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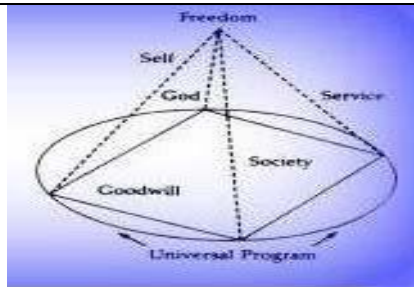
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Goals and Purposes

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.

**Yours in Loving Service,
Lester O.**

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Summary of Core Group Discussions for the Month of February



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"Birds born in a cage think that flying is an illness."

From Emails:

"Fear makes us weak. Information makes us stronger."

Important items from last five years.

1. USSC - Vito asked for plan of action.
2. FA 1 – Wichita – 260 members showed up.
3. Wichita Informational Booklet around 40 pages to inform attendance.
4. Wichita FA 1 – Minutes – took 90 days to get minutes out. We still do not know reason for delay. Secretary posted they came out in three weeks.
5. Disconnect - gap between world services and Membership.
6. Kansas City – Service Center planned but fell through.
7. Jacksonville, Florida – Global NA planned but fell through.
8. Grey Book with Stories – well received by membership and first 100 copies distributed.
9. Just for Tonight – 400 quotations earmarked, many with essays. Calendar year developed and quotes assigned. Planning face to face to develop essays, daily prayer and thought for each day.

[Alan Davis](#) One such game commonly used to engineer "consent" by certain leaders is known as the Delphi Technique and/or the Alinsky Method. If you've been broken into groups of 8 or so at any service forum, you have likely been manipulated by this. This video explains how it works from the manipulators side, and how to effectively combat it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpDrbYkgRng>



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[Bill Fritz](#) *created a doc.*

ONLY WITH VIGILANCE

The Spiritual organization known as the Fellowship of **Narcotics** Anonymous is a simple yet complex entity. The simple task is to provide a method for one addict to help another in regularly scheduled meetings. The complex task has become the management of a corporate structure that now consists of offices on three continents, with a multimillion dollar annual budget. The merging of two different philosophies, the spiritual with the corporate, if it needs to be merged at all, is something that requires intricate application of principles, and those principles should be spiritual not corporate. There is a built in resistance by NA members to anything that may seem critical of the existing corporate structure known as Narcotics Anonymous World Services (NAWS). However, if we expect Narcotics Anonymous to be available for future members, we should all open our minds and begin paying close attention to what's happening within this corporate structure. If we have to have a Corporation, how can we hold it accountable, how can we ensure that it does not ride on our name, and how can we guarantee that it sticks to only printing and distributing our literature. Corporations don't work Steps and corporate directors only have one responsibility, and that is to increase the corporation's profits, not to carry the message to the addict that still suffers, that's our primary purpose.

In 1998 our old corporate identity, the World Service Office Inc.'s (WSO) by-laws were amended by a vote of the World Service Conference (WSC) to change the legal name of the WSO to Narcotics Anonymous World Services Inc. The motions that brought about this change were written about in the Conference Agenda Report (CAR) by the WSO Board of Directors. Here are the two motions: "To approve the inclusion of the words '*Narcotics Anonymous*' in the name of the legal entity for the new World Board," and "To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, by changing the name of the World Service Office, Inc. to Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc." How can we pretend to be following our Traditions and allow this to continue? Our Tradition on this is clear, we are instructed to not, "lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise." The creation of a corporation to produce and distribute our literature is the creation of a related facility. Here is what's in our Basic Text. "Our Sixth Tradition tells us some of the things we must do to preserve and protect our primary purpose. This Tradition is the basis for our policy of non-affiliation and is extremely important to the continuation and growth of Narcotics Anonymous." The Sixth Tradition goes on to warn us what may happen: "lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose". Currently, NAWS Inc. is perusing affiliations with outside enterprises under the guise of Public Relations work, when our Traditions tell us that our public relations policy should be based on attraction rather than promotion. The 6th Tradition goes on to warn us, "When we as a group waver from our primary purpose, addicts die who might have found recovery."

California State Laws are very logical with respect to corporate responsibilities. A Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation exists to serve any public or charitable purpose. The State Law is very clear about who can insure the corporation is living up to its responsibility. "The accounting books and records and minutes of proceedings of the members and the board and committees of the board shall be open to inspection upon the written demand on the corporation of any member at any reasonable time, for a purpose reasonably related to such person's interests as a member." However, there are no members of NAWS Inc., according to the "Restated Articles of Incorporation" filed with the California Secretary of State, on May 6, 1998: "Article VI – 4. The corporation has no members." How can this be possible? Did we create a related facility only to then allow it to not grant us membership privileges?

If we need to have a corporation then we must insure that it's going to be directly responsible to those it serves. Financial accountability should be at the top of that list. However, that is currently not the case. The following language in the 2008 CAT created a major change in financial accountability. "First, we are proposing a change to the publication date of the *NAWS Annual Report* (from September to the end of the year) so that we can include the figures from the end of the year audit as a regular practice. At the last two conferences, participants preferred delaying publication to include these figures. This revision would make an end of the year publication date standard practice." "Second, we are eliminating the Quarterly Report since we send out a financial snapshot in *NAWS News*." The WSC participants approved both of these changes in "New Business" May 2, 2008.

This is how it was published in the 2008 CAT:



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NA World Services, Inc., Annual Report

The *NA World Services Annual Report* provides a summary of the activity of World Services for the prior fiscal year and includes the audited financial statement and all contributions received for that fiscal year. It is released around the end of the calendar year, as soon as possible after the audit is finalized. It is distributed to regions and conference participants.

This is the way it was described in the *2004 – 2006 Guide to World Services*:

NA World Services, Inc. Annual Report

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Quarterly Report

This report is distributed to conference participants and contains financial and travel information.

A little over a month after the WSC a new set of corporate bylaws had been filed with the State. This became the new wording under: Section 9.04 Annual Report: "The Board shall cause an annual report to be sent to the Board members after the audit is performed and accepted by the board after the end of the Corporation's fiscal year." And this is the way it read before the change. "The Board shall cause an annual report to be sent to the Board members within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of the Corporation's fiscal year." The reporting timeframe was completely eliminated through this action. The way it was worded in the 2008 CAT was not the way the wording was changed with the State.

On September 5, 2015 the NAWS Annual Report was posted on the web site for physical year 2014. Physical year 2014 was from July 1st, 2013 to June 30th, 2014. The Annual Report came out an entire year later than it would have without the change. NAWS Inc. had to get the WSC to approve the change so they could amend the corporate by laws that are required by the State: "ARTICLE 13. AMENDMENTS - The Board may adopt, amend or repeal the Articles of incorporation and Bylaws at any regular or special meeting, with the intention that such acts be taken in a manner consistent with the will of the WSC whenever expressed." The will of the WSC was not to delay the publication of the Annual Report by a full year. The will of the WSC was to believe what they were told, that the "revision would make an end of the year publication date standard practice." How can we make rational decisions about financial matters when we are given out dated information?

The Quarterly Reports that were stopped completely because they claimed the information was being provided in *NAWS News* was another misrepresentation of the facts. The November 2005 *NAWS News* was the last issue to have contained any type of significant financial information, but no travel information was provided. Trusting a corporation is not the same as trusting an individual. The terminology about both of these proposed changes in the 2008 CAT were not signed by an individual. So who can we hold accountable for the dishonest way they were presented to the WSC, and how can we correct this troubling situation from negatively affecting us in the future?

Additionally, if NAWS Inc. is a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and registered with the United States Government as a tax exempt organization, why are we not up to date on filing our taxes? How can delaying our filing reduce the tax burden of a tax exempt organization? According to the California Attorney Generals web site the NAWS Inc. is currently 3 full years late.

When we show up to NA most of us have had enough of our own dishonesty and the dishonesty of those around us. It's refreshing to show up to meetings where our fellow members are practicing honesty, a Spiritual principle, which in turn helps us to become more honest with ourselves and others. If we have to have a corporation, then let's get honest about what we want from that corporation and how we want the corporation to be responsible to us. Let's insure that any changes to the corporate by-laws are presented honestly to the WSC, let's ensure that the election process for the Board of Directors of the corporation are held completely



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separate from the board itself, let's ensure that financial accountability is restored to a quarterly and annual basis, and above all else let's reclaim our primary purpose as a fellowship by remembering we keep what we have only with vigilance.



WHEN IT WORKS: practicing these principles in all our affairs

Registration is only \$25.00 T-Shirts available \$15.00

All proceeds go towards food, facility fee and literature for newcomers in our area.

No one turned away for lack of funds, bring a newcomer; bring your children and family members!

From a concerned member - Draft

NAWS
Audit Committee
Chats worth, CA

Dear Audit Committee:

NAWS has always answered question 83a (Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications). However, for over ten years every copy of the form 990 presented to the membership has either had the donor names and addresses blanked out or the entire part four schedule B removed.

Because question 83a has consistently been answered erroneously we believe that NAWS has not been eligible for exempt tax status for over ten years. We believe a random IRS audit would result in an audit adjustment of over thirty million dollars including penalties and interest.

We therefore request a provision on the financial statements for a liability of \$30 million dollars and a footnote to the financial statements disclosing the above.

In addition, because of the above we believe that all of the executive staff of NAWS is subject to the RICO Act with prison terms of 20 years per count. This could result in all the executives very easily doing multiple 20 year sentences in a federal prison leaving



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NAWS with no viable management structure. We believe this likely risk should also be divulged in a footnote to the financial statements.

Further since the audit committee would also be serving multiple twenty year prison terms, we ask that a backup audit committee be selected.

In addition, since the partners of the independent CPA firm would also likely be serving multiple twenty year sentences, we ask that a backup CPA firm be selected and put on retainer.

We believe this is all imminent since there is a ten percent finders fee for turning in tax evaders and the reward is likely to cause this to occur especially since NAWS routinely ridicules its most dedicated and loyal long term members.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

cc: Independent CPA firm

SEE essay in Addendum A

John Ford

January 24 at 5:54pm

I heard a new term that a WB member called a non-conforming trusted servant: dark sider! I want to be one!

Discussion:

- 8:30 Open:
- John F. – Doing OK...
- Bo – Nobody can change direction of the wagon without getting a new driver.
- John – Told Tom M. agreed with my viewpoint by a local member and I asked him in front of 50 members and he attacked me.
- Bo – You can't make progress with those after personal or political power.
- John – NAWS tax return 990 to Cal missing list of contributors, was blanked out by sheet of paper photocopied covering the list. Only about \$150, 000 or so. The return was rejected by California.
- Bo – Why are the WSO tax returns always two years late?
- John – The form 990 required preparer to enter names and addresses. Contributors must be listed. Have to respond in 30 days or tax exempt status will be revoked. So why are they so concerned about their list of contributors? My guess is Drug Court is giving them money to pay for DC attendance.



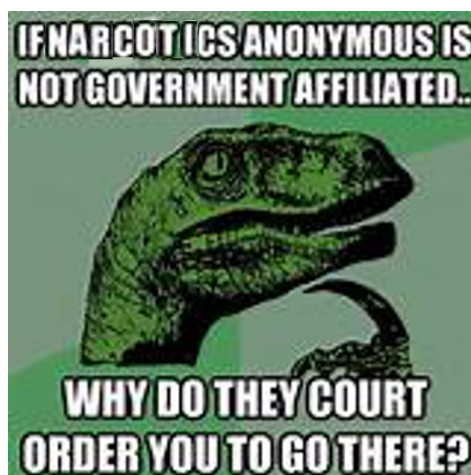
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- Bo – DC may not understand our principle of non-affiliation. If this is the case, it is evidence of affiliation, right?
- Mitch – Can you give info to the core group when you get it?
- John – Sure, it has gone on for over ten years. Stupid to risk non-profit status. In 2010 decided not to tell California State. That's ten years of tax evasion. 100% penalty each year of occurrence. Could be contributions from TC's, Corps, Drug Court, whoever. Thought about driving to Sacramento State Capitol. Put lots of time on this.
- Bo – pretty soon they will realize they live in a glass house. Hard to cover things up.
- John – Might have to get a Senator to go to bat for us. Congress already cutting funding to IRS. Think letter from State of California may have made them nervous. NAWs uses CPA firm in San Francisco for some reason. I would be outraged for them to risk our NA non-profit status!
- Bo – Had great time in Greenville! Jewel like perfection of love and caring. Really, really good convention. Stayed with sponsor and met great new friends as well and visiting with old, multi-decade friends!
- John – Members here think coming in through Drug Court is the only way to get clean now.
- 9:50 – John led closing prayer, "God grant me . . ."
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"Birds born in a cage think that flying is an illness."

"Agentic State"

A person has a choice. Once you become an agent of authority, it is impossible to go back. When you walk down the street, you carry a very special gift - your consciousness. It can guide you around obstacles or pull a child out of the path of a speeding car. This gift is tempered by another few gifts, including restraint and discipline. Among these gifts is something called an

"Agentic State."

This is a gift that allows for teamwork and coordinated group action. You - or I - become an agent of a leader person or group identity. We do what we are told and we transfer some of the responsibility for our actions. Another gift is "critical thinking" which tracks our actions and that of our leaders. If either conflicts with our morals or personal standards, we can stop and re-consider. We can reflect and decide to continue our allegiance to our leaders or take a stand on moral grounds or personal standards. This state was detailed in a Netflix movie "The Experimenter." Even consideration of the subject was met with hostility and administrative sanctions. Yet so many of us have heard of the experiment where a person in one room asked questions and if the person in an adjacent room failed to answer correctly, the questioner flipped a switch shocking the other person with increasing voltage, up to 450 volts. And yet the



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questioner kept going all the way up to the maximum voltage. Google it if you need more details.

The real question was why would an apparently 'normal' person inflict pain and risk damage to someone for the sake of a collegiate experiment? Why did they keep going? One Dutchman refused to continue and left the building! He had the 'critical thinking' ability and would not do as he was told! For years now, those who resisted the changeover to 'corporate thinking' have silently resisted by leaving NA. Or by deadening their reactions to the spin-mastering and steady semantic encroachment by a corporate entity at odds with our spiritual program. Imagine the power of a program that can hook up with a divine force of loving creation! Who would be against such a miraculous undertaking? And yet opposition to the corruption is filled with anger and deprecation! NA goes on with or without corporate approval!

The latest indication of the mindset which makes an enemy of those who disagree with dismantling the process we call 'group conscience' is to label us as the 'darkside.' Hmn, really? How about surrender, love and caring and spiritual awakening? Are they side dishes or the main course? I have heard in an NA meeting lately that self-will is an egocentric think tank. To activate group conscience we have to drop our ego barriers.

Some 'mental health' might be called 'enforced mind control.' We live in an enforced conformity culture. The Holy Inquisition tortured and killed people over belief. Did you know that those accused of witch craft could have exonerated themselves by simply admitting to casting a spell on their neighbor or being a practitioner of witchcraft? They went to be burned at the stake rather than admit to the falsehoods of their accusers.

In light of all this, critical thinking is a real blessing because it allows us to hold up their actions and beliefs to the highest standard a person can have, their own inner voice.

All it takes...

All it takes is one RD and the house of cards blows down. What does World Service do for you? Have you heard of the BCD or the LQW? Confusion results from multiplicity of terms designed to keep you off balance. A stable, long standing service structure allows members to participate and build on the accomplishments of their predecessors instead of reinventing the wheel. How about asking hard questions, "What do you do with the money?" Why do we have to wait for an IRS Form 990 to find out what WSO spent two years ago? Isn't there a line in the form



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that addresses keeping the membership informed? How about creating a committee to investigate the methods and functions of the growing complexity of what used to be a structure designed to serve the Fellowship in ways developed at through our representative service body? This is conservative, not radical.

Is it possible to restore group conscience to our world service structure? Of course it is. That's what ongoing inventory is all about. Don't look back, find ways to combine efforts among the greatest worldwide movement for recovery ever mounted. It takes some sweat and tears but the feelings are worth it. Those who do nothing will look back on the countless missed opportunities and wonder, "What did I do to help?" We all know that the Traditions are not made to be violated. We have only to act on the common faith held by all of us all these years! The cure for our service structure is for some RD to awaken and rally a reformation movement. We know we have to keep our service loving and spiritual or we will fall into the ego barriers we know so well. We don't want more disputes based on questionable information or needless conflicts. Patience, humility and tolerance will guide us. Money, property and prestige will divide us. – Bo

Discussion:

8:30 Open:

- Bo – Check out the Netflix movie "The Experimenter" which covers one of the most famous and well known experiments on human nature I know of. It costed the man who conducted and experiment on how normal people will follow orders they personally disagree with where they blindly accept orders from a superior.
They may be loving, brave and kind as long as it is convenient, no cost to them and don't have to go out of their way.
- Brennan – I am from Chicago, recently moved to Gran Rapids, Michigan. Fellowship here much like John describes in Kansas City, Missouri. In Chicago I had an identity group of around fifty members of NA. Here there a few services, feeling of being cut off, need for multi-area learning day! No formats, no topic meetings, don't know recovery, no IP's on tables, no Basic Text. Strange. Moved to Grand Rapids. NA meetings in Kalamazoo are



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good, Battle Creek is dead, full of court slip attendance, a few good face-to-face members.

- Bo – NAWS controls the NA press. We are the NA loyal opposition, we discuss core issues within NA and try to give voice to our joy and freedom. Do not try to slam others or claim to have all the answers. Not rabble rousers.
- John F – Have 32 years clean, not welcome in local KC fellowship, won't sign court slips, not allowed to read standard NA readings at opening of an NA meeting, finally found a good NA meeting – seven hours round trip from Kansas City, MO.
Haven't seen four year chip given out since moving to Missouri. No chips locally between three and eleven years. No substantial recovery. Just have to accept things the way they are. Consensus among local members about me: I am too rigid. Many text their Fourth Step to their sponsor. My sponsor won't return phone calls. Missouri has more Drug Court meetings than any other state. Also, Missouri has a program for truck drivers that requires they go to NA only. Hires NA members to work the state program. Started sort of AA/NA meetings based on Basic Text. Truckers off methedrine and back on their jobs driving trucks after ninety days.
- Brennan – Are the AA/NA meetings on local NA meeting directory?
- John – Can't find a real NA meeting in Missouri, can find them in Kansas. Really bizarre.
- Bo – Found new meaning the word 'prayer' from our Eleventh Step. From ancient Samarian it is 'works for.' Like when you pray, you beseech your higher power. You are a supplicant, like asking a boss for a raise. Pray tell, look up to those who came down to earth from above. Interesting. Prayer has word usage, sense of time. Left lobe of the brain.
- John – Pray thee...
- Brennan – asking for, as in "believing to your spirit..."
- Mitch – from Hebrew – translation or transliteration as in 'allude to.' Great quote.
- Bo – 11th Step – as in supplication... World Board member calling us "the darksiders" "All evil needs to win is that good men do nothing."
- Group – Talked about new "Grey Book Group"



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- Brennan – Studied the *NA Way of Life* book in Chicago. There are a few members in Grand Rapids who also study NAWOL. Also Kalamazoo.
- Bo – *NA Way of Life* book started in living room of Mike D who now lives in Gross Point Communities in Detroit.
- Brennan – I live fifteen minutes from the spiritual retreat at Gull Lake, near Kalamazoo.
- Mitch – February 1st my Mom died. February 10th my clean date!
- Bo – Happy anniversary Mitch! Whoo Hoo! Clean time is groovy, man!
- Mitch – Brennan, it is great you're on core group.
- Brennan – 1st five years in Chicago, 1 year here in Grand Rapids.
- Mitch – How are meetings there?
- Brennan – AA/NA – no topic discussion, lotsa court slips. Bizarre – Took NA in Chicago for granted.
- John – Kansas City – checking for badges at convention. I was told it was in Basic Text where it said we are self-supporting through our own contributions – money paid to convention was self-supporting, despite bulk of it going to NAWS, not local service.
- Mitch – 7,000 people at convention center not NA. Meeting marathon not NA. Main speaker meeting not NA, to get in meeting have to pay.
- Brennan - \$140,000 paid by NAWS for new service structure – the structure is an 'Intellectual Property.' Buying stuff we did not ask for...
- 10:20 – Brennan led Serenity Prayer, "God"

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Other good closing prayers....

"They say a picture is worth a thousand words. But what if it reflects not reality but an agenda? In this age of airbrushed magazine covers, computer-generated images, reality TV, and phony viral video, have words lost meaning? Or have they become more important than ever?"

"Dear God,

Please protect and provide for me. Guide and illuminate the path of my pilgrimage. Grant me courage, commitment and strength. Teach me to care and give without reservation. Remind me of gratitude and principle.



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Please allow me to recognize your presence in me and around me and allow my life to be a reflection of your love.” From Greg Pierce

“Nothing blinds a person like fanaticism
which is just an outward expression of obsession.”

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

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Fan Page – “**coreIssues**” on Face Book

Recorded weekly meetings of the core group. We have downloads from all the calls to date. Listing is a chore. Some may not be on our hard drives but no one has asked about them and we go where you directs us with emails or phone calls. You can still dial in for recording of last Tuesday night call by using access code. The downloaded calls I can send you if you need them. – Bo

NA Lite:

Don Depresso Gets Evicted





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"Our best dreams become memories in recovery."

Vito - Clean date 2.14.60 - 56 years ago!

Discussion:

8:30 Open:

- Bo – We are planning a face-to-face meeting at the East Coast Convention of NA. Contact either Mitch or myself if you want to input or make suggestions.
- Mitch – Participating in a Grey Book Study Guide with member Paul D. from Liverpool in the UK. We use Google Hangouts at 4:30 pm on Thursday afternoons. Five hour difference. So it is ten o'clock there.
Bo – The coreIssues newsletter has been going out a few years now. Great job Lester! Kermit sent me some stuff on Just For Tonight. Remember, our efforts may seem tiny compared to the magnitude of our problems but every lock has a key. I think the key is love.
- Mitch – did some printing of 1983 Sponsorship Pamphlet.
- Bo – I want some.



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- Mitch – One guy in his circle says unapproved literature just confuses new comers.
- Bo – Some say it is obsolete. What I have learned is ‘if you do not know your origins, you will forever remain a child.’ I think this means you will have to rely on the opinions of others rather than knowing for yourself, from your own experience or study. Good! We are getting under their skin.
- Mitch – Seeking “Seeking Solutions” here. Ha ha. Jeff Paul said, If NAWS decided, like to know when, dates and minutes.
- Lester –
- Two NA meetings using NA historical literature ok.
- Bo – We call it archival literature.

I learned lately that what works for a magician is to get the viewer to confuse the foreground with the background. I think our problem is we see both sides and find it incredible that others see only one side, the side presented repeatedly by the opposition. We need to put our arguments in terms that are intelligible to those we are seeking to reach. Waiting for them to relapse and go away is a cruel solution. With God’s help, we can pray to be used as instruments and work miracles.

I believe in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions to an extent and to a depth that only increased as time and experience goes by. To say that we have a disease that works hard every day and every way to deceive and deny its existence is an understatement. Those of us who have followed the NA way of life for decades still do things that worked for us in the beginning attest to the joy and peace of mind we heard about when we first got clean. We are under attack as individuals and as a Fellowship.

Rather than keeping the Faith and doing what worked for us when we were at our weakest, many find ways to avoid the truth of their own experience. Digging deeper into all that recovery has to offer we find the best is topped again and again if we surrender, seek spiritual growth and continue to help others. Miracles are still available if we follow what worked for us in the beginning, as the old woman said, “If we stop pedaling, the bicycle falls over.”

- Lester –Some areas will make it hard, others won’t. Had NA Way of Life Group listed with na.org. Told area World said it was ok.
- Mitch – 18 people should not have so much power.



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- Bo – World Board is a front organization for WSO. WSO calls the shots.
- Lester – WB have hypnotized them, they have final say so.
- Mitch – total domination.
- Bo – There is no way to get out of the hole without conflict.
- Lester – Will be long drawn out struggle. More members want to express themselves and feel a part of, they want freedom.
- Bo – Keep it coming, this is winning!
- John – New show titled “Vinyl” about early ‘70’s.
- Mitch – Good show.
- Bo – we always have trouble – until the disease goes away.
- Mitch – Have drive through marijuana dispensaries in Oregon or Washington.
- Bo – Lester suggested putting NAWOL report and Grey Book with Stories in coreIssues.
- Lester – Got request to get NAWOL Newsletter. Don’t want to do two newsletters. Still working on NAWOL. Four or five places still working on it. Report all projects working on NAWOL – GBS – Just for Tonight. Most NAWOL people are now core group members.
- Mitch – Shut up cat! She starts screaming when she wants to go to bed...
- Bo – How about it John?
- John – Going OK. No Baby Blues allowed. About the same attitudes in meetings. Meetings smaller.
- Bo – Still no one want to do standard NA meetings?
- Bo – What about RICO?
- John – Interesting, RICO is designed to catch gangsters. Twenty year sentences for Federal Tax Evasion. They have gone after Baseball Teams, Hell’s Angels (got off because they don’t keep minutes!), and Police Departments (non-standard). The Feds see the .org as the victim of criminals. In case of NAWS, they have been falsifying returns for years, going back to 2004 or 2005. Said they informed Fellowship when they did not. More than one person involved qualifies as conspiracy. Funny thing about the Federals accepting tax returns, California would not.
- Mitch – Against our Traditions.



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- John – State of California gave NAWS thirty days to complete their tax returns. Confidential, freedom of information not applicable. Changed their CPA to Northern California. Possibly CPA firm in Los Angeles got copy of the rejection by State of California. Doesn't like bad returns. CPA may have cancelled account. They have they have tremendous liability for 10 years if audited. Hiding names of contributors. Need to pay back taxes with fines. Could lose non-profit and bankrupt WSO. Huge potential liability.
- John – State of California not set up to audit bad non-profits. May make exception. WSO has large reserve.
- Bo – Still violates Traditions and not directly responsible. Of course, they are directly responsible whether they like it or not. Also, malfeasance.
- 10:00 Lester led closing prayer – “Third Step Prayer...”
- Thanks for coming!

Next meetings on February 29th WHICH makes this a leap year AND March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 2016

Other good closing prayers....

“They say a picture is worth a thousand words. But what if it reflects not reality but an agenda? In this age of airbrushed magazine covers, computer-generated images, reality TV, and phony viral video, have words lost meaning? Or have they become more important than ever?

“Dear God,

Please protect and provide for me. Guide and illuminate the path of my pilgrimage. Grant me courage, commitment and strength. Teach me to care and give without reservation. Remind me of gratitude and principle. Please allow me to recognize your presence in me and around me and allow my life to be a reflection of your love.” From Greg Pierce

*“Nothing blinds a person like fanaticism
which is just an outward expression of obsession.”*

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

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Fan Page – “coreIssues” on Face Book



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Recorded weekly meetings of the core group. We have downloads from all the calls to date. Listing is a chore. Some may not be on our hard drives but no one has asked about them and we go where you directs us with emails or phone calls. You can still dial in for recording of last Tuesday night call by using access code. The downloaded calls I can send you if you need them.

- Bo

(No minutes for February 29th,)

Addendum A: for core group members:

May includes some emails or phone conversations
from core group members during past week.

Please select material below and set to 14 point size to read and review following articles. You can reset to 7 point when done or paste to another document. Let us know what you think and like/dislike.

Without including this in our minutes, the situation is almost impossible to believe, much less explain. This is why we need big change now! – Bo S.

Concerned Member sez:

It appears that nonprofits have a lot of protection from being regulated. They are hands off with the IRS and California only has three auditors, just enough to send California notices when the IRS concludes a federal audit and notifies California of the details. California then fires off a notice.

Craftily hiding within a safe haven, the corporation was carefully grown with no ethical compass. Akin to a cigarette company, the health of its customers is irrelevant. Shrewdly driving out its most dedicated members, this insect preys on the lives of its desperate members seeking hope and relief. The Federal Government also has no interest in fighting drug addiction but rather seeks to I extensively sweep the epidemic under the rug similar to its bungling of the AIDS epidemic.

Just as the veterans died before ever seeing a doctor, NAWS too denies care to those seeking information on recovering from the disease of addiction. Seeking financial gain from rehabs, NAWS completely changes the proven rules of recovery to appease the rehabs and its patients.

Cocaine Anonymous similarly ignored the traditions and collapsed overnight. Also HOW the food program collapsed over night as did USSC.

These programs get so far from the truth that at some point they are like Cessna that run out of fuel and fall from the sky.

No one tried to close down CA or HOW. They simply imploded when the members walked away.

However, with the ongoing forced attendance by criminals who are trying to find more ways and means of getting more drugs and hate everything about NA and its dedicated members, no recovery now goes on any more.



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It's one big fraud.

The gap between three and eleven years gets widened by 12 months each year.

Everyone is looking at the guy up front who has twenty years and says it's all due to drug court. No one notices that it's completely ineffective these days. People being drug tested up to three years do stay clean but as soon as the testing ends, they begin drinking with the blessings of the Drug Court itself.

We old timers watch as the drug epidemic roars ahead taking millions with drugs being brought in across open borders by illegals who live in sanctuary cities.

America is like the Panama Canal before DDT or quinine. It's open season on our children who receive no true treatment.

It's all about money for these monsters. And anyone speaking the truth is chastised with no facts to back it up. The new people have been carefully groomed to challenge and refute old-timers. Between NAWS and newcomers the truth has been muzzled.

But a few of us do struggle on arguing that NA is not supposed to be affiliated, that it's a program of complete abstinence and that we believe that the membership should have a voice in the decision making of our fellowship.

This infuriates the other 99.99% of our fellowship who believe that old timers should just leave NA and go away, which most have done. But the new people will not be satisfied till every last one is rid from the organization.

These newcomers have tried everything to run out old-timers and are frustrated at the few who still remain.

But eventually, the last tensing old timer will be gone leaving NA to the leaders whom we don't even know. Persistence will succeed in completing the purging of NA from any spiritual message what so ever. This day will soon come.

Be patient.

Addendum B:

Many of you who were recipients of the N.A.W.O.L. News know that before Core Issues I did the N.A.W.O.L. News from May of 2007 until Feb. 2012. At that time interest in the N.A.W.O.L. Newsletter was dwindling and work on the NA Way of Life Book was nearly at a standstill as far as new writing.

In 2010 the Core Group came into existence intent on forming a United States Service Conference. Due to a split in ideology the Core group split into 2 factions and one group went on to form its own version of a USSC. And the Original Core group continued on with its conference calls to eventually become what it is today which I would best describe as a kind think tank exploring new ideas and informing the NA public about different perceptions on current events within the fellowship of NA. In July 2013 the 1st Core Issues newsletter was pub-



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lished and it became a monthly digest of our weekly core group calls with some personal opinions expressed with our Conference Calls.

In recent months there has been a renewal of interest in the N.A.W.O.L. Newsletter mostly scattered throughout the world. Some wanting to write. Some wanting to edit and some simply requesting to be added to the mailing list simply for the Newsletter without stating which one.

I talked this over with my Sponsor, and since I do not want to publish two different Newsletters it has been suggested that I devote a small portion of the newsletter to N.A.W.O.L. This will commence next month and I will be experimenting with formats. I would also appreciate any feedback.

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