



# Who Drove Our CAR Into the Ditch?

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My early sponsor used to say: "Service committees are notorious for getting caught up in their own dust on their road to an uncertain destiny." He also said that "NA should never be run by a bureaucracy or management, nor controlled by individuals within an administrative structure. If we were to allow this, NA would surely lose the best it has to offer and choke to death on our own insanities."

We, my friend, are standing on the brink of just that: What are these Motions, Resolutions, Straw Polls and Proposals from NAWS? With the exception of the one Regional Motion that made it past the hurdles and hoops, what NA group asked for them to be discussed? Who drove our CAR into the ditch? (The CAR is downloadable at [na.org/conference](http://na.org/conference). Username and password are both WSC2012)

Focusing on any of these "ideas" rather than asking the groups of NA how they want and NEED us to help them more effectively carry the message to addicts who still suffer is an earthshakingly blatant violation of the Ninth Tradition - the very idea that founded our creation of a service structure and a World Board in the first place. Our World Board and our office employees should be reminded that they are subordinate to the collective voice of the Regions, and have agreed to take

instruction from the fellowship, regain their decorum, and newly confirm their commitment to be **TRUSTED SERVANTS WHO DO NOT GOVERN.**

There is important work to do; people are DYING from addiction! Now is the time to stop the bureaucratic nonsense. Addicts and trusted servants alike must listen, be directly responsible, and stop contributing to the death rate.

The position of Regional Delegate has never been more important in our history as a fellowship. We must appeal to them to reclaim the Conference Agenda and the WSC. The WSC is \*supposed\* to be a meeting of the Regions of NA, and collectively and cooperatively do what they cannot do on their own - just as an RSC is that for Areas, an ASC is that for Groups, and a Group Conscience meeting is that for NA members. The WSC is NOT a shareholders meeting for NAWS!

Please let's focus away from meaningfully current events that are symptomatic of the disease that has corrupted World Services and focus back on the cure for the disease. The cure is simple, and it starts by returning all World Services to their role as servants of the Regions. The Regions MUST halt NAWS' stranglehold and control over what they claim is theirs to run. Enough!

Our own complacency has created a beast that must be tamed. It is long past time to demand that World Services become directly responsible to us, or to replace it with a genuine SERVICE structure that will be - long past time. To be blindly led into a debate on "ideas" presented by an entity that would rather govern than serve, is to play right into their hands. They're pointing us to the bright shiny object over there, when in reality their sleight of hand is dealing the real deck, stacked against us from the start.

Please, if this strikes ANY chord with you, do two things: 1) Forward this to any and all fellow members and Trusted Servants you know...at your Group, Area, and Region. 2) Take a look at the Statement/Petition [here](#). Copy it, change it at your Home Group, talk about it, pray about it, share about it. Use it, send it, forward it on to your Trusted Servants. Send it to NAWS if you'd like. Just don't believe for a moment that you are powerless over anything but your addiction - you CAN help regain control of the CAR and get it back on the road to recovery.

**Next installment: 2012 CAR review!**