

**Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc.**  
**Approved World Board Minutes**  
**4-7 October 2017**

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

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

**Wednesday 4 October**

**9am-5:30pm**

Arne welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda after which the board began session with Operating Values workgroup on *Speaking the Truth*.

### **WSC Participants**

#### **Review of outcome of September webinar and discuss plans for November and leading up to the WSC. (There should be time Saturday if the discussion needs more time)**

September 2017 Conference Participant (CP) webinar notes posted on the WSC CP FTP site as well as on SharePoint for the World Board. Various board members shared thoughts on September 2017 call.

- Personal connections helped create a positive atmosphere and was a good break from normal conference material.
- The participation number was a bit higher on this call however; only a small number of conference participants join webinars. It may take a commitment from each World Board liaison to contact their assigned Delegate and ask/remind them to join calls.
- Next CP e-blast will include notification that November webinar will focus on the Future 3 report.
- *Instructions*: select someone from small group as a time keeping/watch for 5-min warning.

#### **Previous discussions planned for the November 18, 10am Pacific webinar focus on the Future of the WSC recommendations and updated report, preview CAR in a general sense, and outline the plans between now and the WSC.**

#### **November Topic ideas:**

- Personal experience of preparing for the upcoming WSC.
- Allocate time for experienced individuals to share about the first time at a workshop and/or WSC.
- Provide information on where to find workshops resources and for WSC.

March 2018 orientation will be of interest to conference participants it will contain many new processes and material. All board members are to send in available dates.

#### **Webinar after WSC**

- Orientation: for newer Regional Delegates after the conference to help develop relationship. This will be an ongoing discussion.

### **WSC related items**

#### **Review input received for draft of CAR survey**

#### **Regional and Future report coming to the WB before the CAR draft**

Ideas received from the environmental scan and used to develop CAR survey as a tool. The Board will include as much as possible of all input received from participants.

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**Scheduling of WB meetings for the rest of this cycle**

- June 2018
- August World Convention
- November 2018
- March 2019
- July 2019
- Early October 2019
- January 2020
- Early March 2020

The body affirmed the proposed meeting dates for upcoming cycle including world convention.

**WB Regional Motions Discussion**

The WB discussed their response to each regional motion. Will group similar motions and provide links to information and resources wherever appropriate.

**Thursday 5 October**

**9am-5:00pm**

**Strategic Plan Session II with Jim DeLizia**

Meeting called to order at 9:09am. Chair made a few announcements before beginning session 2 of the strategic plan.

**Session 2 of the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan**

Session 1 focused on the assessment both outside of NAWS and in some cases within NA to develop steps for framing the next 2-year plan. Session 2 focus is goal setting.

The World Board discussed intentional communication and the member's experience when engaging with NAWS. This body as a leadership body must have conversations about where to go, how to do it and have those dynamic conversations with the fellowship.

**Internal Scan: NAWS Performance**

Discussed NAWS performance, strengths, areas for improvement and ways to achieve potential. Discussion followed framing upcoming cycle strategic issues for 2018-2020.

Meeting ended with a WB Sharing Session.

**Friday 6 October**

**9am-5:00pm**

**Corporate Responsibilities**

Meeting opened with a moment of silence, serenity prayer at 9:05am.

**Approve July 2017 minutes**

World Board July minutes approved.

**WCNA 37 Update and any needed discussion about the proposed price**

WCNA registration and lodging went on sale 11 days ago and thus far have sold 3,272 registrations, 97 tables of 10, and 2,000 banquets tickets, about 64%.

Landing page periodically updated with information.

**Legal Items**

Legal items discussed by the board.

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**2018 CAR**

There will be upcoming conference participant mailings; e-blast will include links that take participants to *NAWS News* including reporting *CAR* pricing, final return policy, literature pricing changes and other important information.

CAR will address FIPT, the South Florida Inspection Request, projects, and any updates. The scan data received, the Strategic Plan, proposed ideas for Future of WSC, and other items will be in the CAT materials.

**Saturday 7 October**

**9am-5:30pm**

**2018 CAR**

The chair opened the meeting for business after a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer 9:03am.

**Remote participation at the WSC**

EC discussed trying to make remote participation possible for 2018 discussions sessions only. Recommendation is to find a way to accommodate those with US government visa restrictions and/or other issues beyond their control. to participate during the 2018 discussion sessions only. Policy for voting is that you have to be physically present; however, it would up to WSC to change. Would have to create an agreement for use. Will report in *NAWS News* and asks for conference thoughts.

This will be reported to conference participants

**Proposal to make the decision making threshold for the WB two-thirds (the same as the WB is recommending to the WSC)**

Making decision to change internal guidelines to reflect this change, as an internal standard, no change to Bylaws.

**Regional Report form**

Regional and Future reports will be sent out to the WB for review next week for review and approval.

**Initial discussion CP survey for WSC topics and discussions**

Brainstorm list of ideas for consideration and finalization in December. There will be lots of room for conference participants to share their ideas.

**Action Item List / Project Ideas Received**

EC recommend looking further into the *Welcome A-Frame* for meetings idea (costs, etc.), seems like a good idea.

The World Board affirmed the recommendations:

- Vision Statement poster – Venezuela there was no objection-creating poster. World Board will receive pricing information in the future.
  - Not recommending creating a Vision reading card. – Venezuela Region
- Larger sized Steps and Traditions posters – staff will explore production of larger sized posters.
- Step and Tradition with WCNA signage will research further.

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- A-Frame: will further explore idea of getting frames produced at a reduced rate and make them available directly from company rather than managing in NAWS inventory.

**Discussion Board** update provided to the World Board.

**World Board webinar** the board will submit availability for webinar sometime within first 2-weeks in November.

**Price increase**

Anthony reviewed the initial price increase decision discussion. After reevaluating inflation information and other factors, instead proposing a 6% increase based upon the original inflation period and other cost factors. The Basic Text proposed increase will stay at 5%. Reported in NAWS News.

**World Board Development**

**Self and Peer Evaluations**

The World Board talked about evaluation thoughts, goals, ideas and desired outcome.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm Saturday, October 7, 2017

**APPROVED**

December 7, 2017