Future of the WSC

Where we are and

Where it looks like we’re going

Background

• Discussions for almost 30 years. For background info see the 2014 Conference Report essay at www.na.org/future.

• Restarted conversation at WSC 2014 with Planning Our Future sessions.

• We can shape our future together by
  • Sharing information
  • Gathering ideas and input
  • Continuing the conversation at WSC 2016

The WSC Now

Currently seated

• 116 Regions

• 16 (of 18 possible) World Board Members

WSC 2014

112 Delegates 82 Alternates 18 WB members

Seating Moratoria

• WSC 2008: Moratorium on the seating policy until after WSC 2012. Carried by voice vote

• WSC 2012: Continue the spirit of the moratorium for one more cycle, until WSC 2014. Straw Poll 73-20

WSC 2014

Travel, food & lodging for RDs, ADs, WB, translators, HRP, and cofacs: ~$465,000

Cost to NAWS: almost $300,000
Cost to regions: ~$165,000
**WSC 2012 SNP Resolution**

From the 2012 CAR:
Resolution 8:
State/national/province boundaries are the primary criterion for seating consideration at the World Service Conference.
60-46-1-3 (yes-no-abstain-present not voting)

**WSC 2014 Motion 2**

From the 2014 CAR:
To adopt the following as WSC policy: “Seating at the biennial meeting of the WSC is limited to one delegate per region.”
Intent: To reduce the size and cost of the WSC and create an environment more conducive to discussion-based decision making.
Failed through voice vote

**WSC 2014 Planning Our Future Sessions**

- How to serve NA’s needs, and plan for the WSC’s future.
- No decisions were made at the WSC.
- Ongoing discussion: We shape our collective future together

**Needs of NA Mind Map**

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**Reasons We Come Together Mind Map**

- WHY WE COME TOGETHER
- Vision and Purpose
- Global Coordination/Sharing Best Practice

- Legal Responsibilities
- Community Building
A substantial majority seemed to favor some form of zonal seating at the WSC, though not necessarily zones in their current functions and composition. This was a discussion, not a decision.

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Where do we go from here?
- Communication
- Zonal forum discussions
- World Services workgroup
- Workshops for Fellowship discussion

www.na.org/future

Mind Map:
Reasons We Come Together

As we carry the message,
NA grows.
How can we best fulfill these roles?

What do you think?
- Do you agree with the WSC discussion results that seemed to favor some form of zonal seating?
- Would another form of seating be better—SNP? Continental? Something else?
- What can we do to ensure an effective and sustainable WSC in the future?

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