

1999 WSC Meeting, Minutes Summary

Motions on the following list were adopted or committed at the 1999 World Service Conference annual meeting. The motions are shown here in the order of consideration. Election results and notes of interest are included at the end.

Motions Carried:

Motion: "To adopt the 1999 WSC Rules of Order."

Motion: "To approve the 1998 WSC minutes as amended. Corrections for the WSC 1998 draft minutes are -- a typographical error on page 20 and a misspelled name (should be Gene) on page 21.

Motion: "To adopt the WSC 1999 Election Procedures and Challenges to Nominations."

Motion: "To seat the ABCD Region as a participant."

Motion: "To seat the Finland Region as a participant."

Motion: "To seat the NERF Region as a participant."

Motion #1: "To select two issue discussion topics from the following list for discussion at the 2000 World Service Conference:

- A. What do we perceive is the groups' role in the world service structure?
- B. What does 'consensus-based decision-making' mean to us *and* how would we utilize this process during the WSC?
- C. How are Unity and Autonomy integrated and vital to our efforts to carry the message of recovery?
- D. What does 'common needs' imply? How is the intent of 'special interest' synonymous with common needs?
- E. How is being of service to the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous a spiritual component of a program of recovery?
- F. What are the benefits for NA, as a whole, to decentralize our service structure? How may the fulfillment of our primary purpose be actualized with a worldwide fellowship?
- G. What can the Traditions do to foster growth for groups and service structure? How do the Concepts complement the Traditions and promote freedom for continued growth?
- H. What is our experience with creating an atmosphere of recovery with disruptive members in our meetings?
- I. What action do we, as a fellowship, need to take to retain our experienced members with substantial clean time?
- J. What is NA's definition of abstinence? How does this definition apply to our members who need medication in recovery?"

Ballot tabulation resulted in selection of I and J as the issues for discussion at WSC 2000. Issue discussion papers on these topics will appear in *CAR* 2000.

Motion #6: "That NA World Services publish the *Conference Agenda Report* a minimum of 180 days prior to the World Service Conference. Further, that translations as currently done to

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German, Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Swedish be completed prior to the release on that date. This policy to take effect in conjunction with the 2 year conference cycle.”

Motion #8: “That regions be allowed up to 150 words to describe the reasoning behind and consequences of their regional motions in the *Conference Agenda Report*.”

Motion #43: “To have a space on the agenda for zonal forum report sessions at all future WSCs.”

Motion #46: “To delete the following language ‘if the World Board is not presenting any proposals for action by the conference, no report from the World Board will be included in the *Conference Agenda Report*.’ from the TWGWSS, May 1998 edition, page 25, par. 3

Motion #34: “To provide direction to the World Board for the Motion 21 Project Plan as follows: To include, under the description of the 11th Tradition in the Basic Text and It Works-How and Why, language regarding the application of this tradition to television and the internet.”

Motion: “To approve the proposed changes to the 1999 – 2000 Budget and approve it in its entirety as amended.”

Motions Committed to the World Board:

Motion #5: “To change in the *Narcotics Anonymous* White Booklet under the section “What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?” on page 2, second to last sentence, the language “and are under no surveillance at any time” to “and participate in no surveillance at any time.”

Motion #30: “To direct the World Board to develop a project plan for a guide book for working our 12 Traditions.”

Motion #35: “That the World Board form a working group to explore the issues surrounding recognition of online NA meetings by World Services.”

Motion #37: “That NAWS, Inc. provide an email discussion list for WSC participants that wish to participate. This discussion list will be open for subscriptions and full participation by all WSC participants that wish to take part. Non-conference participants will be able to subscribe to the list as non-participants without posting privileges. All translations will be the responsibility of the list participants.”

Motion #40: “That NAWS, Inc. research the feasibility of using e-mail for communication with those conference participants who request this.” MOTION COMMITTED as follows.

Motion #41: “That communication from the entities of NAWS, Inc. to the fellowship be written at an 8th grade level, whenever possible.”

Motions Committed to the Human Resource Panel:

Motion #20: “That anyone seeking a world services elected position have their nomination and resume turned into the HRP by September 1st.” MOTION COMMITTED to the Human Resource Panel with a response by the time of the WSM.”

Informal polls

Question #1: Do WSC participants agree that, as part of their development of the two year conference cycle, the World Board should develop recommendations regarding consensus-based decision making at the WSC?

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A STRAW POLL of voting participants on question #1 resulted in unanimous consensus agreement. No participants disagreed.

Question #2: Do WSC participants agree that, at least for the time being, seating on the conference floor should be limited to RDs and RDAs (no mentors nor 2nd RDAs will be allowed on the floor)?

A STRAW POLL of voting participants on question #2 resulted in broad consensus agreement. 11 participants disagreed.

Question #3: Do WSC participants agree that, as part of the development of the two year conference cycle, the World Board should develop definite criteria for the seating of regions at the WSC.

A STRAW POLL of voting participants on question #3 resulted in no clear consensus, with 35 participants opposed..

Question #4: Do WSC participants agree that, as part of their development of the two year conference cycle, the World Board should form an Admissions/Seating Committee that will make recommendations to the WSC based upon agreed criteria.

A STRAW POLL of voting participants on question #4 resulted in no clear consensus, with 25 people opposed.

Question #5: Do WSC participants agree that the World Board should continue to gather information from the fellowship regarding Resolution A for the purpose of making further recommendations in the future?

A STRAW POLL of voting participants on question #5 resulted in broad consensus agreement. One person disagreed.

Question #6: Do WSC participants agree that the World Board should present options on how to lessen the funding burdens experienced by the regions in order to attend the WSC and other world services meetings.

A STRAW POLL of voting participants on question #6 resulted in unanimous consensus agreement. No one disagreed.

A STRAW POLL of voting participants on the question of issue discussion papers continuing in the *Conference Agenda Report* resulted in an overwhelming majority of participants in favor.

A STRAW POLL of voting participants on the question of the World Board putting reports in the *Conference Agenda Report* even if they have no motions, resulted in overwhelming support.

Election Results:

World Board election results:

No one was elected to the World Board

Human Resource Panel election results:

Tata M (Philippines Region)

Jeff S (Minnesota Region)

Sonny J (Lone Star Region)

James E (Greater New York Region)

WSC Co-facilitator election results:

Vinnie F (Northern New York Region)

John H (Wisconsin Region)

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Roll Call Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Participant/Region							
WB – Bella A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Bob J	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Cary S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Claudio L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Craig R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Daniel S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – David J	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Floyd B							
WB – Jane N	X	X	X		X	X	X
WB – Jon T	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Larry R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Lib E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Mario T	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Mary Kay B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Michael M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Stephan L	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Susan C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WB – Tony W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ABCD Region		X	X	X	X	X	
Alabama/NW Florida Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alaska Region							
Alsask Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aotearoa New Zealand Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Argentina Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arizona Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arkansas Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Australian Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Best Little Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Brazil Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
British Columbia Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Buckeye Region							

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California Inland Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
California Mid-State Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carolina Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Central California Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chesapeake/Potomac Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chicagoland Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Colombia Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Colorado Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Connecticut Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Costa Rica Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eastern New York Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ecuador Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Finland Region		X	X	X	X	X	X
Florida Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
France Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Freestate Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Georgia Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
German Speaking Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greater Illinois Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greater New York Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greater Philadelphia Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hawaii Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
India Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Indiana Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iowa Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ireland Region							
Israel Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Italy Region							
Japan Region	X	X		X	X	X	X
Kentuckiana Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Le Nordet Region							
Lone Star Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Louisiana Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Metro Detroit Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Mexico Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michigan Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mid-America Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mid-Atlantic Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Minnesota Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mississippi Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Montana Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mountain Valley Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mountaineer Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NERF Region		X		X	X	X	X
Nebraska Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New England Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Jersey Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North East Atlantic Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northern California Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northern New England Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northern New Jersey Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northern New York Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Norway Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ohio Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OK Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ontario Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pacific Cascade Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Panama Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peru Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Philippines Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Portugal Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Puerto Rico Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Quebec Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Region of the Virginians	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rio Grande Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
San Diego/Imperial Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Show-Me Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sierra Sage Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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South Dakota Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South Florida Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southern California Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southern Idaho Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southern Nevada Region							
Spain Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sweden Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tejas Bluebonnet Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tri-State Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UK Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Upper Midwest Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Upper Rocky Mountain Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Uruguay Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Volunteer Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington/N. Idaho Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Western New York Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wisconsin Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total participants present	107	110	108	109	110	110	108
Number of regions present	90	93	91	93	93	93	91
2/3 majority	72	74	72	73	74	74	72
Simple majority	54	56	55	55	56	56	55
Old Business--only RSRs vote							
Number of regions present	90	93	91	93			
2/3 majority	60	62	61	62			
Simple majority	46	47	46	48			

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