

Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Approved World Board Minutes

5-8 April 2017

Wednesday 5 April

World Board: Arne Hassel-Gren, Odilson Gomes Braz, Tim Smith, Franney Jardine, Tali McCall, Irene Crawley Khalil Johnson, Tonia Nikolinakou, Jose Luis Andreu, Paul Fitzgerald, Mark Hersh, Jack Hovenier, MaryEllen Polin, Tana Agostini

Staff: Becky Meyer, Anthony Edmondson, Eileen Perez

Meeting called to order at 9:01am with a moment of silence, Serenity prayer followed by an overview of this week's agenda. Arne welcomed everyone followed by brief review of the agenda.

World Board Development

The Operating Values Group facilitated a session by Tonia, Tali, Jack on trust, honesty and goodwill which is the theme for this cycle

Future of the WSC

The February 2017 report and proposed conference week changes input will be discussed during Saturday's webinar.

There will always be the issue of creating a synergy with a group that has members that are experienced or less experienced and a high participant turnover. March 2017 conference participant webinar had 80 attendees.

The Board talked about issues/topics in the fellowship as well as discussed topics that seem to be a theme from some small groups. Topics include the FTP site and some of its shortcomings and benefits, CAT access and being World Board leaders,

After discussion, World Board agreed with including CAT ready proposals to be in the CAT as an experiment for this cycle. Proposals must be clear (not just any idea); and lend itself to a yes or no response.

2016-2018 GWSNA

A review of CP input and finalization of the draft for release

Responses will be sent to conference participants that submitted input to the Guide to World Services and the approved draft will be distributed.

Closed Facebook CP Discussion Board Proposal

The proposal is as an experiment invite current cycle conference participants to a private FB page, with moderator continuing in the same capacity as with discussion board. The hope is to see more conference participants engaged and consider the possibilities. The current conference participant discussion board would continue as well.

The World Board does not wish to experiment with a closed conference participant Facebook page.

Any discussion needed about current CP board

Regardless of the lack of participation, conference participants want to have a conference participant discussion board. About seven people use the discussion board to some extent. Its reach or who reads not clear however, seven people do not reflect conference participant's conscience.

The bigger dialog is how you get conference participants talking more in between conference. We are trying new things, asking them to send their ideas, using zoom in different ways. If we frame a dialog with conference participants the question is what is going to get them talking.

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This dialog will be framed for conference participants and occur closer to the WSC.

RD assignments

Discussion encouraging everyone with ideas about how to stay connected with assigned delegates. Webinars are helpful with putting a name to face for both the RD and World Board.

Communication or Questions: encourage RDs to forward questions, concerns, etc. to worldboard@na.org. To allow inquiry tracking and goes in Fellowship Correspondence book for the whole World Board to read.

Assigning non-seated regions to RD/WB list: A Board member proposed including non-seated region to the assigned RD/WB list; allowing stay up to date with information, help them to feel connected to world services.

A couple of board members support encouraging growth and support however if non-seated regions assigned everyone would need to be aware of not giving any false sense of legitimacy. Everyone reminded this is a topic already discussed and the consensus was no.

Next several webinar dates

Conference participant webinar dates

- HRP/CP webinar 10am Pacific June 3
- WB/CP 10am Pacific on June 24, 2017
- WB/CP 10am Pac on September 9, 2017

WB Meeting dates for the rest of 2018

- WB Meeting: 27 June– 30 June 2018 (in Florida depending on hotel availability).
- WCNA 37 30 August– 2 September 2018
- WB Meeting: 28 November – 1 December 2018

No objection to scheduling June 2018 and November 2018 meeting. The WB will let staff know availability.

The meeting ended at 5:46pm

Thursday 6 April

Corporate Responsibilities

The World Board chair opened the meeting at 9:01am with a moment of silence, Serenity prayer and an announcement. A couple of Board member's shared their experience with attempts with reaching out to their assigned RDs.

ASAE Primer magazine also included with board book and believed to be one of the best magazines that summarize board responsibilities.

Approve December 2016 minutes

The World Board December 2016 minutes approved as presented by consensus.

Choose WCNA 37 Theme

The World Board discussed themes ideas for WCNA 37 in Orlando, Florida. The official public notification occurs in NAWS News. WCNA dates already published.

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- Plan on going on sale in August-September 2017
- Also looking into a pre or post cruise
- Convention transportation/busing will not be provided and is not necessary from our current hotels except for those with additional needs

Proposed Product Updates

GP Bookmark set

The GP Bookmark set approved. Draft sample will be sent to the World Board before production.

Changes to the Group Starter Kit (GSK)

World Board agreed to add the group donation box to the GSK. This will be reported to the fellowship. Once catalog reprinted will reevaluate price.

Have two versions of a Group Starter Kit as additional idea

- Beginners Group Starter Kit
- Complete Group Starter Kit (that includes all reading cards)

Bundling the new Key tag and medallions

Tri-plate Medallion and Keychain set approved.

Accounting System

Accounting system taking longer than expected, believe shopping cart launch will occur July along with AX system. Always this depends upon the promptness of vendor delivery.

Service Tools

A discussion of the status of both projects

Local Tools

Local Toolbox report presented. There have been a few meetings as well as Zoom webinars. Fellowship asked to sign up for email list. Whoever expressed interest is e-blasted.

A review draft of CBDM Basics posted to www.na.org. It includes fellowship material as well as improves what we already have.

Events and Conventions

Events and Conventions webpage launched and survey conducted. The group is using Zoom to meet. There is a convention programs piece posted on site for 90-day review and input along with a link to the project survey. Announced in e-blasts is that you do not have to be an interested member to submit input, all input is equal. 130 members signed up for project updates.

Other templates will be used to draft additional pieces; e.g. philosophical, executive (details), references to addendums, similar to the PR Handbook with addendums.

NAWS News is also going to include a little section regarding opportunities for additional ways to get people involved.

Future of the WSC – continue discussion

Framing discussions for the second report focused on seating.

- 1. We need to reduce the size of the conference.**

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2. The move towards CBDM and the value of hearing the voice and not just the vote - discussion to address the fear that we are distancing the groups is something that can be covered in the report.
3. Purpose of the WSC - already established at the last two WSC's
4. Viable options - there seems to be only 2 real choices - regions or some collection of regions

EC had a discussion on Tuesday about the four ideas described above to include in the report and reached an impasse on #4. Item 2 and 3 can be developed and items 1 and 4 need further framing to move the discussion forward.

The World Board using small groups to discuss options.

The board meeting ended at 6:05pm.

Friday 7 April

Facilitation Day with Jim DeLizia

World Board and staff facilitation training

Facilitation Primer April 2017

A leader's most valuable asset is the ability to facilitate a group dialog. A good facilitator can open up thinking; shift a conversation to move project along. Most importantly, a good facilitator has ability to stimulate a feeling of commitment and engagement.

The World Board agreed that they're committed to help each other with facilitation skills and support each other throughout the process.

The chair made a couple closing announcements.

Meeting ended at 5:03pm.

Saturday 8 April

The World Board spent the first half of the morning preparing for the conference participant webinar.

CP Webinar

- Deadlines reported to Conference Participants
 - Environmental Scan – End of April. A summary will be sent after the deadline.
 - Newsletter Guidelines
- Questions read, followed by 45 minutes in small groups to discuss before returning to main room.
- Each group provided a highlight from their small group.
- Chairperson advised the group of the focus for the next conference participant webinar along with a few reminders.
- NAWS News will report future webinar dates:
 - HRP/CP June 3
 - WB/CP June 24 10am Pacific.
 - WB/CP September 9 10am Pacific.

No objections to take the PowerPoint and the zoom audio recording of the main room to create a video, positing a link future page on na.org and see if there is conference participant interest.

World Board Development

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WB recommendations to forward to the HRP

The World Board talked about needs and vacancies for 2018.

Discussion regarding establishing criteria and being clear on what occurs.

The deadline for RBZ is October 31.

Memo from the HRP to the EC

The HRP memo points out a conflict in the Guide to World Service and workgroups. The World Board had no objections with EC having a webinar with Human Resource Panel and reporting to the WB.

Memo from the HRP to CP's

Not in opposition to any suggestion, do not believe a World Board statement is necessary. EC does think its WB responsibility to make an effort to be present on the June 3 webinar. Staff will send a reminder regarding webinar with link.

- HRP Webinar June 3rd at 10am PDT

Review of Action Item List

- Recovery Game project idea: This will be added to the stream for future world convention merchandise ideas consideration.
- Service Key tag project idea: The idea will not be pursued at this time.
- No objection to add push button to the meeting app that creates a link to the current *NAWS News* as a first step.

Discussion continuation from Thursday's Future of the WSC

Where the Conference seems to be:

WSC 2014 seemed like it was moving toward consensus for zonal seating. However, at WSC 2016 no seating option had a majority when polled. Nonetheless, 61% of participants said they wanted some change in representation.

Where we are with the next report:

The EC believes we have enough conference participant ideas on the foundation—why the WSC needs to change in order to better accomplish its purpose and reach our vision to draft this part of the report. We have a lot of data and information to support ideas about the need for change.

Before drafting something on seating, we need to make sure all agree with previous conclusions.

What we recommend to report as the two viable possible paths:

- **Regional representation**
 - **One delegate per region at the WSC**
- **Collection of regions could include**
 - **Zonal representation**
 - **Continental representation**
 - **Shared representation by regions choice**

We have committed to the Conference that we will release a report about Objective 4, Strategy A, and if we can do so this long before the WSC, we have some chance of evolving this discussion in a purposeful way and not simply repeat the lack of movement or leadership in the last two

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Conference cycles. We expect that this first report will cover the variety of options available under each possible direction but not go into any depth. It will be asking for feedback on the report and directions before either direction is further explored.

Iran

Brief discussion regarding finding ways to understand their communication system; their participation is different as well as discover ways to openly get their voices heard. They want to be acknowledged, want their voices heard (not vote). They go to extraordinary length to get their members involved. Their structure is not considered in any discussion in the service structure.

Meeting ended at 4:30pm on Saturday April 8, 2017.