



# Alabama/Northwest Florida Delegate Team Report

June 2006

## Goals for 2006-2008 Cycle

- Hold at least two workshops in each Area (or central location) before October 2007. These workshops will be based on new issue discussion topics selected at WSC 2006 (Building Strong Home Groups and Who Is missing from our Meeting).
- Hold CAR workshops in each Area (or central location) between December 2007 and mid March 2008.
- Attend World Wide Workshop.
- Attend each Area's business meeting at least two times.
- Attend as many Home Group business meetings as possible.
- Attend all Southeast Zonal Forum conferences.
- Attend Florida Region Service Symposium.
- Host Southeast Zonal Forum Conference in the Alabama/Northwest Florida Region as per SEZF Policy.
- Attend Southeast Zonal Forum Car Workshop in January 2008.
- Submit Regional Report to WSC 2008 on February 15, 2008.
- Host Regional Assembly in March 2008.
- Attend World Service Conference 2008.
- Continue developing Regional e-mail and snail mail list.
- Develop guidelines for GSR/Regional Assembly.
- Continue working with Regional administrative staff to develop leadership; better match people with service positions; and work to eliminate the "warm body syndrome" in Regional service..

## **Next Quarter Goals**

- Begin visiting Area and Group business meetings.
- Coordinate with Areas to begin workshop schedule.
- Issue monthly e-mail and snail mail reports.
- Contact all RCMs.

## **Need from the RCMs**

- E-mail addresses of members that would like Delegate Team updates.
- Suggestions as to where and when your Area can host a workshop.
- List of Groups in your Area and when they have their business meetings.
- List of Groups in your Area not affiliated with a service structure.

## **2006 Motions**

Motion 1 – Create a glossary of recovery terms – motion failed.

Motion 2 – Develop an Identity statement – motion failed.

Motion 3 – Change time frame for approval form recovery literature from the current minimum of 150 days to a minimum of one year. This motion was amended by adding language – “...for book length pieces; the World Board may exercise its discretion to set a shorter period for shorter pieces of literature but that period will not be less than 150 days.” With the amendment, the World Board recommended the motion be adopted. This was a display of maturity and unity among all conference participants, and the motion passed.

Copies of all 2006 WSC motions and the 2006 – 2008 NAWS Projects Budget & Project Plan Prioritization are attached to this report.

## **New Issue Discussion Topics and Where They Came From**

Discussions about a group's *Atmosphere of Recovery* began in 2002. In 2004, the fellowship requested a continuation of discussions about an atmosphere of recovery. Topics chosen for the 2004 – 2006 cycle included *Infrastructure*, *Leadership*, and *Our Public Image*. The theme for this cycle's Issue Discussion Topics is *It's All About Carrying the Message*.

The first topic, *Building Strong Home Groups*, is meant to allow members to take a more conscious look at what we do that works and how we might build upon and improve these efforts.

*Who Is Missing from Our Meetings and Why?*, the second topic, stems from asking ourselves, “Who is not getting NA's message?” Previous discussions about a group's

atmosphere of recovery already identified the need to reach people from various racial and ethnic groups, young people, professionals, and people with clean time.

Upcoming workshops will ask questions that focus on ways individuals and groups can begin discussing and addressing these important aspects of carrying the Narcotics Anonymous message.

In loving service,  
Your Delegate Team



## CALENDAR

AL/NWFL RSC – Birmingham, AL	June 24 & 25, 2006
FRCNA-25 – West Palm Beach, FL	June 29 – July 2, 2006
SEZF – Orlando, FL	January 6 & 7, 2007
Florida Region Service Symposium	March 16 – 18, 2007
WCNA 32 – San Antonio, TX	August 29 – September 2, 2007
WCNA 33 – Barcelona, Spain	August 20 – 23, 2009
WCNA 34 – San Diego, CA	September 1 – 5, 2011
WCNA 35 – Philadelphia, PA	August 29 – September 1, 2013

# Old Business

## DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS MOTIONS

The body then discussed the old business motions.

*Motion 1:*

**To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, timeline, and budget for WSC 2008, to create/develop a glossary of recovery terms typically used in Narcotics Anonymous**

Intent: To provide a resource of common meanings for frequently used NA recovery terms.

Maker: Northern New York Region

Gail D (RD, Northern New York) explained that her region strongly believes that the glossary should be made because there are addicts who don't know what recovery terms mean. The board recommended not to adopt because variations in definitions would make it difficult to have a common glossary. There was discussion—both in favor of and against the motion—about a glossary's tendency to standardize definitions. (Ron H (WB) clarified that the "glossary" being discussed is distinct from the glossary used in translations. *Straw poll on Motion #1: Very weak support from the body.*

*Motion 2:*

**To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the development of a fellowship-approved Identity Statement to be presented at WSC 2008.**

Intent: To obtain literature that will recognize the distinguishing characteristics of the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship from other twelve-step fellowships.

Maker: Ohio Region

Roberto J (CF) read Motion #2 followed by board recommendation.

Michael K (RD, Ohio) said that his region feels a standardized identity statement would serve the fellowship better than the multiple versions that are currently being used. The board recommended not to adopt because they are concerned that groups would feel they had to read such a statement if it were adopted on the world level. Discussion centered around issues of group autonomy, whether or not potential members would feel welcome, distinguishing NA from other programs or from treatment options, how to best guide members on use of NA language, and whether or not our current written material addresses the issues adequately. *Straw poll on Motion #2: Very weak support from the body*

*Motion 3:*

**To change the time frame for approval form recovery literature from the current minimum of 150 days to a minimum of one year.**

Intent: To extend the time frame for approval form literature to allow sufficient time to communities who choose to make a rough translation.

Maker: German Speaking Region

Christian F (RD, German Speaking) said that there are a number of people in his region who don't speak English, but his region wants to be part of the process. The board recommended not to adopt because the time for review and input would be reduced. Among the points brought up during discussion were the opportunities prior to approval to affect a piece of literature, the speed (or lack thereof) of the literature development process, our tendency to procrastinate, the fact that a non-English-speaking community has a second chance after a piece of literature passes, and the desire to reflect the worldwide nature of our fellowship as much as possible. Bob J (WB Chair) clarified that this motion would not apply to the Basic Text project unless the conference took special action. *Straw poll on Motion #3: Weak support from the body*

*MOTION #27:*

**Amend Motion 3 by adding language – "...for book length pieces; the World Board may exercise its discretion to set a shorter period for shorter pieces of literature but that period will not be less than 150 days."**

Intent: To allow flexibility for shorter pieces where a one year minimum is not necessary.

Maker Jeremy F (RD, New England)/ Larry K (RD, Wisconsin)

Jeremy F (RD, New England) explained that this would give people an opportunity to participate without slowing down the release of shorter pieces of literature. The World Board recommended to adopt the amendment to allow for more flexibility in project planning. *Straw poll on Motion #27: Support from the body*

### **OLD BUSINESS DECISIONS**

Following discussion on the old business motions, Mark facilitated the decision-making on these motions.

*It was M/F Northern New York Region, Motion #1:*

**To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, timeline, and budget for WSC 2008, to create/develop a glossary of recovery terms typically used in Narcotics Anonymous**

*It was M/F Ohio Region, Motion #2:*

**To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the development of a fellowship-approved Identity Statement to be presented at WSC 2008.**

*It was M/C German Speaking Region, Motion #3:*

**To change the time frame for approval form recovery literature from the current minimum of 150 days to a minimum of one year.**

*Amendment: It was M/S/C Jeremy F (RD, New England)/Larry K (RD, Wisconsin), Motion #27:*

**Amend Motion 3 by adding language – “...for book length pieces; the World Board may exercise its discretion to set a shorter period for shorter pieces of literature but that period will not be less than 150 days.”**

*It was M/C by unanimous consent World Board, Motion #4:*

**To adopt the WSC 2004 Minutes.**

The session closed at 4:45. Mark reminded participants that the next session would begin at 5:15 pm

## **New Business**

*It was M/C by unanimous consent World Board, Motion #5:*

**To adopt Chapters One through Nine, the preface, and the conclusion of the proposed *Public Relations Handbook* as a replacement for the current *A Guide to Public Information***

*It was M/C by unanimous consent World Board, Motion #6:*

**To adopt Chapters 10–13 of the *Public Relations Handbook***

*Amendment to Motion #6: It was M/C by unanimous consent by Bob J (WB Chair) for the World Board*

**“,these chapters will be adaptable and revisable with World Board approval”**

*It was M/C by unanimous consent World Board, Motion #7:*

**To approve the proposed Public Relations Statement as a replacement to the current Public Relations Statement of Purpose in *A Guide to World Service in NA* on page 34. This statement would also be added to *A Guide to Local Services* and the *Public Relations Handbook*.**

*It was M/C by 2/3 majority World Board, Motion #8:*

**To allow the World Board to approve the resource material used as Addenda in the *Public Relations Handbook* on an ongoing basis.**

*Amendment to Motion #8: It was M/S/C Peter H (RD, Greater New York) / Louis H (RD, Chicagoland),*

**“including preface, foreword, glossary of terms, and appendix, etc.”**

*It was M/C by 2/3 majority World Board, Motion #9:*

**To adopt the proposed Area Planning Tool.**

*Amendment: It was M/S/C Jimmy S (RD, Chesapeake & Potomac) / Ron M (WB)*  
**“...which will then be adaptable or revisable with World Board approval.”**

*It was M/F World Board, Motion #10:*

**To recognize Bluegrass Appalachian as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.**

*It was M/F World Board, Motion #11:*

**To recognize North Carolina as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.**

*This motion went to a standing vote which had 40 in favor. There was then a motion to reconsider which failed.*

*It was M/C World Board, Motion #12:*

**To recognize Iran as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.**

*It was M/C unanimously World Board, Motion #13:*

**To recognize South Africa as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.**

*It was M/C unanimously World Board, Motion #14:*

**To recognize Western Russia as a seated World Service Conference participant beginning at the close of WSC 2006.**

*It was M/S/C by 2/3 majority David J (WB) / Cedric S (RD, Western New York), Motion #30:*  
**To remove the Convention Guidelines from the World Services inventory.**

*It was M/S/F (26-67-1) Nick C (RD, New Jersey) / Debbie E (AD, Show-Me), Motion #26:*  
**To direct the World Board not to hold a common needs/special interest workshops at the world convention 2007. And not to hold said workshops at any convention without a motion going to groups in the CAR.**

*It was M/S/C by 2/3 majority Greg W (RD, Arizona) / Rick W (RD, Region 51), Motion #28:*  
**To allow the World Board to develop and approve service related information pamphlets and tools for distribution to the fellowship.**

*It was M/S/C by 2/3 majority Toby G (RD, Spain) / Debbie E (AD, Show-Me), Motion #29:*  
**To direct the HRP and the World Board to create a simple one to two page form for the World Pool. This form would be used for the workshops, workgroups, and other activities. It would be easily translated and used by those not interested in seeking nomination to a WSC elected position.**

*It was M/S/C (52-26-3) Richard S (RD, Mountaineer) / Darryl L (RD, Greater Philadelphia), Motion #34:*  
**To direct the World Board to reinstate the Consensus-based Decision Making at the WSC Project for 2008.**

*It was M/S/C (69-22-3) Larry K (RD, Wisconsin) / David J (WB), Motion #33:*  
**That common needs workshops be held at WCNA-32.**

*It was M/S/Committed to HRP Dale W (RD, Georgia) / Richard S (RD, Mountaineer) Motion #35:*  
**That any nominee for a WSC position be endorsed in writing by an RSC. During the reference interview phase a letter will be sent to the RSC listed on the candidate's World Pool Information Form requesting a written recommendation. In the case where no RSC exists then the candidate will reference their ASC.**

*It was M/S/C Richard S (RD, Mountaineer) / Larry K (RD, Wisconsin), Motion #36:*  
**To direct the World Board to inform conference participants of any adopted project it wishes to eliminate.**

*It was M/S/Committed to HRP John F (RD, Panama) /Cesar G (RD, Guatemala), Motion #37:*  
**That the Human Resource Panel present to this conference the evaluation criteria, grading or weighing that were used in order to select the candidates that qualify in order to be able to be eligible as members of the World Board and Human Resource Panel and that the candidates are informed in a prudent way the reason why they were not selected for the final list.**

## 2006-2008 NAWS Projects

### BUDGET & PROJECT PLAN PRIORITIZATION

*Thursday 27 April 2006*

After unanimously passing Motion #25: "To adopt the revised 2006-2008 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget," and adopting each project plan by individual motion, the conference gave a sense of their priorities through a non-binding straw poll that ranked projects "high," "medium," or "low" priority. Each participant was given one vote per category.

WB Ranking	Project Plan	High	Medium	Low
Essential or Carryover	Basic Text Workgroup	103	3	2
	Business Plan Workgroup	62	34	4
	Fellowship Issue Discussions	84	17	2
	Implementation of the PR Handbook	81	15	4
	Training & Orientation	50	42	12
	Workshops	60	29	11
Priority Ranking	Basic Service Material	39	55	14
	Targeted Literature	68	30	7
	Public Relations Development	61	38	4
Second Priority	NAWS Communications	59	35	7