

**World Board Meeting
May 2, 2002—Open Forum
Warner Center Marriott**

World Board: Jane Nickels, Cary Seltzer, Bob Jordan, Tony Walters, Lib Edmonds, Ron Hofius, Giovanna Ghisays, Larry Roche, Michael McDermott, Susan Chess, Tom McCall, Daniel Schuessler, Jon Thompson, Bella Blake, Claudio Lemionet, and Craig Robertson

Staff: Anthony Edmondson, Becky Meyer and Eileen Perez-Evans

The meeting was open with a board roll call, followed by a discussion and review of the World Service Conference motions.

Due to computer difficulties I was not able to capture the first 20 motions reviewed.

Motion 40: “That the WSC Rules of Order for 2004 in voting, that consent to a motion be an option.”

Discussion:

Recommendation: . . . to not adopt, in favor of 67.

Motion 41: “The *Conference Agenda Report* be sent out early enough that RDs receive it 180 days before the WSC.”

Discussion: we are still learning what it means to turn around a 150-day CAR, and possibly end up backing things up. If it were possible, it would mean changing all the timelines.

Recommendation: recommend to not adopting based on previously adopted conference policy.

Motion 42: “Direct the World Board to direct the WSO to remove all web links to any web page with Narcotics Anonymous copyrighted material posted on their page until this material is removed from their web page.”

Discussion: understand the spirit of motion and in some degree this is done as best as we can. This motion would require a full time staff person and currently unable to dedicate those resources.

Recommendation: to not adopt

Motion 43: “To add the following question to the HRP new World Pool Information Form:

- 12 Steps of NA
- 12 Traditions of NA
- 12 Concepts of NA

Discussion: this seems to be for the HRP and what the conference wishes to do. Question asked of the body is ‘how would this be verified?’ Understand the intent. Believe it should go to the HRP.

Recommendation: to be referred to the HRP

Motion 44: “NAWS will stop all printing and sales of the *Miracles Happen*, coffee table book until a thorough review process by the fellowship has

taken place, in accordance with TWGWSS, page 33, Approval Process for Recovery Literature, Section A, Review-form literature 1 & 2.”

Discussion: would recommend that it not be adopted.

Recommendation: to not adopt.

Motion 45: “To direct the World Board to amend the annual contract section of NAWS Literature Sales Policy for the United States and Canada as follows:

Current:

Level 1	\$80,000	-	\$104,999	-	17%
Level 2	\$105,000	-	\$129,999	-	18%
Level 3	\$130,000	-	\$374,999	-	21%
Level 4	\$375,000	-	\$599,999	-	22.5%
Level 5	\$600,000 & up				24%

Proposed:

Level 1	\$80,000	-	\$104,999	-	22%
Level 2	\$105,000	-	\$129,999	-	23%
Level 3	\$130,000 & up			-	26%

Discussion: Lib shared believes that this was dealt with on the floor sometime this week. Thought the direction was clear from the body. Understand the difficulties, however would like the body deal with this again, seemed to be a very clear conscience. Cary shared that philosophically would not be in favor of this without knowing the effects of the motion.

Recommendation: to not adopt

Motion 46: “To add to the *Treasurer’s Handbook* and *The Group Treasurer’s Workbook* under section, ‘Guidelines for Group Treasurer,’ the following definition of what a prudent reserve is as adopted from page 33 of the *Treasurer’s Handbook* under ‘Guidelines for the Area or Regional Service Committee.’ #7

“#9 All funds in excess of the prudent reserve (i.e., all money in excess of monthly expenses) should be sent on to the other levels of service3 according to your group’s practice as discussed in the information pamphlet, *Self-Support: Principle and Practice.*”

Discussion: Jon is moving that this be adopted. Since a motion similar in nature to this was already dealt with earlier in the week. Don will be asked how to deal with this if it is adopted. Anthony stated that the board has not had an opportunity to discuss the philosophical premise of prudent reserve.

Recommendation: okay with the principle of adopting but will have further discussion on the issue.

Motion 47: “That NAWS produce a soft cover of *Miracles Happen.*”

Discussion: Anthony responded that the difficulty here is that the intent is not understand. The book was created as a specialty item, not recovery material. If

the intent is to reduce the cost a soft cover will not accomplish this. Would like to discuss this further with the motion maker for clarification.

Recommendation: need intent clarification

Motion 48: "To amend *A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous* by replacing the language on page 88 of the Conference Approval Track Material under the heading composition with the following, 'The Human Resource Panel consists of six (6) individuals elected by a simple majority of the World Service conference.'"

Discussion: take this into consideration; wait until till 2004 to see what we have and how it looks.

Recommendation: not adopting

Motion 49: "That on the new World Pool Information Form under 'Service Experience,' directly after the words 'Current Service Position(s)' add a comma and insert in parentheses the words 'including home group membership.'"

Discussion:

Recommendation: Motion 49 and 50 are related to the HRP therefore it is the board's recommendation to not have recommendations but refer them to the HRP.

Motion 50: "Add to HRP reference check interview questionnaire, a question relating to home group or local meeting membership at the time of the interview."

Discussion:

Recommendation: Motion 49 and 50 are related to the HRP therefore it is the board's recommendation to not have recommendations but refer them to the HRP.

Motion 51: "To amend *A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous* by replacing the language on page 25, Elections #5b, with the following: 'The World Board nominees receiving the most votes above the required 60% majority will be elected to the available positions on the World Board.'"

Discussion: this was agreed to in old business, and we could present the election procedure as amended, will be considered as a friendly amendment and incorporate with 33.

Recommendation: will consider as a friendly amendment along with motion 33.

Motion 52: "To amend *A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous* by replacing the language on page 25, #5c with the following: "The Human Resource Panel nominees receiving the most votes above the required 50% will be elected to the available positions on the Human Resource Panel."

Discussion: Michael noted that although the board may not have an opinion on this motion. Intent is to full as many available seats as possible.

Recommendation: to adopt.

Motion 53: "An International Fellowship Development and Support workgroup for 2002-2004 be created. This workgroup will focus its work on putting together an international fellowship development strategy."

Discussion: we already do what this motion intends. Bella would like the board to commit to better reporting what the board is doing i.e. what has been done in the previous 2 years. An opportunity was missed here when Emmanuel asked his question regarding Fellowship Development. David shared that if we are going to allow the conference mandate workgroups for the board then in effect the board should then stop all its strategic planning. Michael shared that if this motion was adopted without a project plan then it would have to be carried out. There is a process that we keep forgetting about i.e. if there is an idea then the board could discuss further. Would like the opportunity to lead the conference by example.

Ron is wondering if the fellowship is able to impact the boards work in a productive manner. Think we need to be creative together and a) think of ways to delegate items to the board and b) without micro managing.

Recommendation: to not adopt and commit to better reporting on its activities in the future.

Motion 54: "That the World Board initiate a workgroup to investigate options to utilize the Internet to provide service, recovery, and information to the fellowship, professionals, and interested individuals. A report from this workgroup shall be made available no later than WSC 2004."

Discussion: based on the philosophy of motion 53, the board would recommend to not adopting. However are taking this as confirmation that the fellowship was interested. Craig shared that starting a lot of workgroups based on what's in the strategic plan is a bit premature.

Recommendation: not adopt.

Motion 55: "That the worldwide workshop in Europe doesn't take place one month before and one month after the European Delegates Meeting and ECCNA."

Discussion: there was no political statement on the part of the board it just so happened that the dates worked out in that way. We are always looking to create quality events for the local fellowship, not designed to be a European event.

Recommendation: to not adopt.

Motion 56: "To add to the HRP Guidelines that two or more candidates profiles be required for each open position on the World Board, Human Resource Panel, or WSC Co-Facilitator."

Discussion: based on how difficult it would be to find the people.

Recommendation: not adopt

Motion 57: "To have the HRP make a report listing the objective and subjective criteria used and the weight given each criteria to qualify the candidate"

Discussion: this is for the HRP

Recommendation: no recommendation

Motion 58: "To hold all worldwide workshops during the 2002-2004 conference cycle in the Chicagoland Region."

Discussion: joke motion

Motion 36: “We propose that the revised Treasurer’s Handbook, regarding fellowship fund flow should include an extra square for zonal forums are recognized as sharing and business meetings. Funds should be shown to also flow from regions, areas and groups to square.

Discussion:

Recommendation: not adopt

Motion 59: “The World Board commit to forming a workgroup during the conference cycle 2002-2004, to study the NAWS sales policies. This workgroup is to include World Board members and regional and/or area customers.”

Discussion: Questions if motion maker would consider committing the motion to the Business Plan Group. Would recommend not adopting but forwarding this to the group.

Recommendation: not adopt but forward idea to the Business Plan Group

Motion 60: “To amend *A Temporary Working Guide to our World Service Structure*, page 2 ‘The Regional Service Committee.’ ‘The region’s delegate to the world conference is elected by the GSRs and/or RCMs at the regional assembly.’ To add the words ‘or RSC.’ And to add to page 4 the following underlined words ‘The Regional Delegate’ ‘During the delegate’s term, he or she attends the World Service Conference as a fully active participant, for while the delegate is elected by and accountable to the regional assembly or RSC, he or she is not a mere messenger.’ Further that *A Guide to Local Service in Narcotics Anonymous* reflects the same changes at its next printing.

Discussion: language we seem to state that the GSR is to participate at the RSC meeting to elect the Delegate. Recommend that “and/or” be inserted in the 3rd line before RCM. The board agrees with the intent. Will work with maker on wording.

Recommendation: adopt

Motion 61: “The dual language concordant numbering proposal sent to NAWS by Michael K (page 13 *NAWS Conference Report 2002*) be forwarded to foreign speaking regions for consideration.”

Discussion: motion does not seem to be clear. Based on it the motion passing, and not being clear on what to do with this, recommend to not adopting.

Recommendation: not adopt

Motion 62: “To remove the Literature Distribution and Convention workshop project plan from the budget proposal.”

Discussion: there was some discussion regarding the project staying on the project plan with the understanding that it may not occur in the proposed year.

Recommendation: not to adopt, and see this project as a lower priority.

Motion 63: “To dissolve the Human Resource Panel as it exists.”

Discussion: based on still being in the 6-year transitional process.

Recommendation: not to adopt

Motion 64: “To establish a nominations committee of the board whose function is to identify members of the fellowship with sufficient skills and experience to be members of the board and to serve on board committee.”

Discussion: Michael shared that based on trying to look at the system as a whole would recommend not to adopt although do believe it has merit. Craig shared that for that type of change would be made by the fellowship and not by the conference participants.

Recommendation: not adopt

Motion 65: “To seat at WSC 2002 Venezuela Region.”

Discussion: maker will not forward motion.

Recommendation:

Motion 66: “To seat at WSC 2002 Chile Region.”

Discussion: maker will not forward motion

Recommendation:

Motion 67: “That the World Board define consensus and develop guidelines for consensus-based decision making to be inserted into the WSC Rules of Order.”

Discussion: David shared that he'd like to think that the body is ready to do this—nearly ready. Would like to personally say 'yes'. May not be successful but would like to see. Jon shared that the workgroup working on the rules of order input was that there were many places that this would be appropriate; there just wasn't enough time to further discuss. Michael shared that a lot of work was done by the workgroup, however there is still more input that they had but not incorporated—this being one of them. Michael supports of the intent.

Recommendation: adopt

Motion 69: “That guidelines be created for consensus-based decision making to be used at WSC. These guidelines will be presented for approval at WSC 2004.”

Discussion:

Recommendation: not adopt due to the timeline imposed.

Motion 68: “For the World Board to include previously adopted motions that pertain to the Basic Text and Little White Booklet in the cover letter of the survey—Basic Text evaluation/literature needs assessment survey—World Service Conference 1998 Motion #24, ‘To approve the following as WSCLC’s ‘A’ work list for 1998-1999 conference:

A new chapter on sponsorship to be included in the Basic Text

A new chapter on service to be included in the Basic Text

The addition/substitution of personal stories compiled from our worldwide fellowship in the Basic Text.'

Discussion: don't want to put information on the cover of the survey because they feel it would skew the survey results

Recommendation: not adopt

Conference Participant Open Forum

Dylan (RD, British Columbia Region): Motion 45-When CAR motions 8 and 9 were workshopped there was concern and participants wondered if the price of literature would possibly need to increase to subsidize the contract customers if money were held in reserve? (Motion 45)

Response: Anthony explained that his opinion or speculation is not appropriate, and that the effect of the motion is a reduction of the income to the office and that would need to be assessed.

Michael (RD, Spain Region): thanked the board for their work.

Jim (RD, Michigan Region): Motion 62-Questions how NAWS will prioritize projects? Feels that the literature distribution would be low on the list and was going to suggest that these workshops be done at as part of a convention. But after speaking with Anthony he realized that the literature distribution key players would be working the convention and unable to facilitate the workshop. Only desire was to assist in eliminating NAWS from having to make that decision.

Marc (RD, Chicagoland Region): Motion 55-Understands that timelines might not be practical however NAWS should not limit their vision about the potential impact of larger workshops around the world. Marc just asks that this be kept in mind and to also try to give the local fellowship enough time so they can plan their events.

Response: Michael explained that the original intent was always to make the event very *local fellowship focused* and specifically not designed and/or focused on being a large event. Purpose is to talk about things that are important to the local membership and not necessarily focusing on regional or zonal issues. The board's intent is to keep the current time schedule.

Bob (RDA, Connecticut Region): Motion 68-The survey in Vienna regarding specific questions, e.g. that one of the additions to the text would be the addition of a chapter on sponsorship...believe that participants were told something other than what has occurred.

Response: Jane explained that the survey was not developed in Vienna and that it might have been the original intent but that once they hired a survey consultant and used focus groups to develop the survey the design changed and that had not happened in Vienna.

Seth (RD, Rio Grande Region) The board has done a great job and encouraged the board to continue to move in its current direction.

Ritchie (RDA, Eastern New York Region) Motion 47-Questions if producing a soft-cover *Miracles Happen* would change the cost of production and shipping?

Response: Anthony explained that this would only take about .50 cents off the actual cost of goods, and the change would be an insignificant in the shipping cost.

Walter P (RD, Italy Region): Asked for an explanation of a worldwide workshop because it the name means it should be a large event. Does not understand that if this is to know the people in the local fellowship then why did *NAWS* send him a flyer for multiple workshops when he is thousands of miles away?

Walter commented that when the board considered having the workshop in England did they not consider the many members that would like to go to the ECCNA nor did it seem like the board respected the basic principle and the priority. Walter also wanted to know if there was communication with the RD UK beforehand— (Walter never clarified what the basic principle or priority was). Walter thanked the board for their job.

Response: Ron and David explained that there has been some initial discussion regarding changing the name *Worldwide Workshop* to something that was more descriptive of the event. A worldwide workshop will be held at any given time around the world and continue to move. The terminology means that these events will be held in different places around the world. Further that Walter received an invitation because he is a member of the zone where that particular workshop was held. Workshops give the opportunity to interact (two-way) with the local fellowship. The Board does not expect individual members to travel thousands of miles for one, but it is appropriate and important for the local members of to attend. David also stated that the ECCNA and the workshop are very different events and that he hopes they will not conflict with one another.

David responded that when the UK Region was clearly aware of the dates for the European convention and were willing to host a workshop at the end of August.