Regional ideas submitted for Conference participants consideration

January 2018
PROPOSAL FORM

PROPOSED BY ARGENTINA REGION

POSITION (indicate with a circle): DR JM

REGION (if applicable):

PROPOSAL NUMBER (assigned when submitting the proposal):

This proposal (indicate with a circle):
(A) it's new
(B) is an idea to change a motion or proposal

What motion or exchange proposal?

PROPOSAL
That the NA World Board prepares a project plan that includes a budget and a work calendar to create a specific informative pamphlet about NA as a resource for health professionals, to provide mainly PR services, to be considered by the 2020 World Service Conference. The proposed name is “NA as a Resource for Health Professionals”.

PURPOSE (purpose or meaning of the proposal)
To have a Fellowship approved informational pamphlet with a clear message about Narcotics Anonymous, how we are a resource for health professional and how we can cooperate with them.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
This motion does not have a direct financial impact at this stage. The cost will be estimated in a future project plan.

REGIONAL REASONING
According to our Primary Purpose, we consider it extremely useful that NA strengthen its relationships with health professional, as well as provide specific information for this public.
More and more health professionals get interested in our program and our PR Committees every day provide more services directly focused on the public like health conferences, government, exposition, etc. This printed material will help them know rapidly how we can collaborate with them and be a resource for their patients.
Even though there is related material, such as “In times of illness”, or the ongoing material “Mental Health and Recovery”, it is vital for the development of our Fellowship and our Primary Purpose to have strong relations with health professionals.

AFFECTED POLICIES
None.
Dear trusted servants,

On behalf of the delegates of Brazil Region, HOW Brazil Region and Rio de Janeiro Region, we would like to request that the following question/proposal/request (we don't know the best way to format it) be included in the CAT.

We would like to ask the WSC to alter the schedule for the English CAR release from 150 days prior to the WSC to 180 days prior to the WSC, and the translated CAR release from 120 days prior to the WSC to 150 days prior to the WSC. The reason for this is simple; the translated version of the CAR comes out at the end of December, and that is exactly the same date as the deadline for submission of ideas to the CAT. If we want to make any inclusion to the CAT after consulting our communities, we are not able with the current timeline. Therefore, it seems to us only fair that the CAR be released 30 days earlier, so that the translated version of the CAR might also be released 30 earlier, and so all communities that rely on the translated version may be able to fully participate in sending input to the CAT, after having one months to have studied the CAR.

Thank you

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The Mountaineer region would like to discuss the Agenda for a Discussion/Planning World Service Conference as a proposal in New Business. Our goal at this time is simply to have a discussion of this idea and see where that takes us. While we believe the new proposed guidelines are a step in the right direction, we believe the process needs to start earlier in the week of the WSC and include more sessions than what is proposed.

**Proposed 7-Day Agenda for a Discussion/Planning World Service Conference**

This proposed WSC agenda accommodates:
- Discussing and voting on CAR motions
- World Board and NAWS presentations
- Discussion and voting on World Board New Business, such as Budget, Seating, Workgroup plans, emergencies
- Zonal Forums
- Elections
- Identifying, discussing and preparing for fellowship input on New Business items to be discussed during the 2-year cycle, underlined below

**Observations:**
- This discussion/planning process replaces New Business for those items not already raised by the WB in the CAT. It does not make decisions about non-CAT related New Business; it is a vehicle for discussing, considering, and organizing those proposals into a form that the fellowship can then discuss after the WSC. It also is a vehicle to discuss ideas and concerns that the WB raises in the Conference Report and elsewhere.
- The topic discussions are deliberately sequenced to have a final written product to go out to the fellowship on Saturday.
- There is flexibility to accommodate Old Business running long on Monday. While the agenda’s order needs to be preserved, the drafting on Wednesday-Thursday could be compressed by a full day, allowing the Tue-Wed sessions to be pushed back. Also, this process would result in a consolidation of New Business motions, which will undergo considerable discussion and iteration through the week. One result should be a shorter New Business session on Friday.
- There are many ways to initiate the Sunday brainstorming. A creative approach that incorporates an ice breaker of some form would be best. Also, while brainstorming would be finished as an agenda items on Monday, new ideas can emerge and work their way into the process anytime afterward. The end of brainstorming is intended to coincide with the deadline for New Business motions.
• The WB/NAWS presentations occur all week. The ones seeking fellowship input should happen on Sunday and Monday, which allows those topics to be incorporated into the brainstorms. WB/NAWS reports on non-controversial matters should be Wednesday and Thursday.
• This process does not create a CAR; however, the CAR will report on the feedback and proposed refinements that these proposals have engendered over the previous 18 months since the last WSC. The CAR would also contain any motions that emerge. Regions will still have the ability to make CAR motions, but this process gives them a different option, one that allows discussion, feedback, and refinement of their ideas.
• This proposal could affect NAWS staffing at the WSC; it would be wise to form a 10-12 person planning team ahead of the WSC to include RDs, WB members, and NAWS Staff. The RDs would assume facilitation and preparation responsibilities between the sessions.

PROPOSED AGENDA

Sunday:
• Opening session
• Orientation
• WB/NAWS Presos
• Initial brainstorms in smaller groups.

Monday:
• Old business, gather additional brainstorming ideas.
• WB/NAWS Presos

Tuesday:
• Large group to process and consolidate brainstorming data and establish priority topics.
• Smaller workgroups form to work on preliminary ideas for each priority topic.
• WB/NAWS Presos
• Small groups share draft preliminary ideas on each priority topic to large group and get feedback

Wednesday:
• Small groups incorporate large group feedback into initial proposals.
• Small groups present modified proposals to large group.
• Small groups form writing teams to draft material to be sent to the fellowship.
• WB/NAWS Presos
• Afternoon Break
• Zonal Forum meetings

Thursday:
• Elections
• Continue drafting
• WB/NAWS Presos
Friday:
- Small groups present final drafted proposals to the large group.
- Large group agrees and votes on which proposals should go out to the fellowship.
- Voting on new business WB motions
- Writing team formed to compile the final document.

Saturday:
- Final approval of the document that will go to the fellowship, if it’s ready.
- Wrap up.
The Mountaineer Region would like to discuss moving to a 3 year Conference Cycle as a Proposal for New Business. While this idea has been put forward in the CAR (motion 23), we would like to give everyone the opportunity to further discuss this idea without having to vote on it. The Rationale by the Argentina Region does an excellent job of laying the advantages of having more time available between conferences, but we also need to consider the financial impact of a 3 year cycle. The cost of the WSC is approaching $500,000 in total cost to NAWS and the attending Regions. If we spread that cost over 3 years instead of 2, we save approximately $83,000 every year. Over a 3 year cycle that total is $249,000 - about half the cost of holding the WSC. We believe that the financial impact needs to be discussed.
As Venezuela Region, we would like to present 2 regional issues to be included with the CAT 2018 mailing

1) Where are we going with the Service System Project? We believe that this an issue that needs to be addressed thoroughly, during a space dedicated to it within the upcoming WSC 2018, to know more about this issue: Was it stopped? Was it supposedly replaced by the Service Toolbox Project or another project? What happened with the Service System Project? At the most recent WSC, during the appropriate time for discussion of this project, it has been talked to support the continuation of it and, as we see, this 2016 - 2018 Conference cycle, it was not done like that.

2) How do we do to involve more all members of the Fellowship into the WSC and NAWS issues and affairs? We would like this to be a proposal to see if this raises a Fellowship IDT for the upcoming 2018 - 2020 Conference cycle, like stated above or similar, since we observe that the participation in projects, and services and decision making process of the WSC issues is minimal in this sense, it has even decayed and diminished very evidently, by the majority of NA members and groups as a whole.