

World Service Conference 2023 Motion List

7 March 2023

Motion #1	World Board
	To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the <i>Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)</i> . Intent: To reflect the decision at WSC 2018 to make delegates from seated zones voting WSC participants and honor the six-month Fellowship review of this proposal that occurred from December 2020 through May 2021.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #1-a1	World Board
Amend, CAR Motion 1	To add to the end of Motion 1 the following: ... in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the <i>FIPT</i> as reflected in Addendum B. Motion 1 would read as amended: Motion 1: To approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor and Trustor of the <i>Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)</i> in Article II and to clarify the description of Recovery Literature in Article III of the <i>FIPT</i> as reflected in Addendum B.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #2	World Board
	To approve the revisions to the FIPT Operational Rules contained in Addendum B. Intent: To revise the Operational Rules to reflect discussions at WSC 2018 about the Inspection of Trustee Activities and to reflect current practices, terms, and language.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #3	World Board
	To approve the revisions to NA <i>Intellectual Property Bulletin #1</i> contained in Addendum D. Intent: To revise this bulletin so that it provides more direct and clear guidance, and so that it reflects current practices, terms, and language.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #4	World Board
	To acknowledge that an NA meeting that meets regularly in person or virtually can choose to be an NA group if they meet the criteria described in <i>The Group Booklet</i> , including the six points for an NA group, and are consistent with NA philosophy as expressed in our Traditions. <i>(Footnotes will be added to The Group Booklet and GLS, reflecting the decision of the WSC, if this motion passes, and referencing Virtual Meeting Basics as a possible resource.)</i> Intent: To recognize NA groups that meet virtually, including online and by phone.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #5	World Board
	To revise A Vision for NA Service, changing the phrase “his or her own language and culture” to the phrase “their own language and culture.” <i>(If this motion passes, A Vision for NA Service will be revised in future printings, including in Fellowship-approved recovery literature.)</i> Intent: To revise the Vision Statement to be more inclusive.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #6	World Board
	To approve a change to World Services Translation Policy in <i>GWSNA</i> to allow the possibility for up to six locally developed personal stories to be included in translated Sixth Edition Basic Texts, if the stories have first been published in the Little White Book of that language. These stories would be placed in their own section in Our Members Share with the following language preceding them: <i>A Vision for NA Service looks forward to a day when addicts around the world have the opportunity to experience our message in their own language and culture. In pursuit of that vision, communities or language groups that have published local stories in the Little White Book may include up to six of those stories in the Basic Text if they choose. These [fill in the number] stories were originally published in the [fill in the language] Little White Book in [fill in the year].</i> Intent: To better reflect our Vision that “every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in [their] own language and culture...” in our primary text.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #7	World Board
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	<p>To extend the six World Board members' terms currently expiring in 2024 through the end of the upcoming World Service Conference cycle.</p> <p>Intent: To accommodate the change to the WSC cycle that has already occurred and avoid World Board terms ending in the middle of a conference cycle.</p>
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #8	World Board
	<p>As a result of the Covid pandemic, to suspend the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy after 2024, to allow the World Board to determine what is possible and practical moving forward and then seek approval from conference participants.</p> <p>Intent: Given the disruption in the rotation of WSC and WCNA that has already occurred, the increases in event costs, and the other changes brought about by the pandemic, to allow an evaluation by the World Board and approval by conference participants for what is possible and practical in the future.</p>
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #8-a1	Alaska Region
Amend, CAR Motion 8	<p>To add to the end of Motion 8 the following:no later than at the convening of the next WSC.</p>
<i>Added 15 Feb</i>	<p>Motion 8 would read as amended: Motion 8: As a result of the COVID pandemic, to suspend the World Convention of NA (WCNA) rotation policy after 2024, to allow the World Board to determine what is possible and practical moving forward and then seek approval from conference participants no later than at the convening of the next WSC.</p>
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #9	World Board
	<p>To approve a three-year World Service Conference cycle on a trial basis following WSC 2023 through WSC 2029. Following 2029, the WSC cycle would return to two years, unless another decision is made.</p> <p>Intent: To put into practice some of what we've learned during the pandemic so that we can shift more resources to work that more directly carries the message. This would bring the WSC resource allocation in line with other changes that have been made in World Services—cuts in staff levels and a 50% reduction in in-person board meetings.</p>
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #10	World Board
	<p>If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve an interim virtual WSC in the middle of the conference cycle for decisions that are legally necessary and those that conference participants choose to address. As was done in the 2020-2023 cycle, material would be posted on na.org under the same deadline policies as the CAT (ninety days prior) and all voting conference participants would be polled to choose the items they wish to address.</p> <p>Intent: To allow conference participants to address some WSC business between in-person conference meetings.</p>
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #11	World Board
	<p>If Motion 9 is adopted, to approve a change to the release of the <i>Conference Agenda Report (CAR)</i> to be thirty days earlier than the current policy of 150 days prior to the start of the World Service Conference. The new <i>CAR</i> release day would be 180 days prior to the in-person WSC meeting for English, 150 days for translated versions. The deadline for the finalization of regional and zonal motions would be 270 days. The <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> will be posted on na.org at no cost to members.</p> <p>Intent: To release the <i>CAR</i> earlier to allow more time for its review.</p>
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #12	World Board
	<p>To change the current policy of NA World Services automatically funding delegates from seated regions and zones to the WSC to funding available upon request.</p> <p>Intent: To encourage service bodies to fund their delegates, but ensure that regions and zones that need the funding are able to have it.</p>
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #13	Argentina Region
	<p>To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the next World Service Conference (WSC), for the development of a new IP for daily personal inventory of gratitude.</p>

	Intent: To create a new resource for the fellowship members, through a new IP for the daily personal inventory of gratitude.
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Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session
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Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #14	Sweden and Australia Regions Comakers: Northern California Region, Wisconsin Region, Ontario Region
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	To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at the next WSC to investigate changes and/or additional wording to NA literature from gender specific language to gender neutral and inclusive language. Intent: This motion will give the conference and the Fellowship the ability to meaningfully discuss changes to our literature to be more inclusive of all our members.
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Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session
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Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #15	Southern California Region
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	To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the next WSC to initiate the process for the Fellowship to approve adding “gender” to “What is the NA Program?” to read: “Anyone may join us regardless of age, race, gender, sexual identity, creed, religion or lack of religion.” Intent: To change ‘What is the NA Program’ to be more gender neutral and inclusive.
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Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #16	Baja Son Region Co-makers: South Florida Region, México Occidente Región, Northern California Region, Southern California Region, San Diego Imperial Counties Region & Región de México
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	To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for consideration at the next World Service Conference, to create a booklet of Step study questions where all answers relate to a line in Chapter Four in the Basic Text. Intent: To create a fellowship approved, inexpensive, NA Step study questions booklet that relates directly back to the Basic Text.
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Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session
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Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #17	California Inland Region
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	To place an 8 year moratorium on the creation of new recovery literature after WSC 2023, excluding all translations or literature projects currently in development. Intent: To suspend the creation of new literature for an 8 year period and free up NA resources to better focus on carrying the message rather than continual literature development.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #18	Tejas Bluebonnet Region
	To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the next WSC to study permitting service committees of Narcotics Anonymous who are, or may be, willing to serve as literature printing/distribution and selling centers inside and outside the United States. Intent: The intention is to study the impacts of permitting service committees of Narcotics Anonymous inside and outside the United States to print and distribute NA literature.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #19	Wisconsin Region
	To direct the WB to create a virtual Institutional Review Board (IRB) to review all researchers and their research questions that request access to the Narcotics Anonymous population through NAWS to conduct research. Intent: To avoid the misuse of Narcotics Anonymous member information.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #20	Wisconsin Region
	To direct NAWS to provide at na.org audio recordings of the worldwide webinars on the topics of Public Relations, Hospital & Institution, Step Writing for Inmates, Fellowship Development, Phone Line, and others. Intent: To provide access to any interested member of Narcotics Anonymous throughout the world so they can hear the Experience, Strength, and Hope (ESH) of members from other geographic parts of the world.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #21	Free State Region
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	To direct NA World Services to remove the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook from the inventory. Intent: To remove an outdated service manual from WSO inventory
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #22	Southern California Region
	If any Motion or Proposal, in Content or Intent, has been submitted and failed to achieve consensus or adoption at two consecutive World Service Conferences, the previously proposed Content and Intent may not be suggested to the Fellowship in the <i>Conference Agenda Report (CAR)</i> / Conference Approval Track (CAT) or at the WSC for one entire conference cycle. Intent: To use the Fellowship's decision-making processes and time responsibly and effectively.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #23	Kentuckiana Bluegrass Appalachian Region Co-makers: Upper Rocky Mountain Region, Russian-Speaking Zone, Western Russia Region, North-West Russia Region
	All in person and virtual World Service Conferences will be streamed to provide access to NA members in English audio. Intent: To allow the entire NA membership a better understanding of what takes place at the World Service Conference.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #24	Kentuckiana Bluegrass Appalachian Region Co-makers: Upper Rocky Mountain Region, Russian-Speaking Zone, Western Russia Region, North-West Russia Region
	All Conference Participant webinars will be streamed to provide access to NA members in English audio. Intent: To allow the entire NA membership a better understanding of what takes place during CP Webinars.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #25	Kentuckiana Bluegrass Appalachian Region Co-makers: Russian-Speaking Zone, Western Russia Region, North-West Russia Region
	All votes and straw polls on motions that were included in the <i>Conference Agenda Report</i> or the Conference Approval Track, not to include election ballots, will be displayed in real time for all Conference Participants to see, showing who voted and how they voted. Intent: To see how each Conference Participant votes on each motion.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #26	World Board
	To approve the project plan for New Recovery Informational Pamphlets.
Session	CAT-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #27	World Board
	To approve the project plan for Revising Existing Recovery Informational Pamphlets.
Session	CAT-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #28	World Board
	To approve the project plan for Issue Discussion Topics.
Session	CAT-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #29	World Board
	To approve the project plan for New and Revised Service Tools.
Session	CAT-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #30	World Board
	To approve the project plan for Future of the WSC.
Session	CAT-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #31	World Board
	To approve the project plan for Invest in Our Vision.
Session	CAT-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #32	World Board
	To approve the 2023–2025 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc., Budget
Session	CAT-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #33	World Board																		
	<p>To use the following terminology to describe straw poll and vote outcomes, for WSC 2023 only:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Unanimous support</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consensus support</td> <td>(meaning 80% or greater support)</td> <td>80%–<100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strong support</td> <td>(meaning 2/3 majority support)</td> <td>66.66%–<80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lack of strong support</td> <td>(meaning less than 2/3 support)</td> <td>>20%–<66.66%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consensus not in support</td> <td>(meaning 20% or fewer support)</td> <td>>0%–20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No support</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Intent: To simplify the terminology to describe voting and polling outcomes and make it less potentially confusing.</p>	Unanimous support			Consensus support	(meaning 80% or greater support)	80%–<100%	Strong support	(meaning 2/3 majority support)	66.66%–<80%	Lack of strong support	(meaning less than 2/3 support)	>20%–<66.66%	Consensus not in support	(meaning 20% or fewer support)	>0%–20%	No support		
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Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session																		

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #34	World Board
	<p>For WSC 2023 only: If a participant appeals a decision of the Cofacilitator, the Cofacilitator will explain why they ruled as they did, the participant making the appeal will explain why they are appealing the ruling, and then the body will vote. The voting threshold required to uphold a decision of the Cofacilitator under appeal will be 50% plus 1 in favor of the Cofacilitator.</p> <p>Intent: To clearly define the process for a participant to appeal the chair, thus maintaining checks and balances.</p>
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #35	World Board
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	To eliminate abstentions when voting or taking straw polls, for WSC 2023 only. Intent: To simplify the voting and polling process and eliminate an option that has the same effect as a no vote.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #36	World Board
	To adopt, for WSC 2023 only, the following approaches for New Idea Discussions [See page 6 of the CAT]
Session	CAR-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #37	World Board
	To adopt the 2023–2025 Reimbursement Policy.
Session	CAT-Related Discussion & Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #38	World Board
	To approve the 2020 and 2022 World Service Conference minutes.
Session	CAR-Related Discussion and Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #39	France Region Co-makers: South Florida Region, Israel Region
<i>Added 7 March</i>	To seat IRAN REGION #1 at the World Service Conference.
Session	CAT-Related Discussion and Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #40	South Florida Region
<i>Added 7 March</i>	To seat Brazil Central region
Session	CAT-Related Discussion and Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #41	South Florida Region
<i>Added 7 March</i>	To seat Nordeste Brazil Region
Session	CAT-Related Discussion and Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #42	South Florida Region
<i>Added 7 March</i>	To seat Rio Grande do Sul
Session	CAT-Related Discussion and Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote:

Motion #43	South Florida Region Co-maker: Asia Pacific Forum
<i>Added 7 March</i>	To seat Thailand Region
Session	CAT-Related Discussion and Decision Session

Initial Straw Poll:

Final Vote: