

2012 Conference Approval Track Material Session Profile

This session profile is intended to offer an overview and opportunity to discuss the material found in the 2012 CAT. **PPT slide 1**

Introduction – 5 minutes

Review of Contents - 5 minutes

Strategic Plan and Project Plans – 30 minutes

NAWS Budget – 25 minutes

WSC Seating – 25 minutes

Introduction – 5 minutes

- Begin with introductions if necessary **PPT slide 2**
- Review logistics – bathrooms, smoking areas etc., if necessary
- Overview of today's session
- Explain any acronyms used – CAR, CAT, WSC, etc.

Briefly explain the Conference Approval Track (CAT) history – adopted at WSC 2000 following years of input from members and groups about the type of material contained in the *Conference Agenda Report (CAR)* and the direct relevance of some of it to NA groups. Recovery material, and anything that speaks to the foundational principles of our program, remain in the *CAR*.

Explain the basics of the Conference Approval Track (CAT):

- The CAT contains materials that are conference approved rather than fellowship approved. These materials are intended primarily for use by service boards or committees
- They are distributed 90 days before the WSC so that delegates will have time to discuss them with their communities in the way that best suits them
- They are voted on in new business at the WSC

Content of 2012 CAT – 5 minutes

Preview the main items in this year's CAT:

- The 2012-2014 Strategic Plan and accompanying Project Plans
- 2012-2014 NAWS Budget
- WSC Seating report

Explain that we are not including the text for all new business motions related to CAT material along with the CAT mailing. We did so at the last conference as an experiment in response to input from conference participants, although a motion to make this practice mandatory did not pass at the last WSC. It would not serve us at this conference since, aside from the motions related to the budget and project plans, conference action on the two other main issues—seating and regional proposals—will depend on conference discussion.

The budget and project plan motions will simply ask to approve the 6 project plans and adopt the NAWS 2012-2014 Budget. These are standard motions, and there is no need to distribute them in advance.

The WSC will be discussing the other two issues: the future of regional motions and proposals, and WSC seating. These may generate new business items. It is not yet clear how the conference wants to proceed with these issues, and whether these issues will be dealt with by motions or straw polls. Any motions or polls will result from these discussions.

2012- 2014 Strategic Plan and Project Plans – 30 minutes

Briefly explain the NAWS Strategic Plan:

- The plan is the vehicle intended to help us move towards our vision and focuses on the big picture **PPT slide 3**
- Contains steps that connect Our Vision to this cycle’s project plans. Review these steps from page 24. **PPT slide 4**
- Helps to align resources with priorities
- Mirrors the planning process found at other levels of NA service
- The plan is created by the board, but is shaped through discussions with delegates and other interested members
- External factors are also considered when creating the plan
- The planning process allows us to be flexible and respond to a changing world while remaining focused on our primary purpose
- Part of the final stage of creating the plan is prioritization of approaches. Explain the three colors: The yellow approaches in the plan are either essential services or carry over approaches from the previous cycle. Purple approaches are priority ranking, and blue are second priority. Many of the approaches do not require project plans (e.g., “continue attendance at professional events” or “conduct a board orientation”). Those that do are described below.

Briefly review each of the key result areas in order to give everyone a chance to get the feel of the plan.

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- Internal Communication
- External Communication
- Fellowship Support
- Recovery Literature
- Trusted Servant Support and Development
- Resources

Remind everyone that the strategic plan is not voted on at the WSC, but that each project plan is.

Project Plans

There are 6 project plans in this cycle’s strategic plan: **PPT slide 6**

Two carry over or essential projects:

1. Fellowship Issue Discussions – discussion of identified fellowship-wide issues including a continuation of A Vision for NA Service and self-support. Other possible topics include the principles of delegation, accountability and group conscience, and principles before personalities
2. Service System – better define and describe components of the proposed system, a transition plan, ongoing fellowship discussions, focus groups as needed, no workgroup this cycle

Three prioritized projects:

3. Traditions Book – 2 cycle project – first cycle to establish focus and approach for the workbook; second cycle to create workgroup, draft book for review and input, and publish approval draft
4. Public Relations – professional roundtables and development of targeted PR material under board approval process
5. *An Introduction to NA Meetings* – send out existing service pamphlet out for fellowship review and input with the intent to offer it for approval as an IP at WSC 2014

Final project, to be undertaken if resources permit:

6. Trusted Servant Support and Development – create additional “Basics” tools as resources allow, possibly including meeting and workshop facilitation, leadership, being a trusted servant, and how to be an effective RCM or RD

Questions and Answers

Allow 15 minutes for questions and answers, or as much time as session allows.

2012-2014 NAWS Budget – 25 minutes

The 2012-2014 Budget represents our projected spending for the upcoming conference cycle, meaning that this is what we expect to spend over the upcoming conference cycle. Income estimates are derived from the previous year’s figures. We attempt to set conservative but realistic figures in order to remain prudent. [PPT slide 7](#)

Draft budget is formatted according to current standards for nonprofits as follows:

- Operating income - consisting of Gross sales minus cost of goods
- 4 expense areas – Literature production and distribution, WSC support, FD, Events (including initial income and expense projections for WCNA 35 in 2013)

The 2012-2014 Budget divides expenses into three classifications as specified in the *Guidelines for the Budget for NA World Services* from *A Guide to World Services in NA*: [PPT slide 8](#)

Fixed Operational Funds—funds allocated toward world service activities that are recurring in nature and have little to no functional change from budget year to budget year. These are typically called “essential services.”

Variable Operational Funds—funds allocated toward non-routine world service projects and/or activities that vary from budget year to budget year. This includes items approved by the WSC such as Project Plans.

Reserve Funds—funds that are set aside to meet current and/or future financial needs.

The realities of the economy have meant we continue to operate at a reduced level of spending and continue to see fluctuating levels of income.

The Proposed 2012-2014 Budget Description offers a more detailed breakdown of the different elements of the budget.

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WSC Seating – 25 minutes

Briefly review seating decisions made since WSC 2008: **PPT slide 9**

- WSC 2008 – motion passed to adopt a moratorium on seating regions resulting from regional splits until WSC 2012
- WSC 2010 – World Board motion to amend moratorium to suspend all seating at WSC 2012 fails by one vote to achieve 2/3 majority needed to pass (the vote was 80/40/1 yes/no/abstaining).
- Moratorium remains in place for WSC 2012

One request for seating from a region not resulting from a regional split was received by 1 April 2011 deadline – Siberia/Far East RSC. The World Board does not believe it would be beneficial to bring a new region to the conference at this time given our current state of transition and the lack of consensus at the conference: **PPT slide 10**

- Current transitional phase of discussions regarding WSC seating means this may not be the best time to seat a new region
- The conference remains divided on the seating issue as demonstrated by vote on amending moratorium at WSC 2010 – very nearly 2/3 of the WSC voted not to seat any regions at WSC 2012
- The World Board believes that we need to finish the discussion about the end of the moratorium and the future of seating before we bring any regions to the conference
- Experience and circumstances of Siberia/Far East RSC are unique and may benefit future conferences
- Once the WSC has established a direction it will be possible to bring regions seeking seating to the WSC as non-voting participants as has happened in the past

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