



**Partial, Virtual WSC 2020, Part One**  
**24 April – 3 May 2020**  
**Summary of Decisions**

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## Motions

**Motion V1:** Because current government law, public health orders, and other crisis-related effects preclude conducting the World Service Conference in person, we resolve that all 2020 World Service Conference participants may participate and vote remotely in the same manner as the current policy for participants who are unable to obtain visas:

*“Participants who are unable to attend the WSC due to visa issues may participate remotely. Remote participants have the same rights as if they were at the WSC” 2018 GWSNA*

**Maker:** World Board

**Intent:** To allow WSC 2020 to make decisions on issues that participants have selected to proceed with virtually in April 2020. These issues include an emergency budget and project plans, elections, and the FIPT moratorium end date.

**Decision:** 130 yes – 1 no – 2 abstentions – 0 present not voting 98% Carried by Consensus

**Motion # V2:** To adopt an emergency financial frame to serve as the World Service Conference approved budget for Narcotics Anonymous World Service, Inc. for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022. We acknowledge that this frame will be adjusted by the World Board during the cycle as a result of current and changing conditions. All adjustments made will be reported to conference participants.

**Maker:** World Board

**Intent:** To fulfill the responsibilities required of NA World Services, Inc as the trustee called out in Article IV, Section 12 of the FIPT and current policies in GWSNA while at the same time acknowledging the uncertain and changing circumstances of the world. All other reporting requirements remain the same.

Article IV: Rights and responsibilities of the Trustee

Section 12: Trustee reporting obligation

Each year, the Trustee shall give a full written report of its activities to the Trustor. This report shall be delivered to all participants of the World Service Conference at or before its biennial meeting, and shall be available at cost or less to any Narcotics Anonymous member. This report shall include:

1. A year-end financial report of the previous calendar year.
2. A description of all Trustee activities funded from proceeds generated by the Trust in the previous year.
3. A budget and project description for Trustee activities planned for the coming conference cycle.

**Straw Poll:** 79 yes - 47 no - 5 abstentions - 2 present not voting – 60% Support

**Motion V2R:** To adopt the Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. emergency budget for 2021-2022 as presented.

**Maker:** World Board

**Straw Poll:** 110 yes – 18 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 85% Consensus Support

**Decision:** 108 yes – 23 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting 82% Carried by Consensus

**Motion V3:** As WSC 2020 participants, we acknowledge our understanding and acceptance that all 2020-2022 project plans were created and offered before the current world crisis and public health-imposed quarantine and will only be worked on when and if the resources become available. We will consider each project plan presented for the 2020-2022 cycle on a project by project basis as required by current conference policy with this qualification. We will also provide priorities for the plans for new and revising existing Recovery IPs, IDTs, and the Local Service Toolbox plan.

**Maker:** World Board

**Straw Poll:** 112 yes – 17 no – 4 abstentions – 1 present not voting 84% Consensus Support

**Decision:** 116 yes – 10 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 91% Carried by Consensus

**Motion V4:** To approve the Spiritual Principle a Day project for inclusion in the 2020-2022 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

**Maker:** World Board

**Decision:** 115 yes – 11 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 90% Carried by Consensus

**Motion V5:** To approve the New Recovery Information Pamphlets project plan.

**Maker:** World Board

**Decision:** 85 yes – 41 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 66% Failed

**Motion V6:** To approve the Revising Existing Recovery Information Pamphlets project plan.

**Maker:** World Board

**Decision:** 92 yes – 32 no – 4 abstentions – 2 present not voting 72% Carried by strong support

**Motion V7:** To approve the Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) project plan.

**Maker:** World Board

**Decision:** 104 yes – 17 no – 5 abstentions – 4 present not voting 83% Carried by Consensus

**Motion V8:** To approve the Local Service Toolbox project plan.

**Maker:** World Board

**Decision:** 108 yes – 17 no – 2 abstentions – 3 present not voting 85% Carried by Consensus

**Motion V9:** To approve the Role of Zones project plan.

**Maker:** World Board

**Decision:** 99 yes – 23 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting 78% Carried by strong support

**Motion V10:** To approve the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)* revision project plan.

**Maker:** World Board

**Decision:** 108 yes – 17 no – 3 abstentions – 2 present not voting 84% Carried by Consensus

#### Items Voted on and Polled without Motion Numbers:

**Note:** Votes indicate decisions, and polls are straw polls to get a sense of the body, but not a final decision.

#### Process-Related Items

**Poll:** Does everyone understand the process we are going to use?

**Results:** 126 yes - 3 no - 3 abstentions - 0 present not voting Consensus Support

**Vote:** Do you support a delegate being able to give their speaking right to their AD in a queue?

**Offered in response to participants' discussion**

**Decision:** 118 yes - 8 no - 3 abstentions - 3 present not voting 91% Passes with Consensus Support

#### Budget- and Project Plan-Related Items

**Poll:** Are you in favor of passing the emergency budget?

**Maker:** World Board

**Straw Poll:** 85 yes – 37 no – 5 abstentions – 4 present not voting 67% Strong Support

**Vote:** Does the body wish to reconsider its decisions made on Motions V3-V10?

**Offered in response to participants' request**

**1st Straw Poll:** 38 yes – 88 no – 0 abstentions – 3 present not voting 30% Strong Lack of Support

**2nd Straw Poll:** 48 yes – 81 no – 0 abstentions – 3 present not voting 36% Strong Lack of Support

**Decision:** 33 yes - 93 no - 1 abstention - 5 present not voting Fails with Strong Lack of Support

**Note:** The following was an attempt to make a decision without objection. An objection was made and polled and then the item was reworded to the positive, as reflected in the following poll.

**Poll:** Are there any objections to accepting DRT/MAT as it relates to NA—what do we want to say in a piece of NA literature? as our first IDT and approving a fellowship survey about this topic?

**Maker:** World Board

**Straw Poll:** 104 no - 5 abstentions - 6 present not voting 83% Consensus not in Support

**Poll:** To accept DRT/MAT as it relates to NA—what do we want to say in a piece of NA literature? as our first IDT and approving a fellowship survey about this topic.

**Maker:** World Board

**Straw Poll: 101 yes - 24 no - 4 abstentions - 6 present not voting 78% Strong Support**

**Vote:** To split the DRT/MAT motion to separate out the survey.

**Maker:** Chicagoland Region

**Decision: 85 yes - 41 no - 1 abstentions - 7 present not voting 67% Passes with Strong Support**

**Vote:** To accept DRT/MAT as it relates to NA—what do we want to say in a piece of NA literature? as our first IDT

**1st Straw Poll: 92 yes – 34 no – 3 abstentions – 4 present not voting 71% Strong Support**

**Decision: 87 yes - 39 no - 4 abstentions - 4 present not voting 67% Passes with Strong Support**

**Vote:** To approve a fellowship survey about this (DRT/MAT) topic.

**Straw Poll: 122 yes – 7 no – 4 abstentions – 1 present not voting 92% Consensus Support**

**Decision: 122 yes - 10 no – 1 abstentions - 1 present not voting 92% Passes with Consensus Support**

**Vote:** To accept two topics as our beginning focus for the Local Service Toolbox project – online meetings best practices and carrying the NA message effectively and virtually.

**Maker:** World Board

**Straw Poll: 124 yes – 5 no – 1 abstention – 4 present not voting 95% Consensus Support**

**Decision: 127 yes - 2 no – 1 abstention – 3 present not voting Passed with 98% Consensus Support**

**Vote:** To accept The Loner – IP #21 for the Revising existing recovery literature project.

**Maker:** World Board

**Straw Poll: 118 yes – 11 no – 3 abstentions – 3 present not voting 89% Consensus Support**

**Decision: 111 yes - 16 no – 2 abstentions – 1 present not voting 86% Passes with Consensus Support**

**Vote:** To agree to conducting the project prioritization later in the upcoming Conference cycle.

**Maker:** World Board

**Straw Poll: 120 yes – 4 no – 5 abstentions – 4 present not voting 93% Consensus Support**

**Decision: 123 yes - 6 no – 2 abstentions – 4 present not voting Passes with 94% Consensus Support**

### **Next Steps for the WSC**

**Poll:** Do you want to come back together virtually as a WSC in this conference cycle to consider CAR and CAT motions?

**Maker:** World Board

**Overnight epoll: 96 yes - 30 no 76% Strong Support**

**1st Straw Poll: 102 yes - 30 no – 0 abstentions – 1 present not voting 77% Strong Support**

**2nd Straw Poll: 90 yes - 38 no – 1 abstention – 5 present not voting 70% Strong Support**

**3rd Straw Poll: 75 yes - 49 no – 3 abstentions – 6 present not voting 59% Support**

**4th Straw Poll: 76 yes - 48 no – 1 abstention – 8 present not voting 61% Support**

**5th Straw Poll: 76 yes - 48 no – 3 abstentions – 6 present not voting 60% Support –**

**Cofacilitator ruled that the 5th straw poll would be a final vote and the measure would fail. Appeal the decision of the Cofacilitator:**

**Vote to uphold the decision of the Cofacilitator 56 yes - 68 no - 3 abstentions – 3 present not voting Appeal carries**

**Amendment: Pacific Cascade/San Diego Imperial**

To postpone motions 3-5 till WSC 2022 and to continue WSC 2020 discussing motions 1, 2, and 6-16.

**Straw Poll: 82 yes – 36 no – 7 abstentions – 7 present not voting 66% Support**

**Decision: 65 yes - 59 no – 3 abstentions – 6 present not voting 51% Support –Fails**

**Cofacilitator ruled that this result (which was a second straw poll) would be a final vote and the measure would fail.**

**Appeal the decision of the cofacilitator:**

**Vote to uphold the decision of the Cofacilitator 106 yes - 21 no - 1 abstentions – 5 present not voting Appeal not supported.**

**Amendment:** Do you support to come back together virtually as a WSC 2020 in this cycle with the items for decision to be determined by CPs through eballot.

**Maker:** Cofacilitator in response to CP discussion

**1st Straw Poll: 95 yes - 28 no – 1 abstentions – 7 present not voting 77% Strong Support**

**2nd Straw Poll: 98 yes - 27 no – 1 abstentions – 5 present not voting 78% Strong Support**

**Vote: 97 yes - 24 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting 80% Consensus Support**

## **Elections:**

### **World Board**

**Danny G**

**Eduardo G**

**Jorge M**

**Michael B**

### **Human Resource Panel**

**Arne H-G**

**Laura B**

## Cofacilitator

Mario T

### Decisions Made Via Epoll on April 2 :

These decisions were made by Conference participants via epoll to determine whether or not to hold a partial, virtual WSC

1. Do you support proceeding virtually with a partial WSC 2020 to decide essential business only?

**Decision: 107 yes – 12 no – 0 abstentions – 1 present not voting 89.9% Passes with Consensus Support**

2. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on the minimum - an emergency budget and the project plans outlined in the 2020 CAT?

**Decision: 106 yes – 10 no - 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 89.8% Passes with Consensus Support**

3. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on the FIPT operational rules moratorium end date?

**Decision: 86 yes – 26 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting 73.5% Passes with Strong Support**

4. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on CAR Motions?

**Decision: 60 yes – 54 no – 2 abstentions – 4 present not voting 51.7% Fails with Support**

5. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on the Strategic Plan?

**Decision: 53 yes – 51 no – 12 abstentions – 4 present not voting 45.7% Fails with Lack of Support**

6. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on Seating Motions?

**Decision: 58 yes – 54 no – 7 abstentions – 1 present not voting 48.7% Fails with Lack of Support**

7. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting a discussion on supporting the Fellowship in carrying the message and online meetings during the current crisis?

**Decision: 60 yes – 50 no – 7 abstentions – 3 present not voting 51.3% Fails with Support**

8. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting Elections?

**Decision: 110 yes – 9 no - 0 abstentions – 1 present not voting 92.4% Passes with Consensus Support**

9. If approved, should the partial virtual WSC 2020 be scheduled at two sessions of two hours per meeting day between 25 April and 3 May?

**Decision: 90 yes – 25 no – 3 abstentions – 2 present not voting 76.3% Passes with Strong Support**

10. If a partial virtual WSC 2020 is approved, is it easier for participants if these meeting dates are scheduled on weekends?

**Decision: 68 yes – 33 no – 11 abstentions – 8 present not voting 60.7% Fails with Support**

## **Amendments to Motion V2R**

**These amendments were sent in via email immediately close of business for the day and epolled overnight. Because none of these amendments were supported, the body opted to approve Motion V2R without considering any of them further.**

### **VAM 1 – Colombia RD**

To adjust the budget reducing by 50% the support to the WSC and fellowship development items.

Intent: That expenses to support the WSC and fellowship development which add up to more than \$800,000 dollars for the fiscal cycle 2020-2021 are reduced by 50% until we overcome this emergency, and that the budget for the 2021-2022 cycle remains the same as you had presented it for these two items.

**Overnight epoll: 18 yes – 92 no – 10 abstentions – 11 present not voting 15% Consensus Lack of Support**

### **VAM 2 - Brazil RD**

Let it be decided in the budget that the World Board will not hold more than 4 board meetings in the 2020-2022 cycle.

Intent: Use technological resources and reduce costs.

**Overnight epoll: 24 yes – 92 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 19% Consensus Lack of Support**

### **VAM 3 - Pacific Cascade RD**

To eliminate the world convention in Australia In 2021

Intent- To eliminate the \$1,265,381.00 of possible expenses.

**Overnight epoll: 30 yes – 81 no – 11 abstentions – 9 present not voting 25% Strong Lack of Support**

**Withdrawn after poll was sent out**

### **VAM4 – South Africa RD**

We would like to have a reduction of expenses on literature distribution costs. To send less free literature to the fellowship and send electronic literature to the same fellowship instead.

We can possibly look at a new income by charging a small, respectable fee, for electronic literature to raise funds.

We would like to see a reduction in FD expenses, specifically on travelling, in person workshops and literature distribution, especially in Africa. We need to try new ways to support the African fellowship



and find a more result driven way to help Africa. Throwing money at Africa does not mean we are helping NA as a whole, let alone in Africa.

**Overnight epoll: 34 yes – 76 no – 11 abstentions – 10 present not voting 28% Strong Lack of Support**

**VAM 5 – Baja Son RD**

To formulate an emergency Budget where the reserve is not touched and work only with the incomes and the expenses as much as we can, taking into consideration only what is essential.

**Overnight epoll: 30 yes – 93 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting 23% Strong Lack of Support**

**VAM 6: Aotearoa New Zealand RD**

That the emergency budget be only 'for the fiscal year 2021'

**Overnight epoll: 32 yes – 87 no – 7 abstentions – 5 present not voting 25% Strong Lack of Support**

**VAM 7: Aotearoa New Zealand RD**

The emergency budget be redefined and based on the actual/revised emergency budget in place for the last months of the 2020 fiscal year.

**Overnight epoll: 21 yes – 95 no – 7 abstentions – 8 present not voting 17% Consensus Lack of Support**

**VAM 8 – BC RD**

That the World Board adjust the emergency budget to limit the deficit to \$1 million before depreciation and amortization for the two year period, and that the World Board make further adjustments to the budget as necessary over the two year period to keep the deficit capped at \$1 million before depreciation and amortization.

**Overnight epoll: 40 yes – 69 no – 12 abstentions – 10 present not voting 33% Strong Lack of Support**

**VAM 9 – Sam L**

To adopt an emergency financial frame to serve as the World Service Conference approved budget for Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Immediately following the close of Virtual WSC 2020, a Virtual Emergency Budget Workgroup composed of WSC 2020 RDs and ZDs will be selected. We acknowledge that this frame will be adjusted by the World Board with the support of the Virtual Emergency Budget Workgroup during the cycle as a result of current and changing conditions. All adjustments will be reported to conference participants.”

**Overnight epoll: 42 yes – 72 no – 8 abstentions – 9 present not voting 34% Lack of Support**

**VAM 10- San Diego Imperial RD**

To reduce Income level for first year down to 50% of Original Budget instead of 75% and to reduce expenses down 20% of Original Budget Expenses instead of the 4.9% reduction that the Current Emergency Budget shows.

Intent - To reduce the deficit and to cover any further delays this year in getting back to business as usual. Setting a lower base for this Emergency Budget I feel is a more conservative approach and fits with the principals in the 11th Concept.

**Overnight epoll: 21 yes – 85 no – 15 abstentions – 10 present not voting 17% Consensus Lack of Support**

**Withdrawn after poll was sent out**

### **VAM 11 – Australian RD**

New emergency budget to be presented in 15 days time. Budget to be worked on by WB and 6 RD/ZD - selection of RD/ZD to consist of 3 RD/ZD in favour of budget presented and 3 RD/ZD not in favour of budget presented during the virtual WSC. All WSC voting participants will be able to vote using remote technology within 5 days of the new emergency budget being presented

**Overnight epoll: 34 yes – 82 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 27% Strong Lack of Support**

### **VAM 12 – CA Midstate RDA**

I am making an amendment to the emergency budget to reflect Anthony's 85% reduction in orders for the income section of the literature sales. It is at 33% right now and does not reflect the amount stated. Additionally, the reduction in salary needs to be identified because I calculated the reduction at 11% and 7% decrease in overhead which wasn't stated and isn't congruent with less travel, salaries, etc. Change the member contributions from \$318818 to \$92,000 because it was stated at \$8k per month which is \$92k not \$318818. The income and expense needs additional explanation as the 25% decrease in expenses and isn't reflected in the emergency budget. I created a spreadsheet with with the current emergency budget and original budget and the percentages do not reflect what was discussed online

**Overnight epoll: 25 yes – 80 no – 15 abstentions – 11 present not voting 21% Strong Lack of Support**

### **VAM 13 – Alaska RD**

In the Spirit of the 1st Tradition and Building unity a regular reporting schedule that the fellowship can count on regarding rapid budgetary changes needs to be established along with approval of the emergency budget.

Intent: to inspire confidence throughout the fellowship in the response of the WB as trusted servants and transparency in the budgeting process through this emergency response.

**Overnight epoll: 57 yes – 60 no – 7 abstentions – 7 present not voting 46% Lack of Support**

### **VAM 14 – LAZF ZD**

reduce all the amounts of the emergency budget, both in the income and expense categories by 50% for the first year, and by 20% for the second year

**Overnight epoll: 22 yes – 93 no – 9 abstentions – 7 present not voting 18% Consensus Lack of Support**

**VAM 15 – New Jersey RD**

That the cuts to personnel for Fiscal 2020-2021 be increased from 7% overall to 20% overall, AND the cuts to Overhead be increased from 11% overall to 20% overall while the deficit exceeds \$1.5M. The breakdown by expense category to be decided by the WB.

**Overnight epoll: 17 yes – 91 no – 14 abstentions – 9 present not voting 14% Consensus Lack of Support**

**VAM 16 – Arizona RD**

All current literature projects, other than those that could be continued electronically, be put on hold through 2020.

**Overnight epoll: 45 yes – 76 no – 5 abstentions – 5 present not voting 36% Lack of Support**

**VAM 17 – Arizona RD**

Based on current inventory amounts, Literature production & distribution be reduced by reduced 20%, .If current inventory will not meet current demand (which appears to be low), then the production should be based on meeting current demand.

**Overnight epoll: 29 yes – 84 no – 9 abstentions – 9 present not voting 24% Strong Lack of Support**

**VAM 18 – Arizona RD**

World conference support, currently on at 1.3M for 20-21 should be carefully considered. Since we are currently meeting electronically, how much needs to be spent in this first year, or at least the first six months that fall in 2020. Since the details of the World Board costs are not given it is unclear what the \$110,000 is, but if it is travel then the Board should meet electronically and save this money. Personnel costs could be contained by allowing WSC members to be more active in projects and create work groups which would include a NAW's facilitator.

**Overnight epoll: 31 yes – 80 no – 12 abstentions – 8 present not voting 25% Strong Lack of Support**

**VAM 19 – Arizona RD**

Fellowship development is very high in personnel costs. We suggest that all travel (assuming travel is included in personnel costs since this is the long pole in the tent) be put on hold for the rest of 2020. Any other personnel contributions, such as the valuable assistance provided by NAWs' staff should be left in the budget. It is difficult to imagine staff support would equal 1.2M.

**Overnight epoll: 43 yes – 73 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 35% Lack of Support**

### **VAM 20- Região Brasil Sul RD**

That WCNA 2021 be transferred to the 2022-2024 cycle. And adjusting accordingly the following conventions.

**Overnight epoll: 37 yes – 75 no – 10 abstentions – 9 present not voting 30% Strong Lack of Support**

### **VAM 21- Região Brasil Sul RD**

That the World Board's face-to-face meetings be only two for the 2020-2022 cycle. That the other meetings be made online.

**Overnight epoll: 43 yes – 77 no – 6 abstentions – 5 present not voting 34% Lack of Support**

### **VAM 22 - Região Brasil Sul RD**

A further reduction of 20% in the expenses referring to Fellowship Development for the 2020-2022 cycle.

**Overnight epoll: 28 yes – 90 no – 7 abstentions – 6 present not voting 22% Strong Lack of Support**

### **VAM 23- Região Brasil Sul RD**

A further reduction of 20% in the Overhead and Personnel expenses in the following topics: Fellowship Development, Literature Production and Distribution, Activities, World Service Conference

**Overnight epoll: 23 yes – 89 no – 11 abstentions – 8 present not voting 19% Consensus Lack of Support**