

Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Approved World Board Minutes

19-22 July 2017

In attendance: Arne Hassel-Gren, Odilson Gomes Braz Junior, MaryEllen Polin, Antonia Nikolinakou, Franney Jardine, Irene Crawley, Jacob Hovenier, Jose Luis Andreu, Mark Hersh, Paul Fitzgerald, Tali McCall, Tim Smith. Tana Agostini arrives/d Thursday.

Staff: Anthony Edmondson, Becky Meyer, Eileen Perez, Travis Koplow, Steve Rusch and Jane Nickels.

Wednesday 19 July 2017

9am-5:30pm

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m., a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. The chair welcomed everyone and briefly went over agenda.

Executive Report covers meeting focus for the week and needed decisions. The World Board Chair recapped Executive Committee meeting discussions and decisions.

World Board Development

Operating Values Group facilitated a discussion on *Group Conscience*. It is not a recorded session.

Future of the WSC

Session discussion began with a review of the 24 June webinar small group notes followed by ideas on how to move topic forward and continue engaging conference participants. We still do not have a clear conference participant direction for the Future of the WSC. World Board is not offering any options, only want to identify issues and serve as discussion facilitators - how do we build community? We are getting ready to go into CAR season and as important as the decisions we will make is our process to collaborate and build understanding and consensus.

Webinar participation demographics: average 60 participants (out of 116): 29 U.S. Delegates (RD), 21 U.S. Alternate Delegates (AD), 2 South American RDs, 1 South American AD, 2 EDM participants, 2 CANA participants, 1 Russia participant. The Spanish speaking webinars range from 7-10 participants. There have not been enough conference participants joining webinars to deem a clear direction.

Some ideas for the September 2017 CP webinar:

- Tradition 2 - How do we invite a loving Higher Power?
- Tradition 12 – Our anonymity worldwide and our common bond
- Cycle theme Honestly, Trust and Goodwill

WB will ask participants for ideas on how to stimulate more webinar participation, Board needs more collaboration in order to build consensus.

Can pull environmental scan information for a principle base discussion

The Decision Making group with the Cofacs will flush out the May Future report and new business for the October meeting.

WSC related items

Local Tools, Events and Conventions Discussion

World Board discussed the value of web meetings for interested members to get involved with both projects

Still finalizing drafts; however, the posted drafts are receiving positive input. There will be another CP web meeting September 2017.

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There was no objection to sending out drafts for WB review, then out to conference participants and post on www.na.org as World Board approval drafts. WSC can provide direction on the final approval process.

Cycle 2018-2020 Theme including the WSC

Decision for WSC theme: Upon this Common Ground, We Stand Committed.

WSC Orientation Video

No objection to creating a video, a series of videos or webinars that engage conference participants. An orientation video will also be created.

Initial discussions on 2018 CAR

The World Board reaffirmed the World Board will not be submitting motions in the CAR.

CAR Topic Ideas

Ideas from the Future of the WSC 1st report, collaboration, as well as open to any ideas like building bridges at all levels of service. CAR will include:

- Building bridges on all levels (collaboration)
- Report on the projects for cycle
- IDT report from this cycle
- Information regarding price changes
- Environmental scan summary
- Local Service Tool and Local Service and Events

The World Board will give topics more thought and will finalize by email. The draft survey will be sent to the WB, and then to conference participants for review before finalizing.

World Board Responses to submitted Motions

Process for delegates to submit motions is to submit via email to www.worldboard@na.org. Process for how an idea turns into a CAR motion summarized.

CP Discussion Board discussion

Moderator reported that out of all participants, only a small percentage actually post to the discussion board. The WB thanked moderator for assisting with the discussion board.

Having no further business for the day the World Board meeting ended at 5:19pm

Thursday 20 July

9am-5:30pm

World Board Development

Meeting opened at 9:05am with a moment of silence followed by Serenity prayer.

World Board Discussion names to forward to HRP

Focus of discussion is to determine what demographic and/or skill set may be missing and whether there is additional information to add. There will be nine open slots, which would include board members running again. HRP will receive written recommendations by October.

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EC Selection

The internal EC Selection Group summarized the data gathered and gave report. Also pointed was out that there is a section that allowed additional expression/comments to be shared. Everyone agreed that any experimental process could be put together, tried and tested.

FIPT Inspection Request Discussions with attorneys.

The World Board discussed the FIPT inspection request we received. Our copyright and corporate attorneys were both present and familiar with the request.

Friday 21 July

9am-5:00pm

Strategic Plan Session I

Meeting opened by the chair of the World Board at 9:00am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

This is the first step in creating a draft 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. Today's focus will look at what is going on with trends and include regional responses in review.

Having ended today's discussions the World Board meeting ended at 4:47pm.

Saturday 22 July

9am-5:30pm

Corporate Responsibilities

The chair called meeting to order at 9:03am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer and various announcements.

Approved the April 2017 minutes

Approved the 2017-2018 Corporate Resolutions

Personnel Update provided

A personnel update provided for the World Board.

Discuss proposed price increase

The Business Plan Group reported about their recent meeting.

Final board agreement is to increase 7.5% across the board and Basic Text 5%. Announce the increase effective date (1 July 2018) and future regular price increases, every 2-3 years based on inflation rate.

Trial for supplying NA literature on tablets for use in corrections

Thirteen states including California considering providing inmates pre-loaded tablets. This puts forward an opportunity to offer inmates in the correctional system NA recovery literature as a gratuitous service. In contact with a company that will help facilitate approach and FIPT protection of material assured.

The board discussed the philosophical agreement of pursuing under these circumstances. World Board in favor as long as there is no ability to copy and edit material, the more we can support inmates while incarcerated the better. The WB approved the philosophical direction and fellowship will be notified as

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we proceed.

Approve a return policy

Return policy adopted as amended and sent out for WB review.

WCNA 37 and 38

Registration pricing for WCNA 37

World Board went over working budget, convention dates, possible cruise (either before or after the convention), outsourcing registration, pool parties, registration fees and Saturday night concert depending on cost.

Working budget as presented approved/pre-registration price of \$110.00-\$125.00.

WCNA 38 Location Discussion

Location comparisons presented for Cape Town, So. Africa or Melbourne, Australia. Both have an existing service structure and meetings. Staff will continue researching both locations for viability.

World Board Development

EC Selection discussion

Group met yesterday and talked about needing to hone in some of the responses. Also talked in more depth for a successful strategy for matching talent to task.

Review of Action Item List or minimally the project ideas received

Action Item list not reviewed.

Confirm the Executive Committee

Without objection Arne Hassel-Gren chair, Odilson Gomes Braz Junior vice chair, MaryEllen Polin secretary and Tana Agostini treasurer were affirmed as the 2017-2018 Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm

APPROVED

October 6, 2017