during that web meeting:

- Drug Replacement Therapy/Medication-Assisted Treatment as It Relates to NA

Our experience with IDTs has changed and grown over time. We have to thank the many participants who held these discussions at their areas, regions, and zones. IDTs have created the basis for many of our current service pamphlets (SPs), because they helped us to gather best practices from the Fellowship. We encourage participants to think about what topics they believe we need to gather Fellowship-wide experience about when choosing the IDTs for the 2020–2022 cycle. Certainly, DRT/MAT as

It Relates to NA is one such topic, and we are asking for it to be prioritized, as is explained in the approach that is bulleted above. The IDTs could help achieve other strategic plan approaches, depending on the topics selected by the Conference.

When thinking about potential Issue Discussion Topics, we consider the topics we have been asked to workshop in travel requests. There seems to be ongoing value in and need for topics that focus on the group and its ability to carry the message.

We also continue to hear ideas about topics more focused on Conference issues and ideas generated at the WSC. We plan to schedule time at WSC 2020 to begin framing the strategic plan for 2022–2024. This discussion will take place before the IDT list is prioritized and may influence which topics the WSC wants to carry forward into the upcoming cycle. Participants will also have the results of the CAR survey before they are asked to choose the IDTs for the cycle.

Having a variety of IDTs that fit different needs and audiences makes sense to us. Regardless of the topics selected, the WB will be asking Conference participants to help frame the focus of the IDTs for Fellowship discussion, and, as always, we will distribute session profiles and PowerPoints to assist in workshop efforts.

LOCAL SERVICE TOOLBOX PROJECT



ISSUE: FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPMENT

OBJECTIVE 1: Work in collaboration with the WSC, including regions and zones, to better understand Fellowship growth trends, identify potential, and improve our Fellowship development strategies.

OBJECTIVE 2: Better meet the demand for new meetings and service delivery through training and support of trusted servants (e.g., bite-sized tools, how-to videos).

APPROACHES

- **Frame and conduct a dialog with Conference participants on trends in the growth of NA and areas of potential. Use insights gained to identify factors that drive success in Fellowship development.**
- ***Capture best practices in Fellowship development through continuing work with zones.***
- ***Create a list of possible topics for the Local Service Toolbox Project, and have the WSC prioritize the list using the CAR survey as a resource.***

Some of the work described above will be addressed in the Role of Zones Project. For the Local Service Toolbox Project, we are taking the “umbrella approach” described above in the New Recovery Informational Pamphlets Project.

We have made progress in the 2018–2020 cycle with the Local Service Toolbox. We released *CBDM Basics* and *Serving in Rural and Isolated Communities*. By WSC 2020, we also plan to have released *GSR Basics*. This work has been accomplished virtually, and we want to thank the members who submitted materials and/or participated in online discussions.

There is a long list of possible service tool topics in the 2020 CAR survey, and we have asked members to choose up to four topics. We believe some of the topics would be best tackled by a virtual workgroup, some by focus groups, and some by open web meetings. The approach will depend on the topics chosen by WSC 2020. We will be asking the WSC to prioritize as many topics as they want, and we will work through them as

Issue Discussion Topics—Selection and Discussion

Note: Issue Discussion Topics were part of the *Conference Agenda Report* survey in 2016 and 2018. Delegates used survey results to decide on topics for the cycle at the last two World Service Conferences. This policy has not been updated to reflect this process.

At WSC 2002, the following process was approved for use for two conferences. We continue to refine the IDT process each conference cycle.

INITIATION AND CHOOSING TOPICS: The WSC meeting is the best place to initiate Fellowship discussions. Without the efforts of all conference participants when they leave the conference, the Fellowship would not be aware of what these issues are or why they are important.

The conference may select Issue Discussion Topics through any combinations of the following:

1. The World Board can come to WSC with a variety of topics, derived from many sources, for participants to either rank or choose from. The sources for topics would include reports from the worldwide workshops, WSO Fellowship Services' correspondence, topics submitted from regions or members, world convention workshops, etc.
2. The World Board can come to WSC with one or two topics already chosen for the next conference cycle. These topics would come from the same sources mentioned above.
3. Conference participants can generate topics throughout the week and choose one or two from a compiled list near the end of the week.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND FELLOWSHIP INVOLVEMENT: The general steps below provide for wide participation of conference participants and members of the Fellowship.

Conference participants, in small groups, can generate points to help establish the type of information in IDT material published after the conference.

The WB will finalize the material on the IDTs after the WSC meeting and distribute it widely.

The WB will invite input from the Fellowship discussions. It will be important to actively encourage members and committees to share their experience, strength, and hope instead of asking for their opinion or “position” on the topic. Our recovery is built on this kind of sharing of experience rather than taking a position.

FINALIZATION: The World Board will provide feedback to the Fellowship in the form of a synopsis or report on the input received. This could be in *The NA Way*, *NAWS News*, a special report, on the website, etc. The input might or might not be usable as input for a service pamphlet or even for a new project plan.

The approach outlined above delivers what is hoped to be an inclusive process that has a definable outcome. It outlines the selection of Issue Discussion Topics, and the initiation and finalization of discussions. It allows for the Board to draw from staff, worldwide workshops, convention workshops, member ideas, regional and zonal submissions, and Board correspondence. The selection process is taken out of the *CAR*, and “position papers” are discouraged in favor of shared experience.

This approach also preserves the value of holding Fellowship discussions in many different settings while creating the sense of building community among the discussion participants.