

Goals And Purposes

We believe there needs to be discussion among the members of NA with regard the purpose and direction of our fellowship. There are 'service' groups springing up throughout North America; their goals are as many and varied as our members. Our purpose at 'core' is to provide a venue to facilitate open and respectful discussion among the members of the fellowship. We discuss ideas about how to make the NA fellowship more responsive to the still suffering addict. We hold weekly meetings, publish a weekly newsletter, and plan events for the purpose of uniting our fellowship. These are not core meetings, core newsletters, nor core gatherings; they are our gift to the NA fellowship.

We Believe that the
Greater the Base
(Global NA Society)



The Broader the sides
and the Higher the
point of freedom.

Email: lester7286@gmail.com

Phone: 321-215-5898

Yours in Loving Service,

Lester O.

Editor of Core Issues

(A non-profit Newsletter of the Core Group)

Nothing that is written in this Newsletter is the viewpoint of any individual member. These viewpoints are shared by many and are collectively expressed here by the Core Group Members.

*The less you
respond to rude,
critical,
argumentative
people, the more
peaceful your life
will become.*

You Are My Oxy

facebook.com/YouAreMyOxy



Summary of Core Group Project Discussions for the Month of January, 2013

February 4, 2014

8:30 pm EST, 7:30 pm CST, 6:30 pm MST, 5:30 pm PST

Tuesday Night CONFERENCE CALL

Attendance with area codes: Bo S 404 – John F 707 – Connie P 817 – Mitch 760 – David B 318 – Brian YE 340 – Lester O — Bo on Minutes

***Be sure to check out commentary and posts in the Addendum at end of these minutes..also, essays may appear before the minutes to get attention for items discussed. - Ed
- DON'T USE, GO TO MEETINGS AND WORK YOUR STEPS –***

Conference call opened at 8:30 pm EST

Moderator - Mitch – Somewhat appalled by narcotics anonymous item on FB. (is this right Mitch?) 30,000

Discussion List:

Bo – medicalization of addiction

Connie P – Australia wants to leave. Dallas/Ft Worth wants to leave Lone Star over their support for the SSP.

John F – Federal Marshalls in meeting – may be happening

Brian YE – Difference between written Program and some members acting on their own who do not follow the program.

Discussion: *Are Suboxone patients clean?*

Mitch: There is an opinion that members on Suboxone are clean. 30,000 on FB page discuss the use of Government Death. One member in his area complained about the way some seem to think using Buprenorphine is ok and is clean-time. He chose to leave as the secretary was on Suboxone as well as at least 1 other who celebrated on it.. This sort of group conscience can be the end of NA. GC said it was ok to give clean time keytags for people on Suboxone.

Connie – Not so in Dallas/Ft Worth. Think there is a statement out from WS that Suboxone is a drug and does not count for clean time. Somewhere on na.org. It helps to have it in writing. That way our 'opinion' stays out of it. It may just be an issue of education. Total Abstinence is NA. Not appropriate for someone using to speak in meeting (can't carry message of hope and recovery) and can't hold service position (using affects our minds and moods and a sick person cannot be counted on to serve). Has study group ongoing for several years that has made change in attitudes and opinions.

David B – Many subjects get mislabeled. Opinion – strength – hope. Out experience is uniform – Suboxone withdrawal is a bitch, bad as methadone. Horribly painful. Doesn't like the IP on meds from WB where it states “even people on DRT get clean.” Implies usage is ok...

John F – In California guy in wheelchair from NY came into one meeting with assistance dog. Was told couldn't have dog in church. There is a meeting in Kansas City that allows helping dogs. (Mitch asked for essay on this.)

Mitch – some people bring puppies into meetings, violates church rules. Helping dogs should be allowed.

John F – If you take service dog in, they are allowed by Federal law. American Disabilities Act.

David – Had big discussion about this in Monroe, LA.

Medicalization of Addiction

Bo – Bill F sent in excerpt from CAT with specific reference to the term of 'medicalization of addiction.' This was sent out with the announcement of this conference call tonight. It doesn't say, “Medication and counselors” just doctors treating addiction with pills, mind and mood changing drugs. There seems to be a cultural wave justifying taking something to make an intolerable personal situation into something more tolerable, like with soldiers damaged by war experiences. Throwing money at the problem of addiction. No interested in personality change or spiritual growth.

David – read the article. Lots of money to be made for doctors. Make a good living on our sickness. What do you do?

Mitch – Who is president of Impact House now? J. B. was president back in the 1980's.

David – We do not have to be inhibited about sharing out experience. May be ostracized some times. May be the price we have to pay.

John F – When I sponsor someone, I can't make them well. Some are 'unfixable.' Members fall through the cracks sometimes. Too much drug court attendance interrupts the atmosphere of recovery.

David – Right to share my experience. That's what membership is!

Connie – What is definition of clean? Her integrity is based on her living. Study group working but takes time.

Areas leaving their Regions over SSP

Connie – Dallas/Ft. Worth discussing leaving Lone Star RSC over their support of SSP.

David – It is easy to do. They have a answering service for \$10 a month.

Lester – Has similar problem – so far nothing has been done about leaving FRCNA for SFRCNA because they both are following what WS is telling them to do. Considering a stand alone area service committee. Want to write their own literature. Lit conference coming up in Orlando this March.

Connie – Can we print our own Baby Blue? We want to support other areas. We need literature, tired of expensive regional office. Money could be put to better use to help addicts. Want to do the right thing.

Bo – World service has become a joke! No Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer or even one sub-committee for the so-called World Service Conference of NA. How can it be called a 'representative body?'

Brian – 99% of the membership grew up on the 5th Edition Basic Text. Members and groups have been printing their own for years. Doesn't think WS is putting out approved literature and not even NA. Won't put money in any basket funding Los Angeles office.

Mitch – That's a little bit extreme.

Connie – It is a matter of principle. Likes idea to print our own. Wants to do it right. What about legality?

Brian YE – Billy A has a good system.

Lester – Billy A's group is putting out a thousand a month, cost about \$1.40 each to produce. His printer is even sending them out to different locations for the group.

John F – Kansas City is the 13th largest city in America. Also, tries to attend meetings in St. Joseph. Nobody is showing up. In some meetings, members pound the tables and yell, "Take your meds! Take your meds!" Everybody's doing it. Latest thing is AA/NA meeting place where they swap off week by week. Do not have any interest in the 12 Traditions. Not allowed to share in meetings because he is an 'oldtimer.'

Bo – thanks Lester for doing a great job on newsletter. Plans for Cleanstock on hold until we hear more from Kentucky.

Bo offered closing prayer: "God remove our self-will and ego and give us the strength and guidance to do your footwork."

Closed at 10:10 EST.

Core Group Minutes

February 11, 2014

8:30 pm EST, 7:30 pm CST, 6:30 pm MST; 5:30 pm PST

Tuesday Night CONFERENCE CALL

Attendance with area codes: Bo S 404 – John F 707 – Mitch 760 – Lester O 312 – Bo on Minutes

Be sure to check out commentary and posts in the Addendum at end of these minutes..also, essays may appear before the minutes to get attention for items discussed. - Ed

- DON'T USE, GO TO MEETINGS AND WORK YOUR STEPS -

Conference call opened at 8:30 pm EST

Moderator – open meeting.

Discussion List:

Mitch – reported on MARLCNA

Lester – WB would lose support if you took away their sales revenue.

John F – Likes idea to buy from anywhere but NAWS.

Discussion:

Mitch – Went to MARLCNA – WB moderated some meetings and blew off questions like they were trained to do by Dilizia. Steve M the Regional Delegate said “You guys throw money at the opposition to SSP.” ABCD Region made Proposal to disband the WB with total displacement of current members with two year term replacements. No more regional motions allowed. World Board only makes motions.

Bo – It would be easy to make a new office for us. It would be like building a bridge. First you have to get people in the valley to agree that a new bridge would be good for the businesses and people living in the valley to cross at a new bridge location and bear the expense and trouble building a new bridge. Then you go into assessment of what it would cost to build the bridge and maybe consider several different plans with construction costs for each. Then an engineer writes up detailed plans. Money is raised and supplies are shipped to site and basic concrete bases set in place. Spanners are built as per the design agreed to and after bridge is finished a bureau set up to keep up repairs and general maintenance of the bridge. A similar plan would be drawn to set up an office with plans to include expansion after basic startup operation begun. In our case, the office would be careful to maintain good hiring procedures and a Fellowship loyal BOD to protect the Fellowship interests. Services from A-Z would have to be listed and primaries given first attention like warehousing, shipping and Fellowship communication. Good business practices without intrusion from outside organizations. Amicable relations with TC and limited resellers. Don't have to gross so many dollars as to regain the trust and confidence of the Fellowship.

Lester – Everybody he talks to about leaving the WSO umbrella asks same questions: What about group supplies including Literature? When you take away serving basic needs, there is little support for the independent WSO as an entity separate from NA Fellowship and group conscience. Groups and Areas are afraid to stop buying lit from them. Nobody wants to do the footwork to produce their own Literature. They want to be able to place their next month's order and have their Lit delivered to them. A sales office needs to have enough Lit. on hand to meet the demand at any time. In Portland there were little serenity shops that sold our literature with slight markup to attract customers. However items were specialty items and not a lot stock on hand and little turnover because the Portland Area Office sold lit, medallions etc. cheaper.

John F – like idea to buy from anyone but the NAWS organization.

Lester – Be able to provide inventory for opening. Cost and sales chart sent out to core group shows just how cheap our literature is being made in China. Main problem is the logistics.

Bo – one member complained that you cannot use highlighters on the cheap paper.

John F – right now there are two NA's – one in the East and one in the West.

East Coast NA doesn't understand the problems faced in the Mid-west and West Coast. Like when John brings up problems with drug court and slip signing, East Coast members say, “Rubber stamp, duh.” They can't conceive of fifty forced attendance with five NA members in a meeting. Tentacles of NAWS hasn't reached the East Coast yet. Talked with several members in Michigan. Has major problems in Detroit with Municipal finances. Dogs and cats were being killed by local predator, looked like a leopard killing them. Animal control didn't have gasoline to send out a truck. This relates to NA where incarceration costs \$50,000 per person and NA is free. So 100 persons is five million dollars – they are forced to send persons convicted of a crime, including DUI, to NA just to balance their books. In Napa Valley a man convicted of three DUI's was court ordered to wear an ankle for three months and go to NA for six months.

John F – lot of these guys who become 'shooters' are on Zoloft or Prozac. Lots of people sent to NA from Drug Court are on same meds. What will happen when one or more become shooters in NA meeting?

Mitch – will collect information on what is happening in Baltimore about drug court.

John F – Lady quit working at a treatment center because they were putting all the people on meds and she couldn't stand it. Instance of AA/NA swapping meeting place each week and involving Drug Court attendance.

Lester – on Lady posted on facebook that the oldest, closed NA meeting in town had been overrun by treatment center people and AA members quoting Basic Text and talking clean and sober. Someone suggested they put definition of what a closed meeting is in group format. Group turned it down. Then they suggested reading "Clarity Statement." Group turned that down also. NA member the stormed out of the meeting stating that she was not going to go to an AA meeting.

Mitch - asked if there was less regional communication?

Bo – trying to emphasize that the 'power' is in the regions and that is why WS is trying so hard to confuse and get them off balance so they will relinquish the regions right to them so they can take total control of NA. If the Regional Delegates wake up in time, they will communicate and see they are all in the same boat and being to formulate solutions.

John F – Movie Dirty Rotten Scoundrels involved saving a 400 year old estate garden from demolition crew. Thought about the people who got clean in the 1970's were unusual in that they were spiritually independent and fresh from antiwar movement. Idealists who would let people cuss in meetings or talk about 3rd Step to promote a personal belief. Wonders of members today are prepared to stand up for something. Many seem intent on changing NA rather than changing themselves. Thinks the people in late 70's were special and only way our Basic Text could have been written. The learning process has melted down. In defense of NA members in Kansas City, it is hard to deal with forced attendance and people on meds.

Bo – Seen it before. Don't give up hope. Members have a nice way of surprising you. Many have been working their Steps and quite a few are due to enjoy a spiritual awakening soon.

John F – Some archeologists came across some gold plated silver and found copper wires that indicated batteries were used to gold plate. In the future they may find these gold and silver medallions that have NA on them.

Bo – Artifacts and writing speak for us when we are gone. We are the watch dogs. We are evaluating and finding clues that may lead us to a solution. You just never know where God is going to lead you. They used to call the Basic Text in Atlanta "Bo's damn book." After they found out how many people were working on it they changed their tune.

John F – Gave us closing prayer – Serenity Prayer

Closed at 10:07 EST.

Next meeting on 18th of February – check out articles in Addendum

"That we can all come together for the good of the Fellowship. "

Core Group Minutes

February 18, 2014
8:30 pm EST, 7:30 pm CST, 6:30 pm MST; 5:30 pm PST
Tuesday Night
CONFERENCE CALL

Attendance with area codes: Bo S 404 – Jmu 703 Jody 702 – Mitch 760 – Lester O 321 – Bo on Minutes

Be sure to check out commentary and posts in the Addendum at end of these minutes..also, essays may appear before the minutes to get attention for items discussed. - Ed

- DON'T USE, GO TO MEETINGS AND WORK YOUR STEPS -

Conference call opened at 8:30 pm EST

General discussion

Discussion List:

Mitch – reporting on MARLCNA and WCNAguys,

I will try to give you all a picture , after entering the large room as they appeared to be going over the CAR on Sat .,more so I thought going over the "World Board Motions. I am not sure as to how long the WB has been submitting motions, but I have not been involved really at that level, other than my H/G.

There is an elevated stage where there are microphones and 3 WB members fielding questions from the field. There was a gentleman from Australia on the right, a woman, and another man on either side of her. There is a woman with glasses and short black hair with a mike on the floor taking it to those asking questions or commenting.

Videos were played describing every WB motion presented. These can also be found on WWW.NAWS.com

If you have read the CAR report , much of it ,revolves around the SSP.

The way that questions and comments from the WB ,I found to be somewhat evasive, vague and sometimes wordy ,where some members got up and said" I really don't understand what you are saying.I guess this is what Jim Delizio has to offer the board , possibly what he is paid the big\$ for his consulting fees. I know i tend to be biased but I am trying too give the best description as I can. I can't remember much of what was said.

I do have a call into our (Freestate Regions RD.) SteveM.to ask him what he had said in regards to continuing throwing \$ into the SSP. I don't recall him getting a clear response. That is why I called him.

On another topic on Drug ct. ,I spoke to a friend who is a liaison , for a 'treatment center called Gaudenzia out of PA originally.

They usually take self pay patients for detox and a 30 day or more program as well as men and woman forced to go there for as much as a year at times. I did work there myself several years ago.

What happens is when the accused goes before the Judge or prior to, The States Attny, and the Judge decide to accept them into drug court. Once they enter into drug court, many times they are asked to come back if they are sentenced to attend Intensive Outpatient Treatment, and have to come back before them maybe each week or each month depending on the circumstances. The Defendants Attorney will contact, in this case the Liaison for Gaudenzia `Bruce W..He told me that when at the IOP clinics they do sometimes go home with Rx of Suboxin and he said that , "They can benefit from it." They are also ordered as we know into our Narcotics Anonymous Meetings.

I have submitted a couple of "Regional Proposals . no longer referred to as Motions , now the WD makes motions, I believe votes on them,correct me if I am wrong , but they can at their homegroups. I hope this has been helpful in any way and I believe it needs to be edited,

Thank you, In Loving service,
Mitch G

More in addendum at end of minutes and general annoucnment. Unbelievable.

Thanks Mitch!

(See Addendum A)

Welcome to Jody from Las Vegas

Discussion:

Jmu – Hi Jody – have 25 years and also active with ASIS.

Jody – clean since 1985.

Introductions...

Jmu 25 years, ASIS, active,

Jody - What's going on? Some intro, TC's argue DRT

David B - Need to talk with Nadine W, working on letters to WSO.

Lester - does core issues

Mitch - feels badly tonight, cleaning his report on WCNA and MARLCNA

Lester - notice about WSC not getting room registrations. Low attendance will guarantee passage of SSP. If every RSR voted against SSP, the Corporation would do as they pleased.

Bo - Feel like someone in the Office sold out, made some kind of deal. I mean look at it, all the folks who are about money work or hang on there, so they would be on the same page! They have amply demonstrated they do not care about what the Fellowship thinks or votes.

David - Need to get on viable project as core group.

Jody - Going out to stay in Los Angeles for a couple of months.

Lester - San Jose placed order for a bunch of Baby Blues.

Jmu - We have handed out 700 BB's at WCNA.

Jody - What can we do? Send Nadine a letter...

Jmu - Bo is willing to picket during WSC

David - described the "letter to WSO" from members of NA all over expressing concern. (Note: Let's get a announcement letter from Nadine, she probably sent us something back when she came on core. Could you send another one? call me...)

Mitch - WB is not honest and does not care what we think. Their latest tactic is a technique of "We cannot answer all questions. Next..." This dodge is not so obvious to those not familiar with corporate tactics. Direct responsibility does not mean our Primary Service Center can deny information to NA members. And if they are not answering, it means something. Is it a sign that they are no longer a service center but a separate corporation answerable only to themselves?

David - Bob G. already knows how to dodge questions, he received excellent training and Jim Dilizia eggs him on.

Bo - I am beginning to think we need a 'Super Conference' just for NA members and representatives to discuss and decide what to do among a Fellowship only crowd of people.

Mitch - Let's write a letter about and report our findings. We can have Nadine send it to all regions.

Jmu - Got bad response on a core group mailing a few years ago.

Bo - Wasn't that the letter sent out without group approval?

David - Recall that. Lots of members have changed their minds since then.

Lester - Glad Jody is going to LA. Need to do everything we can to get the Fellowship stirred up.

Mitch - Strong letter to regions, massive mailing. Direct - intelligent - concise.

Bo - asked for a list of concerns to be mentioned or developed in the letter.

1. get rid of consultant Jim Dilizia
2. Dissolve the World Board, has too much power and total disregard of our Traditions and Fellowship.
3. Bring back the Board of Trustees
4. go to a pre-1996 structure to regain our lost WSC officers and sub-committees.
5. Note: most of the people involved with the 1990 court case are now dead.
6. get rid of all Resolutions from 1997 conference
7. revisit the court case and copyright law
8. WSO supposed to put out a low cost Basic Text by court decree - never did it.
9. Update the Concepts to come close to the AA model especially the protections from bumbling bureaucrats.

Ask for input to list from core group with a three day response to be in letter. Always ok to send thoughts, questions or comments.

Jmu - Important to offer positive solutions.

Bo - reforming the WSC is very positive.

David - My wife Ellen, also on core group, helped write a simplified 'Clarity Statement.' Will send for minutes...

Lester - Need to emphasize need to go back to the sub-committee system at world level.

Jmu - Popular word is 'free.' Unpopular word is 'service.'

Bo - We can make a difference. See core group as a NA college for overview. Hope it leads us to ongoing NA Society includes every member, no motions, no elections. Informal service is immortal. We can collect, consider and report on any core issues of interest to the Fellowship.

Mitch - what is date of the WSC? April 28 to May 3rd.

Lester - Jim Dilizia is behind it all. RD, WSO, all eating out of his hand. He has been doing this with other corporations.

Bo - Let's investigate Jimmy D. We need to know more about the man and his activities. When did he come on? Is he the new Bob Stone? I think he does things but someone put him in place and that's who we need to get at. They would have said something like, "We need to get real about this. We need a professional!" would appear in WSO Board of Directors meeting back in mid to late 1990's. The idea is Jimmy D makes the presentation and then if it blows up, he takes the fall while Mr. (or Mrs.) manipulator sits back from a safe distance and denies any knowledge.

David - Check out his webpage, it's all there. Products and Services by Jim Dilizia.

Lester - How many TC's and corps are on his client list?

David B - Led closing prayer - Gratitude Prayer

Closed at 10:00

New political force: spectatorology. People listen, read and discuss items of interest and then do nothing. They pay attention but do not react.

discussion and study - new information results in new information and more informed members of NA. Informed members make better decisions and can think on their feet to support new services because they understand and had a voice in it's formation. The empowerment of this process is an important part of recovery. Having a say is part of what makes you NA.

Stages of learning are the same as for other subject encounters: denial, anger, bargaining, acceptance, peace.

Hidden information: makes a mockery of true facts.

Betrayers - belligerent, adversarial, defensive, embarrassed, they know they have done wrong.

Accuse others of wrong doing to draw attention away from their own sins of commission or omission.

Learners - list things new or unclear, check out word definition, encourage open discussions.

- 1.Suggestion of something new.
- 2.initial, formative plan
- 3.agreement among interested parties
- 4.job assignment
- 5.progress reports and shared information
- 6.ongoing overview and reporting with periodic general review
- 7.persistence
- 8.accomplishment**

David – Gratitude Prayer

Closed at 10:00 EST.

Next meeting on 25th of February – check out articles in Addendum

“That we can all come together for the good of the Fellowship.”

Core Group Minutes

February 25, 2014

8:30 pm EST, 7:30 pm CST, 6:30 pm MST; 5:30 pm PST

Tuesday Night CONFERENCE CALL

Attendance with area codes: Calvin C - Bo S 404 – Bill P 410 – Connie P 817 – Jody 702 – Mitch 760 Lester O 321 –
Bo on Minutes

***Be sure to check out commentary and posts in the Addendum at end of these minutes..also, essays may appear before the minutes to get attention for items discussed. - Ed
- DON'T USE, GO TO MEETINGS AND WORK YOUR STEPS***

Conference call opened at 8:30 pm EST

General discussion

Discussion List:

Welcome to Calvin C, Nevada.

Discussion:

Calvin C commented that his area is divided and tries to go along...

Bo is currently reviewing two books compiled from archives on nacoregroup.org. One has core group understanding, history of core group and Wichita Assembly. The other has Principles of Spiritual Self-Governance and The Book, written a couple of year ago and still a work in progress. Both should go a long way to clarify our efforts and empowering persons participating in a reformation movement within NA. Members from last weeks core group call working on a letter to be sent out to regions.

Attended Marietta area last weekend, heard the SSP called the "new service structure" and presented as a proper, well thought out plan. A few motions from the CAR got yes votes, a no now and then, and all had plenty of abstentions. Strange.

Connie - says that input from members is coming in but she also heard the term "new service structure" in Dallas. Believes information will energize Fellowship again. She is 'passive/aggressive' sensitive. NAWs talks about "our" program, "our" members, "our" this and that. This conditions membership to go along with what ever they say. We act out our part in passing. Good technique to force agreement from audience.

Bo comments that word choice is important.

Connie thinks that there may come a time when we have to stand alone.

Bo - We have a list now, need to indicate the order in which things need to be done.

Lester – Conflict of interest where Edmonson is on BOD of Impact House.

Connie – mentioned that she back off from a personal job application when she realized it might create a conflict of interest with a service position.

Lester – there is a difference from being a nurse or other type of helper and being on an executive board.

Connie is sending an essay on hearing about the importance of being in a certain sponsorship family to get a world service position. The family happens to be Jack B.'s sponsorship family. Without being in this sponsorship family can't be elected or chosen to speak. Kiss that stuff goodbye.

Bo – People are more important than money.

Connie - thinks that being in the right family is all about prestige and that the Principle of Anonymity needs to be taught to newcomers.

Bo says that we can write flyers on key subjects and thinks that it is a good way to get started. It's easy and affordable.

Connie says that after last week's conference call, she is getting together FIPT info. Group open to proposal to use the Baby Blue in their group.

Mitch stated that at MARLCNA this was mentioned, and the consensus was that groups can make their own literature.

Connie – Allowed under corrupt laws to make copies.

Lester – Members in his area regard the Baby Blue as the Illegal Basic Text.

Bo – Baby Blue is 3rd Revised with reinstatement of lines in the 4th and 9th Traditions.

Connie – Giving away free is ok.

Mitch – Getting Bulletin #4 from Yellow Eyes

Jody (SWA founder, now in Las Vegas is moving to Los Angeles. Spoke with Nadine. Jack B family – send Sherriff's Department documents on Bob Stone's death to Jody and Connie.

Bo – letter to regions – more to come.

Mitch – We need a strong letter to the regions and massive mailing that is “Direct, intelligent and concise”. Need writing on Traditions One and Nine.

Bo – Here is list of concerns to be mentioned or developed in the letter.

1. get rid of consultant Jim Dilizia
2. Dissolve the World Board, has too much power and total disregard of our Traditions and Fellowship.
3. Need to bring back the Board of Trustees
4. go to a pre-1996 structure to regain our lost WSC officers and sub-committees.
5. Note: most of the people involved with the 1990 court case are now dead.
6. get rid of all Resolutions from 1997 conference
7. revisit the court case and copyright law
8. WSO supposed to put out a low cost Basic Text by court decree - never did it.
9. Update the Concepts to come close to the AA model especially the protections from bumbling bureaucrats.

Ask for input to list from core group with a three day response to be in letter. Always ok to send thoughts, questions or comments.

Bo - reforming the WSC is very positive. David wrote a simplified 'Clarity Statement.'

Lester - Need to emphasize need to go back to the sub-committee system at world level.

Connie – There is a big difference between original concepts written by Greg Pierce and the concepts approved. (will send in) One thing that has been misused is the ‘vote of confidence’ where a representative is ok’d to vote as they please on the spot. In actuality, it is nothing but self-will run riot with not a principle in sight. Will of the groups and members represented is pushed aside. Don’t need the concepts, they are just a way to beat down the groups.

Mitch – lots of members act like the SSP is a done deal.

Lester – implementation of SSP will be unworkable. Lots of group will wake up then.

Mitch – Motions 4 – 5 – 6 are interlocked so passage of one, passes all. Agrees many regions won’t support SSP if it passed the conference.

Bo – We are rapidly creating another way to give members of NA a voice again. Publishing, internet, everything.

Closed at 10:00 – Bo led closing prayer...

Essays coming from Connie and David B.

Chatted on call after close. The recording mis-fired. Was cut on but went to download and it had reset at 15s.

Next meeting on 4th of March – check out articles in Addendum

“That we can all come together for the good of the Fellowship.”

Addendum A: More from Mitch...read the whole thing!

From Free State RD...last year.

This is the information that I will be providing to the regional service body I currently serve. We were on of the regions who

submitted a proposal for inclusion in the 2014 CAR.

July 15th - Carolina Region submitted a proposal to the World Board to be included in the 2014 CAR.

July 16th - Received a response from NAWS Staff that the proposal was received and we should expect to receive a communication back from a world board member...

Aug 14th - The RC/RDA received a request for conference to discuss the regional proposal to make it CAR ready.

Aug 24th - Participated in a discussion with two world board members, Arne and Jim, and they explained that our proposal was beyond the GTWS word count limit. A detailed outline of where the GTWS explained this was requested and that we could work to get the word count under the limit. A request was also made for an extension to present a revised proposal due to limited time in getting the changes made and reviewed by the RCM's from 26 Area. (Deadline - Aug 31st). We were informed that this would NOT be an issue.

Aug 27th - Received a response from the world board members that the word count limit was for the regional rationale ONLY and that our proposal was OK. Final recommendation was to include a specific timeline for the action of our proposal as it was unclear as to when this proposal was intended to be active.

Aug 27th - We revised the Regional Proposal as requested to include a timeline for the actions of the proposal to be in effect as requested by the world board members and submitted it to the world board for inclusion in the 2014 CAR. No further policy or financial impact were communicated to be in question from world board members.

Nov 21st - Received a letter from world board, via NAWS Staff, that our regional motion would not be included in the 2014 CAR due to 1) WSC policy conflicts, 2) content was too ambiguous and confusing for the fellowship to properly understand, 3) region was unwilling to adapt the proposal/motion.

[Also:]

Hello _____,

We are writing you because your region submitted proposals to the 2014 Conference Agenda Report. In putting together this conference's CAR we struggled with how to deal fairly with the regional proposals submitted, with the least amount of confusion for those who will be reading and deciding on the items in the CAR.

Here is our explanation from the CAR itself:

Without exception, the proposals that have been submitted would not meet current policy for inclusion in the CAR were they motions. A Guide to World Services in NA explains that "Material presented to the Fellowship for approval will be written in a form that lends itself to a yes/no vote and specifies the conceptual changes involved to affirm and support this process." (GWSNA, pg 14) Proposals and motions that seek to affect WSC policy must include the policies affected.

None of the regional proposals submitted for the 2014 CAR meets all of these requirements. In order for a proposal to be "CAR-ready," it must be unambiguous and understandable, and it must be clear to those discussing the proposal what it affects and what the consequences of approving it would be. Each of the proposals submitted for the 2014 CAR is unclear, is impossible to execute, or fails to consider conference policy.

Our usual process after such a motion or proposal is submitted is to contact the maker and let them know what they need to do to make the proposal (in the past, motion) "CAR-ready." For instance, they may need to clarify its intent, or to include the policy it seeks to change, or to make it comply with conference policy. The makers of the 2014 proposals were not willing or able to adapt the proposals to meet these needs. This proposal process is new to all of us and we could probably have provided better information and direction.

Because we are in the middle of an experiment, the World Board is not willing to simply leave these proposals out of the CAR entirely, as has occurred in the past with regional motions that were incomplete or unclear. The only reasonable compromise that we have been able to come up with is to provide access to the proposals by including them as an addendum to the CAR and to try to summarize the basic ideas that the conference could decide to take action on here for fellowship discussion.

We have struggled with how to try to forward the ideas in the proposals for discussion without those ideas getting lost within a proposal that does not meet conference policy or that contains ideas that we would not be able to implement regardless of the conference's decisions. We have tried to identify those issued in the sections titled "Summary of and Challenges with the Original Proposals. In the pages that follow, we summarize the basic idea of the proposals as best we can so that they can be discussed and, if the conference wants to move forward with the basic idea of the proposals as outlined below, a decision can be implemented.

In summary, you regional proposals are not included in the body of the CAR because they did not meet the criteria. They are part of an addendum. In the CAR we have placed proposals that attempts to capture the ideas of your region's proposals as well as an essay with the explanatory text above.

[And a little more...]

Motion: To have the Mason Dixon RCM take the following motion to our region to be made at the 2014 WSC under new business:

Motion: For the WSC to hold a vote to remove all WB members from their positions in accordance with California Corporations Code, Article 2, Selection, Removal and Resignation of Directors, and replace them with up to 18 temporary WB members, serving a two-year term, not to include any removed WB members.

Rationale: We feel that the current World Board members have failed to fulfill their general duties of:

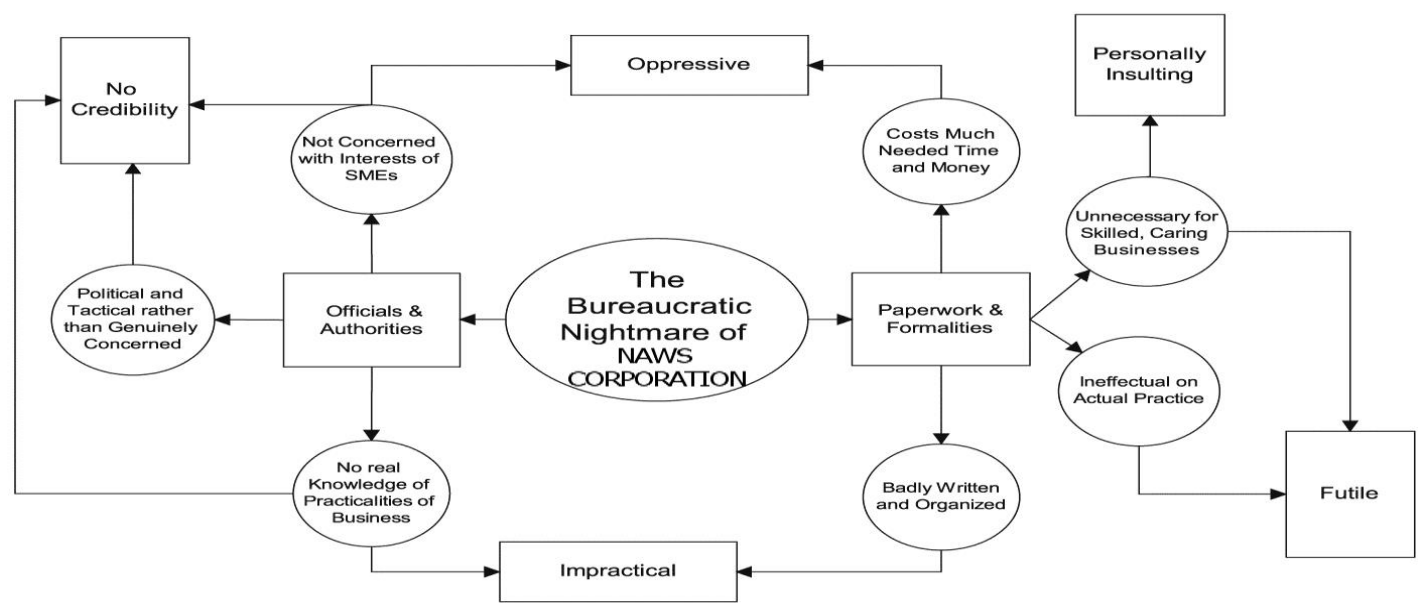
1) Not communicating all World Services activity to our membership in accordance with the principles embodied in our Eight's Concept, by suggesting the WSC Participant Discussion Board be hidden from all the members of the fellowship except WSC participants, and continuing to minimize what is captured in their official, legal corporate record, the WB minutes.

2) Not providing support and administration for all World Services meetings, by not working with regions to help ensure the regional proposals were CAR ready for the WSC and dishonestly informing regional delegates that their proposals were CAR ready.

{Finally,}

NAWS News June 2013

"We will continue our practice of minimizing what is captured in our legal corporate record because a longer record seems to only lead to misunderstandings. Our minutes represent only a snapshot in time of ongoing discussion, and are simply a legal document that we are required to keep. WE will report what is legally required : those present, topics discussed and decisions made."





Core Issues

Mar. 2014 Vol.2 Issue 3

By: Lester O.



Fan Page – “coreIssues”

website – www.nacoregroup.org

Projects:

NA Views – Go to NA Views – USSC and take a look at what is possible through this amazing venue. We will do more in future but the shares here are worth viewing because they give good examples of what members can share from the heart.

– Considering new location... How about 100,000 members showing up to have a good time, the NA way! Hey, let’s call it Cleanstock! Why not in Lexington, Kentucky, at and near the original site of 12 Steps for addicts seeking recovery!

Did You Know:

1. World services considers themselves exempt from the NA 12 Traditions?
2. Homeland Security states that NA receives no direct support from them.
3. NA ought never be organized.
4. What are the three elements of self-determination?
5. Do you think spiritual growth is important?
6. How do you describe spiritual growth?
7. What’s the difference between individual opinion and efficiency?
8. Do you believe the spiritual dominates the mental and physical realms?
9. What about body drugs in recovery?
10. Did you know that many members attend big conventions with funds paid by a treatment center?
11. Did you know the 12 Steps and Traditions are spiritual principles whereas the 12 Concepts are corporate principles?
12. **What have we learned since 1990?**

nacoregroup.org – Made link to youtube.com to make it easier to get to our video clips.