

Group Readings Wallet Card

Over the years, the WSO Board has received a number of requests for a wallet card that includes our steps, traditions, and other group readings. Based upon these requests and the limited expense in creating this item, we are proposing for your approval a Group Readings Wallet Card that includes some of our standard group readings—Who Is an Addict? Why Are We Here? What is the NA Program? How It Works and the Twelve Traditions of NA. The WSO is required to seek conference approval to produce an item that contains different pieces or portions of conference-approved literature. This is considered an alteration of trust property or "bundling." Adopting Motion 6 will place this new item in the WSO inventory for availability to our membership.

Motion 6: To approve the production of the Group Readings Wallet Card as shown in Addendum B.

Intent: Adoption of this motion will place the Group Readings Wallet Card in the WSO inventory.

Policy affected: This motion would not amend any WSC policies.

Financial Impact: The identifiable cost associated with the first printing is approximately \$875.

Changes to the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust*, and to *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property* if Motion 1 is adopted.

The following five motions are offered by the WSO Board of Directors in conjunction with the World Service Board of Trustees. All changes to the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* are shown in Addendum C and all changes to *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property* are shown in Addendum D. New language is indicated by underline and deleted language is shown by strikethrough in both of these Addenda.

If Motion 1 is adopted, Motion 7 is offered to reflect a clear decision of the conference regarding the change of the corporate name for the new World Board. Motions 8 and 9 are necessary "housekeeping" measures to align the language in the *FIPT* and *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1* with the changes that will have taken place regarding the adoption of Motion 1.

In preparing these motions it became obvious that we are placed in a difficult position. Our Intellectual Property attorney has been consulted throughout this process and has advised us that the change of name does not legally constitute a revision to the Trust Instrument. The legal definition of the word "revision" has a far different meaning than what we are accustomed to in our fellowship. Since the *FIPT* is a legal document, the legal definitions are what we are concerned with. Article 7 of the *FIPT* specifically addresses revisions to the Trust Instrument and has language that could be interpreted to require a one and one-half to two year process to change the Trust Instrument. However, based on the advice we received that these changes do not represent "revisions" based upon legal definitions, we have decided to forward these motions for action at this year's conference. It is clear that in order to ensure that the fellowship's Intellectual Property is always protected we must forward these motions to coincide with the decision to change the name of the corporation. We point this out because we believe that the fellowship's standards are often higher than may be required as a matter of law. In this case we concur with the need to present these motions this year. The language in

Article 7 should be addressed at some point in the future to allow for these types of changes without an extended process.

These motions are offered here rather than in the Transition Group section because we had additional changes to present for each of these documents.

Motions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are offered by both the WSO Board of Directors and the World Service Board of Trustees. Motions 7, 8 and 9 will be introduced only if Motion 1 is adopted by the conference.

Motion 7: To approve the inclusion of the words "*Narcotics Anonymous*" in the name of the legal entity for the new World Board.

Intent: To change the name of the "World Service Office, Inc." to "Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc."

Policy affected: All mentions of WSO, Inc. throughout our literature and service material would be revised appropriately.

Financial Impact: As indicated under Motion 1, it will cost approximately \$30,000 to change the registered name for all intellectual property registrations. In addition, the cost of producing and distributing an amended trust document is approximately \$1,500.

Motion 8: To amend the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* Instrument and Operational Rules as shown in Addendum C.

Intent: To amend the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust to reflect the changes brought about by the adoption of Motion 1.

Policy affected: This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in Addendum C.

Financial Impact: See Motion 7.

Motion 9: To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, by changing the name of the World Service Office, Inc. to Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. as shown in Addendum D.

Intent: To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property* to reflect the changes made with the adoption of Motion 1.

Policy affected: This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in Addendum D.

Financial Impact: See Motion 7

Changes to the *FIPT* as the result of adopting *A Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous* and the new *NA Way Magazine*.

The following motion is another "housekeeping" measure to address two areas of the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust*. We are offering new language to replace the term "regional service representative" with "regional delegate," bringing it in line with the language in *A Guide To Local Services In Narcotics Anonymous*, adopted at WSC '97. We are also requesting that references to the new *NA Way Magazine* be removed from the list of protected properties in the trust so that it may be freely reproduced by our membership and placed on the WSO homepage on the World Wide Web without infringing upon our intellectual property trust.

Motion 10: To change the name of "regional service representative" to "regional delegate" and "RSR" to "RD" and remove all references to *The NA Way* wherever it appears in the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Instrument* and Operational Rules as shown in Addendum C.

Intent: To amend the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* to reflect changes made at WSC 1997.

Policy affected: This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in Addendum C.

Financial Impact: If Motions 7 and 8 are adopted, this motion would have no financial impact. If they are not adopted, it would cost approximately \$1,500 to effect this change.

Adding language to clarify sections of NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property* and to add protection for our Service Boards, Committees, and Service Offices

The *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* and Intellectual Property Bulletin #1 have been reviewed in detail this year due to the work of the Transition Group. At the advice of our Intellectual Property attorney, we are offering the following language to better explain parts of the *Internal Use Policy*. Because Narcotics Anonymous functions in society at large and is bound by the laws of that society, we have also added language to the section *Guidelines for Use* that will provide us with a statement that one part of the fellowship is not legally responsible for another.

There have been many instances where an individual is injured at an NA meeting or function and then decides to sue the group, the meeting facility, as well as the perceived "sponsor" of the meeting or event—that is, decides to sue Narcotics Anonymous. The individual's attorney does a search, and turns up the local service office, which naturally has the "deepest pockets," meaning the most money, of all of the possible entities whom the individual could sue. This may be unfair, however, because the office itself may have no direct affiliation with the meeting or event at which the person was injured beyond the fact that both the meeting and the office serve the local NA community. The changes proposed here in Motion 11 allow the local office, and any service office or service committee, to show that although we may all share the Narcotics Anonymous name, we are not *legally* tied to each other unless we have entered into a specific agreement. This language is provided for legal reasons only and does not change the lines of accountability and authority within our fellowship.

Motion 11: To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, as shown in Addendum D.

Intent: To clarify language and reflect decisions made at WSC 1997 in NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1.

Policy affected: This motion would amend WSC policies as listed in Addendum D.

Financial Impact: If Motions 7 and 9 are adopted, this motion would have no financial impact. If they are not adopted, it would cost approximately \$1,500 to effect this change.

Rogan Allen, Chairperson