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## *True Colors*

what your trusted servants are "about"

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So many members have said so often: World Board members are just members like us and have NA's best interest at heart. Is that really true, or just what we want to believe? What if we saw with our own eyes from their own words, that The World Boards' motives are the control, manipulation and reinvention of the fellowship? What if we saw with our own eyes the WB wants to do away with complete abstinence in order to make a profit? What if we saw with our own eyes the WB's decision to "marginalize" members, the ones who disagree with the process they have already put in motion: forcing Consensus Based Decision Making "CBDM" on us and taking group conscience away? Will we just close our eyes and hope it disappears? If this happens, WHO will be left for the serious newcomer that walks in the door? You know... the one who wants to really get clean and recover rather than live on Suboxone for the rest of their life? The one who doesn't care what Hazelton\*\* does or what current, drug industry sponsored medical statistics show, or what the government encourages or what Time magazine stated\*\*. What about the member who has found recovery through living the principals of the 12 Steps of NA in their daily life and sharing those principals with the newcomers by practicing the 12 Traditions in their groups and

service work. Should they be marginalized to relapse or death? Or will our very best examples of recovery just leave our fellowship? After all, NA can live without the member but the member can not live without NA. So now WB gets to be our ultimate authority, who needs a higher power any more? Who needs to think and base decisions on recovery with WB deciding what best serves our interests?

By now you're probably thinking: this is just some disgruntled old timer rambling on again- show me, let me see what you are saying with my own eyes. The proof is the 24-27 October 2012 World Service World Board Minutes<sup>\*\*\*</sup>, approved by Anthony Edmondson. Read it for yourself; decide if your recovery is in line with this new direction of power, property and prestige. If it suits you: Welcome to the new brave world of NA as directed by our WB rather than group conscience. Or perhaps you're now finally seeing their "True Colors" and believe NA is a God given program, of complete abstinence and spiritual principles that saved your life. If you still believe in the program and our principles NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

If we sit back and do nothing, NA as we know it will be replaced within a few years by a revolving door of newcomers to buying NAWS products, populating treatment facilities, and fueled by Drug replacement dollars.

It's time to take our fellowship back. We did it when WSO defied the fellowship with the 4<sup>th</sup> edition. This is so much bigger; this is about replacing you and your "wasteful discussion". This is about WB wanting to create a "Brand", a "cultural shift" and a well run corporation. Once again do we want to be a Fellowship with an office or a corporate office with a fellowship? It's up to you- really you, personally: do something; speak up! Take action! Work the steps or die MF.

\*\* [http://www.justnafacts.org/uploads/re\\_Hazelden.doc](http://www.justnafacts.org/uploads/re_Hazelden.doc)

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