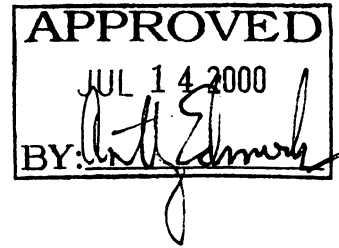


**Approved WSC World Board Minutes  
28 April 2000  
Marriott Woodland Hills  
Woodland Hills California**



Present: Michael McDermott, Jon Thompson, Mario Tesoriero, Susan Chess, Tony Walters, Claudio Lemionet, Craig Robertson, Mary Kay Berger, Bella Anderson, David James, Cary Seltzer, Daniel Schuessler, Bob Jordan, Larry Roche, Stephan Lantos, Lib Edmonds, Jane Nickels.

Staff: Anthony Edmondson, Becky Meyer, and Eileen Perez-Evans.

The meeting was opened with the Serenity prayer.

**1. Overview of the conference week**

Michael reported on how well the 'meet and greet' with the History Workshop participants went and also noted that the participants are as happy to be here as we are to have them here. Because the Executive Committee will meet with the HRP on Saturday to discuss presenting motions they will not be able to attend the History Workshop participants meeting.

The body advised of the three World Board Open Forum meetings, as well as the three, thirteen-hour days scheduled during the conference week.

**Saturday – WSO Open House**

- The open house is from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
- All the board members are to be at the front of the hotel at 4:00 pm to be shuttled to the WSO.
- A map of the WSO will be given upon arrival at the office. Staff will give tours, and board members will be stationed at particular spots to give summaries of what is going on. The board will also be assisting with food serving.
- A recovery meeting at 8:00 pm at the hotel where History Workshop participants will be asked to share.

**Sunday – Opening of the Conference**

- This year's conference theme is 'building community.'
- Chuck G. will be asked to do a type of count down of conference participant's time at the WSC after which a cake will be served celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> WSC.
- The formal opening of the conference and introductions will come next to be done by George or the board.
- Orientation session will follow and it will be the basic setup of the conference week by Lib and David, and then go into small groups. Orientation will go through lunch.

- There will be a World Board and HRP open forum meeting occurring at the same time - 7:00 pm.

An outline for the rest of the conference week given.

DF meeting

WB closed meeting will be until about 3:00 pm today and at 4:00 pm the board will meet with funded participants. At 8:00 pm, two CAR workshops will be held. One will be for the Spanish-speaking delegates and the other for those who speak English. Jon, Craig, and Bob will facilitate for the group of English speaking delegates and Cary, Claudio, and Michael do the same for the Spanish-speaking delegates. These meetings will be held in the two boardrooms on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor.

## **2. Handling the old business discussion sessions:**

Board members will present motions, and facilitate entire sessions. Straw polls will be done for motion 1, and 9.

Bob, Daniel, and Cary – Motions 1-4

Craig, Larry, and Claudio – Motion 5

Lib, David and Mary Kay – Motions 6-14

The purpose for the open session for motions is to have as much discussion on motions and amendments as possible. It will be the board's responsibility to keep track of amendments presented and keep the discussion focused. Once discussion and straw polls are done on motions the group will turn voting over to the Co-Facilitators. When structuring question ask 'all those in support of amendment....' Pick one member of group to facilitate straw polls, and take turns answering questions. The EC will conduct a brief run through.

## **3. WB Report and Budget Sessions**

Database demonstration

This past year

- Evaluation of the Lit Distribution System

- Fellowship Development Activities – one specific example – Japan and the APF

The next two years

- Internal Processes/Training and Orientation plans for new WB members/WB committees

- WCNA 28 travel

- Project Idea Form

- Future of the conference participant discussion board

Information needed from zonal forums and delegates for planning for the worldwide workshops

No questions asked about the items listed for reporting from the board.

**4. Facilitation and recording of the small groups for the three topics (\*\*)  
identified below**

**Orientation\*\***

There will be 8 small groups with two (2) board members in each group. Overview of the conference week will be given in the large conference room. Primary focus of small groups will be 'why are we here?' Board member will start the session off by sharing their thoughts, and then ask conference participants to share theirs. The board member will write down consensus points (simply ideas) on post-its. Board members must maintain control of the groups focus, reminding everyone to keep track of sharing time in order to allow others to speak. At the end of discussion, allow conference participants to talk about whatever they want.

The board went into a discussion regarding everyone's understanding of the WSC 2000 Orientation session at the March meeting. It seems that the consensus is community building, and WSC Mission and Vision statement – why are we here, setting tone for week – common welfare, as well as sharing embossing moments; have them share 'goal for the week'.

Two ideas on how the Orientation session should be presented – Mission and Vision - sharing, bonding, what can I bring to the conference for the week, the other is a personal goal. The board took a straw poll regarding what they thought the theme of the orientation session should be:

A personal sharing of what do you bring to the conference/community building action group: Yes = 9, No = 8

Mission and Vision of conference session: Yes = 8, No = 9

Newly drafted script for the orientation session presented and agreed upon by the board. No staff will be needed for recording this session. The second question reworded to say 'What do you as a world service participant add to the conference.' Ground Rules will be set up in the large conference room. Add lines in the copies of the Mission and Vision Statement to allow for writing.

**Issue Discussions\*\***

Steve recapped the board's discussion from the March meeting. The presented script will reflect that discussion. Presentation will be 10-15 minutes then ask conference about the idea. Proposing two, 1-hour sessions, 1 board member facilitating and staff will record – 30 or 45 minutes in the big room to set up.

Small groups will be geared to engage conference participants in philosophical discussions, stay away from the technological process. At the end of the session, a participant that did not share in the small group will be asked to share

their understanding. The body had no objection to the proposed Issue Discussion presentation. Daniel requested that Uschi be the small group recorder in his group.

**CTF\*\***

CTF members will facilitate the small groups. The board went into a discussion regarding facilitation of the small groups with no staff recording.

There was a suggestion to rephrase one of the questions to state "what's the problem that you've experienced explaining it to the group, or remove current format." CTF may possibly revise questions and discuss facilitators for small groups to reflect input.

Jane asked that the board find a way to be involved in small group discussions during conference.

**5. The issue discussion list for prioritization by the conference for bulletin development**

The board discussed that they want to ask conference participants input on what they want the board to do with bulletins, updating, deleting, or revising.

Jon asked the body if we wanted to give the conference the option of ranking the papers, if it will mean prioritizing the board's work. It was clarified that this is only for conference participants to let us know that they think. The two suggestions made were to 1) ask the conference participants what they think at worldwide workshops, 2) pull everything under item number 1 out. Updating the bulletins discussed. The board agreed to ask participants to only rank the importance, and to insert 18; how do we build trust in our trusted servants? Send the board the number of times each bulletin was downloaded.

Numbers 19 & 20 will be removed and presented by an individual board member.

**6. WB Minutes approval**

January 27-29, 2000

March 9-11, 2000

**EC Reports provided**

January 26, 2000 Call Record

February 18 Call Record

March 7-8, 2000 Meeting Record

March 17, 2000 Call Record

April 6-8, 2000 Meeting Record

Personnel

**7. WB Meeting Schedule for the 2000-2002 Conference Cycle**

**8. Management Update**

## **BULLETIN BOARD FINAL UPDATE**

Starting date: November 1, 1999 Tallied: April 24, 2000

164 total posts

56 post from the board

108 post from RD's etc.

### **Breakdown:**

BOARD

44 post from the Executive Committee (5 EC members posted)

12 post from the board (3 board members posted)

### **REGIONS**

17 Regions posted

21 RD /RDA's/etc posted

#### **Breakdown:**

15 Regional Delegates

4 Regional Delegate Alternates

1 RD 2nd Alternate

1 RD mentor

## **WCNA – 28 Program Ideas**

**WB Input noted in red**

### **Suggested Recovery Workshop Topics**

1. In Time, Our dreams Come True
2. Sponsorship: A Two-Way Street
3. Building the Foundation: Steps One, Two & Three
4. Searching & Fearless: Steps Four & Five
5. Letting go of the Baggage: Steps Six & Seven
6. Making Things Right: Steps Eight, & Nine
7. Self, God, and Others: Steps Ten, Eleven, & Twelve
8. Living in the Solution
9. The Spiritual Principle of Giving
10. Humbled By Our Imperfections
11. Abstinence Does Not Equal Recovery
12. Relationships & Intimacy in Recovery
13. Grief in Recovery - interesting and I wonder why it isn't Life on Life's Terms
14. God's in Charge, Not Me
15. So You Think You're Different
16. From Surrender to Acceptance
17. Gratitude, Not Attitude
18. Honesty, Open-Mindedness, & Willingness
19. Symptoms of a Spiritual Awakening - sounds like a disease Perhaps Living Principles with a Spiritual Awakening
20. Welcome the Newcomer - is this a custom? With so much talk about retention of members including Uruguay, perhaps a more inclusive title could be Reaching Out or What is the N.A. Program.
21. In Times of Illness
22. Self-Acceptance
23. Commitment to Change
24. The NA Symbol (Self, Service, Society, God)
25. Seeking Balance (Recovery, Family, Work)
26. Living the Program
27. Freedom from Active Addiction
28. Unconditional Love

### **Suggested Service Workshop Topics**

1. Meet the World Board: Our Evolving Service Structure
2. Self Support: The Principle of Giving

3. Building Better Fellowship Communications
4. Setting An Example: Leadership in NA
5. Traditions 1, 4, 12: A Foundation of Humility
6. Traditions 2, 7, 9: Our Groups Relationship with Their Service Structure
7. Traditions 3, 5, 8: Membership and Message
8. Traditions 6, 10, 11: Our Place in the World Around Us
9. History Workshop??
10. Concepts??
11. Consensus Building, "Making decisions together"
12. Dealing with Theft of Funds, "A responsible approach"
13. How we choose our trusted servants
14. Communication, Coordination, Information and Guidance
15. Why Should I Get Involved??



## **Possible Issue Topics for development**

### **WB Input noted in red**

1. Updating existing Trustee bulletins:
  - a. Some thoughts regarding our relationship to Alcoholics Anonymous
  - b. The relationship of Narcotics Anonymous to NarAnon and Families Anonymous
  - c. Gender-specific language and use of the word "God" in NA literature
  - d. What is Addiction?
  - e. Special interest meetings
  - f. Direct contributions
  - g. Participation and decision making at the World Service Conference  
Suggest deletion of
    - f) Direct contributions and g) participation and decision making at WSC. Rationale for "f" is the IP from the former Trustees and for "g" is going into our two-year conference cycle and current and ongoing changes.
  - h. The generation of funds (fundraising) and the Seventh Tradition in Narcotics Anonymous
  - i. Regarding Methadone and Other Drug Replacement Programs
  - j. Public relations and the traditions
  - k. Freedom from prejudice, Parts 1 and 2
  - l. HIV and AIDS in NA
  - m. Open and closed NA meetings
  - n. Theft of NA funds
2. What do we perceive is the groups' role in the world service structure?  
What do we hope to accomplish - what is our desired outcome.  
Somehow, how the question is worded, I do not think we will reach.
3. What does "consensus-based decision-making" mean to us *and* how would we utilize this process during the WSC?  
Delete - we have thrashed this about for sometime and I believe we need to back burner, perhaps focus an article, or two in NA Way over next conference cycle, perhaps bring to worldwide w/s and consider raising again after WSC 2002.
4. How are unity and autonomy integrated and vital to our efforts to carry the message of recovery?  
Needs a rewrite to accomplish intent.
5. What does "common needs" imply? How is the intent of "special interest" synonymous with common needs?  
Suggest updating Trustee bulletin "e" and forego topic.
6. How is being of service to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous a spiritual component of a program of recovery?
7. What are the benefits for NA, as a whole, to decentralize our service structure? How may the fulfillment of our primary purpose be actualized with a worldwide fellowship?

- Premature, there are fears associated with 2-year cycle pertaining to unity and our ability to fulfill our primary purpose with a worldwide fellowship so I say I wait until 2002 to introduce decentralization benefits.
8. What can the Twelve Traditions do to foster growth for groups and service structure? How do the Twelve Concepts complement the traditions and promote freedom for continued growth?
  9. What is our experience with creating an atmosphere of recovery with disruptive members in our meetings?
  10. Where is the line between cooperation and affiliation?  
Update bulletins "a" & "b" and delete topic.
  11. How can we effectively carry our message electronically?
  12. How do we apply our principle of anonymity to the Internet?  
Since I missed our last board meeting, I may be lost; yet, I thought we were going to write a 'bulletin' to address and clarify. I sense we all have a measure of uncertainty and misunderstanding with the net and electronically with our message. The benefit if we could truly engage members in a discussion would be to reach a common understanding and clarity yet I am skeptical about our ability and willingness to discuss as many members may not be interested in that topic, per se.
  13. Is the statement in our literature 'that we are under no surveillance at any time' a problem? If so, should it be resolved by changing our recovery literature or better explaining the intent of this statement?  
I am assuming that is a solution of sorts for the motion from Texas. Seems like a dumb sort of topic and if chosen, needs to be rewritten. I think more can be gained by educating about the intent before posing of the question of changing our literature.
  14. Does "child care" have a place in NA meetings?  
Suggest rewording to be similar to #9 (yes and no questions tend to inhibit thought provoking discussions, in my opinion).
  15. What action do we, as a fellowship, need to take to retain our experienced members with substantial clean time?  
Don't think we should include the topic from this year
  16. What is NA's definition of abstinence? How does this definition apply to our members who need medication in recovery?  
Don't think we should include the topic from this year
  17. WSC and DF issue discussion topics from previous years.
    - a. Improving Fellowship Communications
    - b. Fund flow
    - c. Racial and Cultural Diversity and our First Tradition
    - d. Group conscience in the service structure
- a. Forego until CTF is complete.
  - b. Forego as we have IP and articles in NA way.
  - c. OK.
  - d. Seems to be the same as #2.

18. What is meant by 'trusted servant'? Or 'How do we build trust in our trusted servants?'
19. Is nonalcoholic beer a drug?" or "Are we using when we drink nonalcoholic beer?" or "Does NA recognize any percentage of alcohol as acceptable?"
20. "When a member steals from us should we prosecute?" or "How can we stop the thieves in NA from robbing us?"

**Approved WSC World Board Minutes  
Open Forum Meeting with Funded Participants  
April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2000  
Warner Center Marriott  
Woodland Hills, California**

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

World Board: Michael McDermott, Jon Thompson, Mario Tesoriero, Susan Chess, Tony Walters, Claudio Lemionet, Craig Robertson, Mary Kay Berger, Bella Blake, David James, Cary Seltzer, Daniel Schuessler, Bob Jordan, Larry Roche, Stephan Lantos, Lib Edmonds, Jane Nickels

WSC Co-Facilitators: Vinnie F., John H.

Staff: Anthony Edmondson, Becky Meyer, and Eileen Perez-Evans.

Michael M. the World Board chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present followed by individual introductions:

Ramesh (RD India), Tor O. (RD Norway), Tron (Alt. Norway), Camillo J. (RD Colombia), Jiggs (RD Philippines), Wolfgang (RD German Speaking Region), Saul A. (RD Panama), Jose M. (Brazil), Jr. (Alt. Brazil), Fernando M. (RD Perú), Ruben (Alt. Peru), Manuel E. (RD Guatemala), Lazaro A. (Translator), Johnny (Translator), Cesar (Visitor), and James (Researcher/Visitor).

Announcements regarding the following made:

- There will be two CAR workshops this evening one in English and one in Spanish. All questions related to motions, amendments, processes for motions, business sessions, etc. can be discussed at that time. Workshops will be in the two boardrooms on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor.
- Mike P. is the person to speak with for any problems with rooms and travel.
- History Workshop on Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- WSO Open House: buses will be in the front of the hotel to shuttle those wanting to go the open at 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, followed by a recovery meeting at 8:00 pm.
- Merchandise stores will be held Saturday evening after the meeting, so those wanting to sell merchandise must sign up with staff in the on-site store.
- Those still needing to receive monies are to see Rochelle M., and Liz S.

Michael reviewed the schedule for the conference week and asked that those wanting to give zonal reports inform the staff at the motions table.

The floor opened for questions:

Jose (RD Brazil) asked for proper process for amending a motion.

Response: Michael summarized the process but also let Jose know that a more detailed explanation could be heard at the CAR workshops.

**Approved WSC World Board Minutes  
Open Forum Meeting  
April 30, 2000  
Warner Center Marriott  
Woodland Hills, California**

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

Present: Michael McDermott, Jon Thompson, Mario Tesoriero, Susan Chess, Tony Walters, Claudio Lemionet, Craig Robertson, Mary Kay Berger, Bella Blake, David James, Cary Seltzer, Daniel Schuessler, Bob Jordan, Larry Roche, Stephan Lantos, Lib Edmonds, Jane Nickels

Staff: Eileen Perez-Evans, Becky Meyer, Anthony Edmondson, and Michael Lee.

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer and the conference participants advised that once the board completed reviewing old business motions, following a 10-minute break the open forum would begin.

Anthony gave a report regarding the 25<sup>th</sup> WSC Anniversary medallions. By error, 1,000 of the medallions were produced as opposed to 500. Suggestions made to either sell them throughout the week or decided what to do with them later. It was the decision of the board to sell the medallions throughout the week, box the remaining medallions, and decide what to do with them later.

**Closed Session**

**Motion 26**

Amend Motion 7, page 20 of the Conference Agenda Report, last paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence: "The Conference Agenda Report is distributed a minimum of one hundred and fifty days (150) days prior to the opening day of the conference, with translated versions released a minimum of one hundred and twenty (120) days prior" to: "The Conference Agenda Report with all translated versions is distributed one hundred and fifty (150) days prior to the opening day of the conference."

**Recommendation:**        **to not adopt.**

**Motion 28**

To amend Motion #1 by dividing the question into the following two motions: (1) Shall the fellowship proceed with a comprehensive evaluation of the additions to the Basic Text and Little White Booklet. (2) Shall the fellowship proceed with a comprehensive evaluation of revision to the entire Basic Text and the Little White Booklet.

**Recommendation:**        to not adopt

**Motion 29**

To change the order of the day so the Motion 3 is brought to the floor and voted on before Motion 1.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 32**

To amend Motion 11: To limit seating on the conference floor to one delegate and one alternate per region. Replace the wording "one delegate and one alternate: with "2 duly elected members.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt.

**Motion 34**

To amend the Conference Agenda Report, page 20, paragraph 7, by replacing "150 days" with "180 days" and replace "120 days" with "150 days."

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 35**

To change the words "three years" to "one year" in both places of the Motion 1 criteria for Motion 9.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 36**

To amend Motion 10, to strike the "s" from the word delegates in the first sentence for sake of clarity.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt.

**Motion 37**

To amend Motion 7 in 2000 Conference Agenda Report, page 21, paragraph 2, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence by replacing the word "may" with the word "shall."

**Recommendation:** to not adopt, contact the maker and ask him to reword in order to clarify the intent.

**Motion 38**

To amend 2000 CAR, Motion 10, page 27, line 3, by replacing the following language: "This policy would cover any seated regions that have attended one of the past three conferences." With "Not to exclude any seated region that wishes to participate."

**Recommendation:** to not adopt.

**Motion 39**

To amend Motion 8 in the 2000 CAR, page 22, paragraph 1, line 1 by adding the word"/business" After the word "sharing."

**Recommendation:** to adopt.

**Motion 40**

To amend Motion 10, last sentence, by deleting the wording "that have attended one of the past three conferences." The sentence would then read, "this policy would cover all previously seated regions."

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 42**

That a three-conference cycle moratorium (until after the 2006 WSC) be placed on any motions that seek to change the voting rights of any conference participant.

Pete (RD Alt So. Florida) what discussion has taken place within the board, as well as what action has been taken regarding the treatment center publishing NA as their number – insinuating affiliation.

Response: We became aware of the scope of the problem in November. George followed up with a phone call and asked that the entity to stop using the Narcotics Anonymous name. The entity stated that they would instruct their staff to stop using the NA name. Follow-up phone calls have been done and for the most part entity is complying. However another letter has been written in a more stern tone to entity, copied to our attorney informing the entity that there was an incident where staff answered the phone "Narcotics Anonymous." It is believed that this will be resolved without legal action, however we are prepared to take legal action if necessary. Pete was given a copy of what has been done with entity.

Erik: Respects the board for identifying their limits in the budget. Questions the relationship with the Drug Courts, and if an influx of people coming from drug courts should be expected?

Response: Drug Courts intend to refer clients to NA, as they have started to build NA into their system and have embraced Narcotics Anonymous.

John C : loves the process, the way the board speaks with each other and believes the process is working. John expressed going through a lot of pain last year and apologizes for the distance during the first couple of days. Referred to the seating of regions and stated that a region being seated causes movement (growth) in the region. Also speaks on voting: and stated that the Composite Group recommended the board have 1 vote, further stated that he heard the board state that conference doesn't trust the board and wonders if the board trusts the conference. Further feels that the board will one day not have a vote at the conference and this is a good thing.

Response: Stephan stated that there is a board of 17 individuals that have unanimously supported the recommendation made regarding the board's vote. Personally feels it differentiates the board from the entire conference. Further feels we ALL have an equal responsibility to serve the fellowship as a whole.

Eddie: talked about his regions feeling on the recommendation on Motion 1, and felt that Motion could have been presented in a different manner. His region was split on how they felt. Also noted that the board's recommendations are a bit condescending and recommends that the board reviews the manner in which recommendations are worded.

Response: the board understands what's being shared, and in hindsight, the board has thought of a couple of other ways to present recommendations. The board did the best possible. Also noted was that the intent for Motion 1 was actually to really get some clarity of what the fellowship wants.

Stuart: asked what was the process to bring the History Workshop together, and wonders if some members were contacted that were not able to attend. If so, will something be done with those members?

(It was the decision of the board to discuss motion and be prepared to give a recommendation although the board was unsure whether this motion is new or old business)

The board took a straw poll to see how many were in favor of adopting = 7, in favor of not adopting = 0, or in favor of not making a recommendation = 9.

**Recommendation:** It was the final decision of the board to adopt.

### **Motion 43**

To distribute the Conference Agenda Report a minimum of one hundred and eighty days for the English and all translated versions.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt.

### **Open Forum Meeting**

Jim (RD N. New England): Firstly noted his love for the board, then stated that he wondered about the board and its work, and if 'we' are expecting too much from the board with all the work that needs to be done.

Response: Michael (WB Chair) acknowledged the ambitious schedule, and stated that the board has been discussing what is/isn't doable in a two-year conference cycle, how to not do this again, and that each board meeting is started with a focus group.

Paul (RD NE Atlantic) felt that it was the first time he witnessed a board meeting and shared disappointment. Board quoted as saying "why should we waste our time by dealing with this motion." Paul felt that it was 1) disrespectful and 2) feels very frustrated with the lack of response with queries. Stated that he respects the board and to please look at the stated issues.

Ron H (RD Rio Grande): Stated the pleasure it has been to see how much the board has grown, and its accomplishments – thanked the board for putting their heart and soul into work. Motion 1 concerns expressed; seems to be a broad brush off and puts the conference in a weird position. Region thinks Book 1 has flaws, but like it, do whatever to Book 2, add stories from different cultures/languages, etc. Wonders if Motion 1 addresses both of those issues – that's the confusion. Need to clarify the scope of what we want to do with it. The board was asked to consider not using previous motion numbers for current or future projects and renaming the TWGWSS – removing the 'Temporary' out of the Temporary Working Guide to our World Service Structure.

Harold (RD Alt Ontario): Admires the dedication of the World Board to serve, however has a problem with some of the board comments in the CAR, specifically comments to Motion 22. He felt that the board's comments were disrespectful and suggested that the Ontario region has no spiritual process in their service structure. Harold asked that the board state what tradition the motion is spiritually against.

Response: Michael responded that what is being referred to is the process of going against the spirit of group conscience.



Response: The process used to obtain members primarily in California first, summarized. It is also believed this is a start of a process as there are members the board would like to contact from the east coast. A follow-up will be done with the members that participated in this workshop. It's the boards hope to continue finding old time members, however right now what was done needs to be evaluated, as well as see how to proceed.

The meeting ended at 11:30pm

**Approved WSC World Board Minutes  
Open Forum Meeting  
May 4, 2000  
Warner Center Marriott  
Woodland Hills, California**

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

Present: Michael McDermott, Jon Thompson, Mario Tesoriero, Susan Chess, Tony Walters, Claudio Lemionet, Craig Robertson, Mary Kay Berger, Bella Blake, David James, Cary Seltzer, Daniel Schuessler, Bob Jordan, Larry Roche, Stephan Lantos, Lib Edmonds, Jane Nickels.

Staff: Anthony Edmondson and Eileen Perez-Evans

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. and the conference participants informed that that once the board completed reviewing motions, the meeting would be opened.

The chair welcomed and advised the body of the business to be reviewed:

- Budget-Project Idea List  
(list will be given to the full conference May 5<sup>th</sup>.)
- New Business Motions
- Open Forum

**Closed Session**

**Project List**

Due to the lack of resources, the board shared their concern regarding participants possibly mandating the board to take action on one/more of the projects in the Project list. The proper process for this further discussed.

At the request of the board future motion lists will no longer use the word "reject".  
Change reject to "not adopt."

**New Business Motions**

**Motion 33**

That the World Board commit to the 2002 Conference Agenda Report, the unapproved draft of the Revised Public Information Handbook".

**Recommendation:** to not adopt.

**Motion 42**

That a three-conference cycle moratorium, (until after the 2006 WSC) be placed on any motions that seek to change the voting rights of any conference participant.

Question posed to the board/straw poll "All those in favor of not giving a recommendation to this motion."

No recommendation = 6, In favor of adopting motion = 7, To not adopt motion = 1

**Recommendation:** the board decided to not give recommendation.

**Motion 52**

That the World Board commit to the 2002 Conference Agenda Report an approval from of the revised Public Information handbook.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 58**

That the World Board makes a new draft of the Phoneline and PI Handbooks a priority.

**Recommendation:** The boards in favor of the spirit of the motion, but will ask the body of the conference for direction.

**Motion 47**

That the 'NA World Services Vision Statement' and 'The World Service Conference Mission Statement' be included regularly as a component of the Conference Agenda Report.

**Recommendation:** to adopt

**Motion 48**

That Mike P. be directed by the conference in the future to negotiate with the hotel to include grits, biscuits and red-eye gravy and Southern sweet tea.

**Recommendation:** Joke motion.

**Motion 49**

To amend Motion 5, Section 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence by inserting after the word "concerning" and before the wording "service work" the following wording: "such issues as".

**Recommendation:** Motion has already been presented and adopted.

**Motion 50**

That the step writing guide be edited to include a numbering system for each of the questions beginning with number one (1) in each of the step sections. A future printing of the Step Writing Guide would contain this numbering system and be available in the WSO inventory no later than December 31, 2001.

**Recommendation:** to not make a recommendation.

**Motion 51**

That the prestigious "Mic Hog" award be removed and replaced with the following: the Honorable Seymour Bunns "Show Your Butt" award.

**Recommendation:** no decision

**Motion 53**

That the World Board has one vote collectively during new business and elections.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 55**

To reconsider Motion 1.

**Recommendation:** Motion has already been presented and rejected.

**Motion 56**

That all project plans be approved one-by-one in the budget session. The routine services (Fixed Operational, Capital, and Reserve Funds) will still be approved as a whole.

**Recommendation:** to not support this year, but do support for doing in 2002.

**Motion 54**

To amend TWGWSS-page 4, last paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence – changing to read, “The World Board may consist of up to twenty-four members elected by a least 60% of the WSC.

**Recommendation:** to adopt.

**Motion 57**

To request the criteria for site selection of World Board sanctioned events (i.e. worldwide workshop, world conventions, etc.) Include strong preference for non-smoking facilities, so that all members of NA be able to attend the function.

**Recommendation:** to adopt.

**Motion 58**

That the World Board makes a new draft of the Phoneline and PI Handbooks a priority.

**Recommendation:** Motion has already been presented and adopted.

**Motion 59**

To commit to the World Board: The World Board will develop a project plan including time lines and budgets for the implementation of a nation wide 800 helpline number for the continental United States.

**Recommendation:** one in favor to adopt; however, it was the consensus of the board to not adopt motion.

**Motion 60**

That Region 51 provide an inter-galactic NA meetings list at WSC 2002.

**Recommendation:** Joke motion

**Motion 61**

To publish a replica First Edition Basic Text, as a historical document-collector's item only as a “WSO inventory item.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 62**

To provide as a WSO recovery inventory item a English version of ‘Book 1’ of the Basic Text.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 63**

To include the WSC Rules of Order in TWGWSS. Said proposal to be included in the 2002 CAR or presented at WSC 2002.

**Recommendation:** one not in favor to commit. The board agreed to recommend committing to the board.

**Motion 64**

Upon registration at WSC, CAR tallies will be submitted. Non-attendees may mail their tallies. Amendments to CAR motions would still be in order under Old Business. No individual regions’ would be revealed.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 65**

To replace the word "NA" with "WSC" in the TWGWSS, page 3, paragraph 6, line 3, under Zonal Forums.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt.

**Motion 66**

That the World Board develop a format for consensus-based decision-making for use by the World Service Conference during the business sessions and present this format for review at WSC 2002.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 67**

To amend the proposed 2000 TWGWSS, page 24, under "The WSC Co-Facilitator."

The duties of the WSC Co-Facilitators are to:

- 1) Preside over the meeting of the World Service Conference.
- 2) Communicate with the World Board... conference meeting.
- 3) To assist in facilitation of the World Services Meeting(s).

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 68**

That beginning in 2002, all World Board members, Regional Delegates and their Alternates be given assigned seats, on an alphabetical basis, for use at all future meetings of the WSC.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 69**

That the WSO charge the same price for the CD-ROM Basic Text as they charge for the printed Basic Text.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt

**Motion 70**

To request that the World Board develop a motion for the 2002 CAR. The motion to be based upon the wording as follows: "the World Board will consist of twenty four members..." and to read, "the World Board may consist of up to twenty-four members..."

**Recommendation:** to adopt

The body was asked if they support revisiting Motion 54 since the board is in support of Motion 70. Motion 54 revisited.

**Motion 54**

Amend TWGWSS – page 4, last paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence – change to read 'The World Board may consist of up to twenty-four members elected by at least 60% of the WSC.

**Recommendation:** to commit to the World Board.

**Motion 71**

That the World Board considers delaying any price increase on literature until the 2002 WSC.

**Recommendation:** to not adopt.

The board is revisiting recommendations to **Motion 54 and 70**. It was Tony's thought to not give a recommendation, and let the body of the conference decide. Jon stated that if the board were unanimous in agreeing with Tony's recommendation; which is the board not giving a recommendation that would be done. Otherwise, the board would go with original recommendations of recommending adopting 70 and committing 54 to the board. It was the consensus of the board to go with the original recommendations.

**Approved WSC World Board Minutes  
Open Forum Meeting  
May 5, 2000  
Warner Center Marriott  
Woodland Hills, California**

**Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

Present: Michael McDermott, David James, Anthony Edmondson, Mary Kay Berger, Larry Roche, Bob Jordan, Tony Walters, Craig Robertson, Claudio Lemionet, Bella Blake, Jon Thompson, Mario Tesoriero, Susan Chess, Cary Seltzer, Jane Nickels, Stephan Lantos, Daniel Schuessler.

Staff: Eileen Perez-Evans

Don F. (RD, Tri-State) asked that the other facilitators from the focus groups share on what they heard on Motions 54 and 70, and could it be discussed and decided here. Don shared that he would like to bring up Motion 54.

Response: the general theme from the groups were:

- Have two sections, one for groups, and the other be dedicated to service.
- 50% want CAR as is, the others want it changed.
- A lot of the groups are not interested in the CAR.
- Tony's focus group input was to make the CAR easier to understand, maybe have a short paragraph/summary.
- CAR complexity of the report and the difficulty to read.

Copper asked the board to go back to review Motion 66: motion makers are only asking that something be put on paper not to have a system in place and running by WSC 2002 - stated this is not a new idea. Suggests that the board provide a session on consensus-based decision-making to allow the body of the conference to define consensus-based decision-making as a whole.

Response: the board would have preferred to see this come to the board as an idea, but now that it has been presented as a motion, it changes how it is handled.

Recommends having discussion on the conference floor to start using consensus based decision making for items not in the CAR. Create parameters, ideas and as a body move forward in one direction.

Sam (RD, Sierra Sage): wanted to share ideas/input: like discussions, not motions, however would like to see a limit placed on discussion, not allow the same people to speak on the issues. It would be helpful to receive the CAR at another date. Wonders if the board would entertain the idea of changing the conference date to another time in order to allow receiving the CAR at another time - not during the holidays.

Eddie: would like to see guidelines for the personal stories released. Would like the translated personal stories, i.e. French stories translated back into English. Thanked the board for the shortened reports.

Smitty: Motion 11 - asked that if something happened to either one of the registered delegates would the regional representative sitting in the gallery be permitted to replace/represent region as a voting member on the conference floor..."

Response: if any extraordinary circumstance took place the remaining regional representative would ask the conference for a moment of personal privilege asking the conference to allow him/her to represent region due to the extraordinary circumstances...

William (RD Alt Region of the Virginia): asked that if motion 54 and 70 were committed to the board that something do be put in writing. The CAR was viewed as cumbersome in the Region of the Virginias.

Joe: it seems important that the WSC Co-Facilitators be included in what is stated in Motion 67. It seems to his region that not including them in items 1-3 creates a them and us type of mentality.

Response: TWGWSS set up a clear and finite description of duties. Co-facilitators were never thought to act like Admin. The WS meeting is only to discuss, gather input and report, so there is no need to have Co-Facilitators present when no business is presented.

Paul: (NE Atlantic) asked Anthony if the CD will become a regular WSO inventory item.

Anthony responded that he did not believe this would be a WSO inventory item because an item that has an appeal to only a certain percentage of the fellowship usually has a quick sell and a quick drop in sales. The process used will allow us to see how it sells. Asked if the board reviewed the Online Booklet project proposal. Paul hopes that he understood that the booklet is not about online meetings. Paul asks if it would be appropriate to hand out the Online Meetings handbook to delegates. Paul also asked the appropriateness of the NA logo on the front cover.

Michael responded that this project falls into a bigger philosophical discussion of groups and meetings, this also crosses over into other issues of service structure, and the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust.

Discussion continued regarding issues with copyright information, and board concerns with distribution of the booklet at this point. The board and Paul agreed to continue this discussion after tonight's board meeting.

Lori: appreciates the board recommending adopting Motion 57, and suggested replacing "sanctioned" with "preference". Lori went on to speak pro to the motion. She also asked who is going to decide where the worldwide workshop will be, and how much lead time will the fellowship be given to prepare, i.e. travel arrangements etc.

Kevin (RD New Jersey) asked if it's the board's belief that consensus-based decision will replace and be adequate enough for the conference to make decisions when it is necessary to do so and/or what vehicle will be used for conference participants to take items back to the group when the body of the conference cannot come to a consensus without placing it in the CAR.

Response was that to create "a policy" for creating the consensus-based decision creates 'letter of the law' as opposed to creating the 'spirit'.



Walter (RD, Italy Region): why doesn't the board ask for the conscience of the groups/regions before making a decision to create an item, why does the board not spend energy to work with fellowships that really needs help as opposed to spending energy to create items?

Response: The decision on the format of our literature has been a long-standing agreement between the WSC and the WSO. For practical purposes, the WSO is responsible for things like appearance and format of literature, etc., however most of the ideas for new products come from the WSC in one form or another.

Mary: asked the board to consider a method for addicts to contribute to NAWS via electronic fund transfers for donations and can the board create/develop something to go with that - that confirms receipt of the donations.

Response: Mary directed to send Anthony the information.

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Open Forum Meeting – DF Participants  
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Present: Michael McDermott, David James, Anthony Edmondson, Mary Kay Berger, Larry Roche, Bob Jordan, Tony Walters, Craig Robertson, Claudio Lemionet, Bella Blake, Jon Thompson, Mario Tesoriero, Susan Chess, Cary Seltzer,  
Jane Nickels, Stephan Lantos, Daniel Schuessler.

Staff: Becky Meyer, Eileen Perez-Evans, and Nancy Schenck.

The chair advised the body of the business to be reviewed. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

World Board chair asked the funded delegates to share their experience for the week and/or to share any ideas for improvement.

Michael (RD, Spain Region) thanked the board for all the work they have done, for providing funding to the region of Spain and stated that it was a privileged to be here with the board. Is very grateful that it was possible to be a funded participant to the World Service Conference, does not feel shame in it. Shared initial experience with coming to a Narcotics Anonymous meeting and never imagined being a part of the WSC.

Raul C (RD, Argentina) thanked World Services and the NA fellowship for the growth of the Argentina region. First experience with the World Service Conference was in 1992. Shared how afraid and intimidated he was coming to the United States and having to represent region but from the moment of arrival felt and received lots of love; it made him feel at home. Thanks to WS support, we have grown, are able to fund representatives to the conference, which allows us to share the message that was given to us by you to the members of our region. Today we are also able to donate and contribute to NAWs so that we can continue to carry the message to the addict that still suffers. Shared sadness about this being his last conference; will miss everyone – but looks forward to seeing everyone in WCNA – 28.

Fernando M (RD, Peru) first and foremost thanked the World Board personally for the region of Peru and himself. Peru has also been attending the World Service Conference since 1992 and ever since then the region has been experiencing good things and growing. Peru's attendance at the WSC has helped region to correct many mistakes made in the past. Region hopes to continue to be part of the chain that continues taking the message to the addict that still suffers. This will also be Fernando's last conference and shared about learning a lot personally from communication here at the conference. The board was thanked for the great success of the LAZF that continues to help Latin NA communities grow. Thank you, we love you and we trust you.

Lillian (RD, Uruguay) thanked the World Board and everyone responsible for helping the region of Uruguay to attend the WSC. Region is still growing, and still has a lot of work to do. Recently a local member was sharing about not knowing any knowledge of the service structure and asked how long he had to be obligated to service. The response given to the member was that they hoped it would be forever.

Camillo J (RD, Colombia) shared that this was his second conference and first as a delegate. His first attendance to the conference was his first time out of Colombia, and this is the second. The easiest way to relay the message of NA to newcomers is to get involved in service. Thanks to the regional assembly and region believing in him, he is able to be near what he calls the 'fathers' of this program. Thanks the board for their constant support.

Raul (RD, Baja-Son) apologized for having to leave the conference due to a family emergency that obligated him to go home. Hopes that it does not sound like an excuse and did whatever was possible to return to the WSC. Thanked the body for accepting and seating the region of Baja-Son region. Would like to obtain more experience to take back to the region and never expected to find experience to be so wonderful. Before coming to the WSC felt fearful and alone, did not know how would face the situation of coming to the conference and asking for seating. Is very grateful to higher power that for the experience and was able to face it as this mean a lot to region. Thanked the board for being a part of this.

Juan Guillermo C (RD, Costa Rica) shared gratitude to and to be a NA member. Sometimes wonders if the region is doing the right thing by having an RSC, Regional committee, and if with all that money spent Basic Texts could be bought. Did not understand a lot in the beginning but now believes things are being done right. Feels glad to be a part of the WSC. Thinks there was a lot of politics in region and thought that by coming to the WSC spiritual giants would be found, but sees the politics here also. Reminds him that everyone is the same, sick and human, sees the humor in that. Had the opportunity to ask the parliamentarian what were his impressions were about the WSC? Parliamentarian responded that he has worked with many groups and churches, and in one instance a church group threw chairs at him – we do not. Truly believe this works and thanked the board for all the work.

Walter (RD, Italy) I feel a bit emotional, because this setting reminds him of being in front of a mental commission who will decide if he is normal or insane. He is very happy to be amongst his friends. Thanks his region because despite his insecurities they trusted him to represent the region of Italy. Thanked the World Board and now understand that he had the full support, love, and understanding from the body. Sometimes he wonders if the translator is embarrassed to translate for him. Hopes that next time he will be able to speak English because he is afraid the translator will not come back.

Ramesh (RD, India) is happy to be here and thanks everyone for his or her work this week. Touched by the conference. The region is very happy to be apart of this.

Jose M. (RD, Brazil Region) thanks the board, and the whole conference. Believes that everyone present makes up the conference. Has learned a lot from conference, grown personally, and has had the opportunity to bring the region information that has helped it grow as a community as well as a worldwide fellowship.

Saul A (RD, Panama Region) grateful for the World Board and to the WSO who has done a lot for him personally and the region of Panama. Also thanks the conference for entrusting him with the election to the board. Will do the best he can to live up to it.

Doug (RD, Alsask Region) expressed gratitude to the board and conference participants for being funded to the WSC. Experience the process of presenting a motion from his region. He struggles to convey to his region the love he feels when he is at the conference. Thanks the board, the WSO staff, and fellow delegates.

Arthur F (RD, New Zealand Region) shared that this is his second experience at the conference. Shared confusion about the WSC process his first time here. Attending the WS meeting in Florida helped him to understand the process a little better. Shared that it is very rewarding to be a part of world services.

Tom M (RDA, Hawaii) thanked the body. Shared his experience with being electing in 1985 to the board of Trustees. Thanked the members for their courage in putting their names up for election. Shared about being from the old school of not trusting the process and has watched the conference participants go through changes and grow.

Yogi (RD, Japan) thanked the board for everything they have done for him this past week, as well as for their kindness. NA Japan has been in existence for 20 years but is still like a child – please continue to help us. I cant, we can.

Toto (RD, Norway Region) shared the kindness the region received from the Trustees at the time, but who is now the board. Was not sure he would be able to come due to an illness. Was surprised to see that someone was at the airport to pick him up – thought it was for someone else. Grateful to be a part of the NA worldwide fellowship.

Jr. (RDA Brazil) thanked everyone. The NA program has saved his life, and grateful to be brought here.

Jiggs (RD Philippines) shared filling out a form yesterday and needed help – was very hard to ask for help, was overwhelmed with feelings with the help and love he has received. A month ago wondered why he was still doing this. The conference has changed his life and thanked the conference. Grateful for the World Board as they continue to help and support the region of Philippines.

Potty (NERF) shared the overwhelming feeling of coming to the United States. Thanked the WSO and the board for helping to make this dream come true.

Michael recognized and welcomed the new board members present at the conference and asked conference participants to send input to the World Service Office regarding the conference. Conference participants thanked for an inspiring process. Michael closed the meeting at 5:45 pm.