

**NAR-ANON 2008 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE'S  
CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT **REVISION #1****

Due to an oversight when composing the CAR the fourth motion from Florida was left off the CAR when it was originally sent out on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007. This motion was submitted before the deadline for submission of motions on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 it has been added to the CAR and it will be added to the list of motions to be dealt with at the conference. Revisions to the CAR have been highlighted in red.

Greetings from the Nar-Anon 2008 World Service Conference Committee. We are writing this report to send to all registered Regions, Delegates, Alternate Delegates, World Service Committees and the World Service Board of Trustees in preparation for our "Continuing the Vision" 2008 Nar-Anon World Service Conference (hereafter WSC), which will be held May 2 through May 5, 2008, at the Marina Hotel in San Pedro, California. This Conference Agenda Report (hereafter called "CAR") will only be available for this conference in English, but registered non-English speaking international regions may translate it into their own language.

Our first "official" Nar-Anon World Service Conference was held April 29 through May 2, 2006. We had 36 in attendance, which included Delegates from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Japan, Alternate Delegates, members of the Board of Trustees, and Nar-Anon members. We accomplished a lot at our first conference. We wrote our Nar-Anon Preamble, and Vision/Mission Statement. We approved literature that was written by Nar-Anon members from around the world and we approved our very own 365-day daily reader called Sharing Experience, Strength and Hope "SESH." We also have new pamphlets and a yearly journal. We approved the Nar-Anon Guidelines for Assembly Region and World Service Conference Delegates, and officially approved the Bylaws of Nar-Anon. We voted in 6 new Trustees from members of the fellowship around the world. Our Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Trustees made a commitment to join the World Service Committees (literature, policies and guidelines, public information/hospitals and institutions, and events) so that the work we had started at the 2006 conference would be continued to further the growth of Nar-Anon. We left the 2006 conference with a feeling of accomplishment and a desire to continue moving forward.

This CAR is a tool through which we are able to communicate with the Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Trustees, World Service Committee members and all interested members of Nar-Anon, the issues that we hope to address at our 2<sup>nd</sup> WSC. By putting together this report, our hope is that each Region will pass this information to not only their Areas, but to each Nar-Anon Family Group, so that every participating member in our fellowship, worldwide, will be able to review and voice their opinion at the Group level. Our hope is that each Group's conscience will filter on to the Area and then to the Region, so that the Delegate or Alternate Delegate will be able to fully represent his or her Region.

The WSC is a time when the WSO staff, World Service Board of Trustees, World Service Committee members, Delegates, Alternate Delegates, and any other interested members join together to pursue our Fellowship's growth. As we continue to grow and develop in our fellowship, our primary purpose will remain the same, "to offer support for friends and families of addicts," and to listen to the groups' consciences of our Nar-Anon Family Groups.

In preparing for the 2008 WSC, we solicited motions from all Nar-Anon Regions around the world. Our deadline for receiving motions was October 15, 2007. We received 27 motions,

which are included at the end of this report. We now ask that all Regions distribute the motions contained in this report to all the Nar-Anon Family Groups in their Region. By working the Twelve Steps, Traditions and Concepts, each Group can review and discuss these motions. The Group Service Representatives [hereafter GSRs] will then be able to discuss and inform their Area's and Region, and pass on to their Delegate their Group's conscience on these motions. The Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate will then attend the 2008 WSC and vote on behalf of their Region. If a Region does not have a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, they may send a Representative who will have a voice but no vote. Only Delegates (and Alternate Delegates if they are serving in place of their Delegates) and Trustees will have a vote at conference.

### **What is a Nar-Anon Delegate?**

A World Service Delegate is a Regional Representative who has been elected World Service Delegate for a 3-year term by the GSRs at a Regional Election Assembly, which is held prior to December 31, at a convenient location in their Region every three years. The Election Assembly is attended by the World Service Committee of the Region, the other GSRs, and the Area Service Representatives [hereafter ASRs], who also vote only if they are GSRs. The Chairman asks the GSRs at the Election Assembly, who have a right to vote, to elect a Delegate, who is not also a member of N.A.\* A Delegate may not succeed themselves, but may be re-elected after an interim three-year term. The World Service Delegate will be their Region's voice when they attend the WSC, which at this time is every two years. The Delegate will bring the views and the spirit of worldwide Nar-Anon back to their Region. Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall also make a commitment to serve on one of the World Service Committees during their term. A list of World Service Committees is on Page 3.

\*A Nar-Anon/Narateen member holding dual membership is not eligible for office of GSR, therefore, the admission Committee of the Conference would refuse admission of a Delegate who holds dual membership in N.A. & Nar-Anon/Narateen.

### **Reports**

Each Region of the United States and International Countries that are represented at the 2008 WSC, is asked to compile a Regional Report and submit it to the WSO in Torrance, California, no later than March 10, 2008. This will enable us to compile each Regional Report and have it presented with the finalized WSO and World Service Board of Trustees Reports, Budgets, and Agenda. This Regional Report is to be no longer than one page and should offer information regarding how many meetings, structure, and events, each Region has participated in since the last conference in 2006. We would also like to have a Regional Report for Regions that are not attending the WSC. By sharing your Regional Report at the WSC, even if your Region is not attending, will allow us to better serve our Fellowship by knowing what is happening in the different Regions around the World.

### **Goals of the 2008 WSC**

Our goal is to "Continue the Vision" which was adopted and approved at the 2006 WSC to move forward in our fellowship to adhere to our new structure, carry Nar-Anon's message back to our Regions, and help to further educate our Nar-Anon community and ourselves.

At our 2008 WSC we would like to develop guidelines to set up a World Pool as is done in NA, whose structure we would like to align with. A World Pool would be a list of Nar-Anon

members willing to make a commitment of at least two years, and up to six years, serving as a Trustee or on a World Service Committee. We will hold a workshop on this issue for brainstorming ideas to implement this new procedure in a workable timeframe.

## **Literature**

The following literature was approved at the 2006 WSC: SESH; Journal; the pamphlets *It's Not About Yesterday but Today*; *Let's Talk About Anonymity in Nar-Anon*; *Let's Talk. Do You Need Nar-Anon?*; *Taking a Moment and Making a Choice It's My Life*; *What Happens After Treatment?*; *The Nar-Anon Focus*; *Becoming a Sponsor in Nar-Anon*; *Questions About Sponsorship*; and the Guidelines for the Assembly and World Service Conference Delegates.

The following literature was not approved at the 2006 WSC and was sent back to the Literature Committee to be reworked: *Principles We Practice Workbook* and the *12 & 12 & 12 = Nar-Anon's 36*. It was discovered that the *12 & 12 & 12* is a rewrite of Path's to Recovery and will need to be entirely rewritten. The Literature Committee is looking for members to start literature groups in their Areas to write on the steps, traditions and concepts. This is a massive project and we hope that we can have it ready for approval at the 2010 WSC.

The World Service Literature Committee has worked hard in editing the literature that was approved at the last conference. It has turned out to be more work than the committee thought it would be and therefore is taking longer than they thought it would take. Final editions of literature to be approved at the 2008 WSC will be delivered to the Regions and the Delegates by February 1, 2008. All Delegates will receive a list of literature for approval. If any Delegate does not receive a piece of literature on the list, please contact WSO so that a copy of the literature will be sent out to you. All Regional Delegates and/or Representatives will circulate the literature throughout their Region so that each Nar-Anon Family Group can review it, discuss it, and bring their group conscience, feedback and votes back to their Delegate.

## **World Service Committees:**

Each Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Trustee will be assigned to a World Service Committee for the 2008 – 2010 Conference cycle. This procedure is utilized to ensure diverse representation on each committee.

The committees that have been established at this time by the World Service Board of Trustees are:

1. Executive Committee
2. Policies & Guidelines Committee
3. World Events Committee
4. Literature Committee
5. Hospitals & Institutions/Public Information Committee

## **Description of Committees:**

### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is comprised of the following members:

- ❖ Chairperson of the World Board of Trustees
- ❖ Vice-Chairperson of World Board of Trustees
- ❖ Treasurer of the World Board of Trustees
- ❖ Secretary of the World Board of Trustees
- ❖ The Executive Director of the WSO - in a voice but no vote capacity

#### Roles and Responsibilities:

The Executive Committee upholds the roles and responsibilities of the duties of the corporation and its officers in accordance with its by-laws and guidelines. It approves the annual performance review of the Executive Director of the WSO; interacts with the Executive Director between board meetings; is responsible for the general administrative duties of the WSO, and makes all necessary decisions when the World Board is not in session, always keeping in mind the policies and procedures that were previously established by the World Board. The Executive Committee, except the Executive Director of the WSO, is elected by a majority vote of the Board. Any officer of the Board may be removed from office of the Board with a two-thirds majority vote.

#### Policies & Guidelines Committee

The Policies and Guidelines committee consists of assigned Board Members with additional committee members being selected as necessary from any of the following: Delegates, Alternate Delegates, and past Delegates until a World Pool is formulated. A Nar-Anon member who has done service work above the Group level may also be considered.

The Policy and Guidelines committee is responsible for adapting NA Policy and Guidelines to Nar-Anon. The committee is also responsible for updating the existing guidelines until the new guidelines have been developed and adopted.

#### World Events Committee

The World Events Committee is comprised of a Chairperson, designated from the World Board, with additional committee members selected from the fellowship. At the 2006 WSC the Events Committee was further divided into two Sub-Committees, with each Sub-Committee having a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. The WSC Sub-Committee is responsible for all delegate correspondence, planning and holding WSC Committee meetings, preparing the CAR, obtaining Regional Reports, writing WSC reports and preparing the WSC preliminary agenda for the WSC, with final approval by the Executive Committee. The World Convention Sub-Committee is responsible for the planning of conventions, planning and holding World Convention meetings, preparing reports and correspondence, and preparing a preliminary agenda for the World Convention, with final approval by the Executive Committee.

#### Literature Committee

The Literature Committee is comprised of a Chairperson, designated from the World Board with additional committee members from the fellowship. The Literature Committee is responsible for overseeing the development of our fellowship's new literature and any revisions of existing literature.

## Public Information

The Public Information Committee is comprised of a Chairperson, designated from the World Board with additional committee members from the fellowship. This Committee will also guide the way that we inform the public about Nar-Anon, including all public relations with the medical profession, the justice system, educational and governmental organizations, including the media. The Public Information Committee is also responsible for carrying the message and interacting with Hospitals and Institutions. This Committee also oversees and alerts the Website (s) of any changes that affect our fellowship.

*\*The World Service Board reserves the right to establish new committees as the future of Nar-Anon progresses. The ideas surrounding the inception of any new committees will be brought to the WSC with final approval from the World Board.*

## **PROPOSED CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER**

At the onset of the 2008 WSC, all voting members will be polled to establish that the voting members present have submitted the proper minutes, etc., to be recognized at the WSC.

Our WSC will strive to be an issue and discussion based event. After adequate discussions have occurred, the conference formalizes its consensus by taking a vote. The consensus of the WSC is determined by a majority vote except for those decisions that require a different majority as spelled out in these Rules of Order. All activity of the WSC strives to achieve the spirit of consensus-based decision making.

When conducting business, the WSC utilizes the following WSC Rules of Order, adapted from the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order (hereinafter referred to as Robert's). These WSC Rules of Order have been found to meet the general needs of the conference in the process of conducting business of the biennial meeting when they are not in conflict with other conference policies or the principles of Nar-Anon, including the Twelve Concepts for Nar-Anon Service.

In cases where the WSC Rules of Order are not comprehensive enough, the latest edition of Robert's is used. This use is solely in cases where we have not written our own rules of order. If there is a conflict or discrepancy, WSC procedures take precedence over Robert's.

The intent of using rules of order is to provide an orderly way to conduct business, to protect each member's rights, to protect the WSC's rights, and to protect the free exercise of debate. If we understand the principles and use the procedures appropriately, the use of parliamentary procedure will enhance, not hinder, the accomplishment of the business of the WSC.

### **Standing Rules:**

1. Each WSC Delegate and Trustee will have a voice and a vote. Alternate Delegates and Regional Representatives will have a voice but no vote.
2. No member may speak on a motion more than once unless others desiring to speak on the motion have exercised their opportunity. Alternate Delegates are considered to be the same "member" as their respective Delegates when acting as a participant.

3. There is a time limit on debate by any member. No member may speak longer than three minutes on a motion for each time they are recognized by the Chair to speak.

However, the Chair may exercise discretion to extend the time limit when in the Chair's opinion such action is warranted. To otherwise extend debate, a motion to extend debate must be adopted.

4. There is a limit on the number of speakers on any motion. No more than three members may speak in favor (pro) of any motion, and no more than three members may speak in opposition (con) to any motion.

However, the Chair may exercise discretion to extend the number of speakers when, in the Chair's opinion, such action is warranted. To otherwise extend debate, a motion to extend debate must be adopted.

5. Every main motion must be presented in writing on a WSC Motion Form and contain the name and position of the member proposing the motion and the name and position of the member seconding the motion. Motions must be turned in to the motions table before the Chair will recognize the maker. Motions presented by the World Board do not require a second. Motions should be worded in the positive to provide clarity on the effect of the motion. A motion should be clear, concise, comprehensive, and have the intent visibly reflected, as the members will be voting on the actual wording of the motion, not the maker's intent of its effects. All motions are displayed in writing before debate or voting.

After a motion is made and seconded, the Chair restates the motion clearly to the conference. The motion is now pending and before the conference; it is only at this point that the motion belongs to the conference and must be disposed of in some manner.

6. Every amendment to a main motion must be presented in writing on a WSC Motion Form and contain the name and position of the member proposing the amendment and the name and position of the member seconding the amendment. Amendments must be turned in to the motions table before the Chair will recognize the maker. Amendments presented by the World Board do not require a second. All amendments are displayed in writing before debate or voting.

Any second merely indicates that another member wishes the matter to come before the assembly; it does not necessarily mean that the member who seconds the motion is in favor of the motion.

7. Debate follows (if the motion is debatable), and/or the making of an amendment to the motion (if the motion is amendable).

Debate addresses the motion or the amendment, not the member making it. Motives should never be questioned.

Members should address each other through the presiding Chair. The Chair addresses members by name. Discussion (debate) is not between two members but through the Chair.

No member may speak on a motion more than once unless all others desiring to speak on the motion have exercised their opportunity.

8. When ready, the conference votes to adopt (carry) or reject (fail) the motion. This is also known as the Chair putting the question. The member who is chairing the conference, conducting a vote, or officially counting a vote does not have a vote while serving in this capacity.
9. Voting shall be by a voice vote while standing. All in favor of the item are asked by the Chair to stand and remain standing for a count of the vote. Then those in favor will be asked to sit down, and the procedure will be repeated for those opposed and in abstention to the item in question.
10. A majority vote (simple majority) is a vote of more than one-half of the voters.
11. A two-thirds vote (2/3 majority) is a vote of at least 2/3 of the voters.
12. Every motion to amend the WSC guidelines of Nar-Anon must receive favorable votes from 2/3 or more of all participants eligible to vote at the WSC.
13. These standing rules of the conference are in conjunction with Robert's Rules of Order and provide the basis for procedures that are not detailed in the World Service Handbook.

## **MOTIONS**

We have received 27 motions from Regions around the United States and 1 motion from the Board of Trustees for a total of 28 motions to be discussed at the 2008 WSC. These motions are written in no specific order. At the 2008 WSC, the motions will be dealt with as time permits. Although all motions are important - especially to the Region that submitted it - time to complete each motion could be an issue - therefore we would like to accomplish this in as fair and equal manner as possible.

The following are motions, which have been submitted from various Regions for consideration at the 2008 WSC:

## **MOTION #1 from CT, WESTERN AND CENTRAL MA REGION**

Blue Booklet, page 6, **ABOUT ADDICTION**

**We propose to have it read as follows:**

*“We have learned that addiction is an illness. It is a physical, mental, and spiritual disease that affects every area of life. It can be arrested, but never cured. We have found that compulsive use of drugs does not indicate a lack of affection for the family. It is not a matter of love, but of illness. The addicts’ inability to control their use of drugs is a symptom of the disease of addiction. Even when they know what will happen when they take the first drink, pill or fix, they will do so. This is the “insanity” we speak of in regard to this disease. Only complete abstinence from the use of drugs including alcohol can arrest this disease. No one, not even the doctor, nor the clergy, nor the family, can prevent the addicts’ use of drugs. When we accept that addiction is a disease, and that we are powerless over it, we become ready to learn a better way to live.”*

**Reason for the Motion:** Several people in our area have an issue with the sentence about the tubercular’s coughing (not relative); and, the use of the word medicine since some addicts have other mental disorders that must be treated with medication. The other changes are minor to condense the content and avoid repetition.

## **MOTION #2 from CT, WESTERN AND CENTRAL MA REGION**

Blue Booklet, page 14 under the title, **Take no thought for the future action of others.**

**We propose to remove the line:**

“When man tries to create another life, he makes only monsters.”

**Reason for the Motion:** It was felt that this line is judgmental and offensive. The paragraph is more positive and uplifting without that line.

## **MOTION #3 from CT, WESTERN AND CENTRAL MA REGION**

Blue Booklet, page 12, **THE THREE DEADLY ENEMIES**

**We propose changing the title to:**

### **KEEPING THE MEETINGS HEALTHY**

**We propose making the following changes to the text of the Three Deadly Enemies:**

To ensure the success of our meetings in solving our common problems, we must recognize and **avoid** the following:

**Discussion of any religious denomination** Keep it the same as original verbiage.

**Gossip** We are here to help ourselves and others by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Talking about others, including the addict, will defeat our purpose. Let us keep the focus of our sharing on our own recovery at all times and avoid gossip.

**Dictatorship** Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. We lead by example and suggestions, always keeping our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions in mind.

**Cross Talk** We refrain from engaging in cross talk (dialogue) during a meeting. In our meetings, each member is allowed to share uninterrupted without other members responding, giving advice, or asking questions.

**Advice** We do not give advice, we suggest by sharing how we solved similar problems through our own experiences. The very essence of Nar-Anon is that the whole program is merely suggested.

We have no creed...(same as original).

***Reason for the Motion:*** It is felt that this gives a more positive slant and an expanded explanation of making the meetings more effective and beneficial for all of us.

### **MOTION #1 from Eastern Pennsylvania Region**

Return the size of the font of the print in the little blue book to its original size.

***Intent of the motion:*** To make the little blue book easier to read for all of us.

### **MOTION #2 from Eastern Pennsylvania Region**

Request that the WSO prepare and implement guidelines for all groups' qualifications for:

- a) Starting new meetings
- b) Chairing at meetings and conventions
- c) Speaking at meetings and conventions

***Intent of the motion:*** Guidelines would help to provide a consistent message among all the groups in accordance with the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of the Fellowship.

### **MOTION #3 from Eastern Pennsylvania Region**

Request that the WSO request permission from Alcoholic's Anonymous to have the ***Big Book*** placed on the Nar-Anon approved literature form.

***Intent of the motion:*** To be able to use the ***Big Book*** as part of our approved literature.

\*\*\* The Board of Trustees does not support this motion. The Board of Trustees feel that Nar-Anon is a separate program, and as in the other 12 step fellowships, *i.e.* AA, NA and Al-Anon, they utilize their own CAL Literature, and we need to continue to "move forward" by continuing to develop our own literature. The Board of Trustees also suggests that this hinges on a violation of our own Traditions.

### **MOTION #4 from Eastern Pennsylvania Region**

To reinstate ***Blue Print for Progress Al-Anon 4<sup>th</sup> Step Book*** to the Conference Approved Literature (CAL) list until there is a comparable Nar-Anon book.

***Intent of the Motion:*** The ***Paths to Recovery*** is still on the list. Parts of ***Paths to Recovery*** refer to the ***Blue Print for Progress*** so it only makes sense that it be available.

\*\*\* The Board of Trustees strongly supports this motion, and in reviewing the minutes from the 2006 WSC, the Conference had approved ONLY to remove a piece of Al-Anon Literature when our own compatible piece was published. Therefore, the Board of Trustees interprets that no motion is needed on this issue, and has informed WSO to reinstate and order, "Blueprint for Progress."

## **MOTION #5 from Eastern Pennsylvania Region**

Request that a Nar-Anon medallion be designed and made available to our groups for anniversaries.

***Intent of the motion:*** Now that we have our own logo we would like to see it used.

\*\*\* The Board of Trustees' discussion on this issue was two-fold. Yes, we agreed that at some point in time we should develop a Nar-Anon medallion. A committee was developed over a year ago which researched this issue. The cost at this time for us to produce and mint medallions, due to the quantities that the companies requested, is beyond the funds available to the Fellowship, and therefore, we are not able to pursue this matter at this time. Another point that was brought up to the Board of Trustees is that there is still a discussion within our Fellowship that there is some dissatisfaction with our current logo. The Board of Trustees recommends that we hold off on this until the Fellowship is more financially solvent.

## **MOTION #6 from Eastern Pennsylvania Region**

Proposal that the Promises, found in the AA Big Book, pg 83 & 84, Third Edition, be added to the Nar-Anon Blue Book. We propose that these be added to the blue book with the introduction that: "We will be amazed before we are halfway through the 12 Steps to be recipients of the following Promises...\*\* [list promises]. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us - sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them."

***Intent of the motion:*** We have found the promises very meaningful to our groups. We have seen them in action. We would like to see them as part of the little blue book as a reminder of what can be accomplished by working the Steps.

\*\*\* The Board of Trustees does not support this motion due to many of the same reasons listed on Motion #3. The Board's suggestion is for the Fellowship to develop a similar piece of literature and would like to enlist any Region who would like to take ownership of this project to contact the Literature Committee at: [WSCLITCOM@gmail.com](mailto:WSCLITCOM@gmail.com)

## **MOTION #7 from Eastern Pennsylvania Region**

To require WSO to purchase all New Draft Literature from the Literature Committee for the price of Cost Plus 20%. The first Drafts, which WSO would be purchasing, shall be the minimum that the Literature Committee can purchase or a number mutually agreed to ahead of time by both parties. {Copy of this agreement recommended in writing.} WSO is also required to list all drafts on the Literature Form promptly for all groups to have the opportunity and ease to obtain these materials. The Literature Committee can sell drafts directly to members or at conventions or conferences but at the listed WSO Literature order price. This is so there is no undercutting or appearance of being over charged by WSO. The Literature Committee is then responsible to forward the profit over the Cost + 20% to WSO. In this way all parties are being taken care of by the other party. At such a time that the Literature Committee sees itself as having sufficient funds it can forward any overage in funds to WSO in the form of a Donation.

***Intent of the motion:*** To insure that the Literature Committee has financial stability for years to come by requiring WSO to purchase drafts through the First Approved Printing.

\*\*\*The Board of Trustees does not support this motion. Three of the Board's members are on the Literature Committee, and one is the Chairperson of the Committee. The Literature Committee strongly disagrees with this motion and feels that their role is to develop and edit literature only, and that they are not responsible for printing and distributing literature. It was also noted that the WSO's Number One responsibility is to be "the Nar-Anon Clearinghouse" for literature.

## **MOTION #8 from Eastern Pennsylvania Region**

Page 6, Blue Booklet under "Changing ourselves," the last sentence reads: "The addict blames us and makes us feel guilty." We move that this be changed to read: "The addict blames us and we feel guilty."

***Intent of the motion:*** To get the Nar-Anon message across with careful regard for boundaries between people. The addict cannot make us feel one way or another. We ourselves feel that way.

## **MOTION #1 from Florida Region**

**Title:** Change the First Step

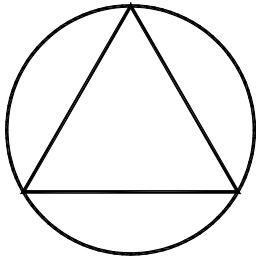
**Motion:** Reword the First Step of Nar-Anon to read: "We admitted we were powerless over addiction -- that our lives had become unmanageable."

***Intent of the motion:*** This will broaden the scope of our First Step, encourage a healthier perspective and promote more identification with Narcotics Anonymous. Al-Anon had adopted the entire steps of AA verbatim and their first step simply says "Alcohol." NA had the inspiration to broaden theirs to read "Addiction" which has proven to be much more powerful than had they said "narcotics" or "drugs." It is the whole process of addiction that we deal with not just the addict. A big part of our recovery is based on removing our focus from the addict to ourselves. This message is more clearly represented by this revision to the first step.

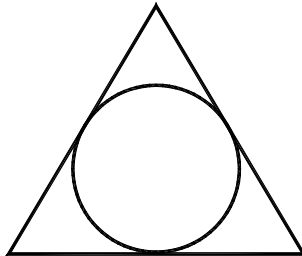
## MOTION #2 from Florida Region

**Title:** Logo Revision

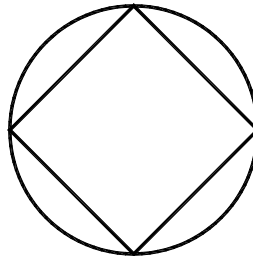
### Proposed Nar-Anon symbol and how it relates to others



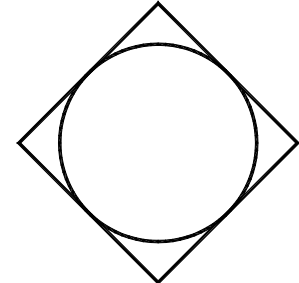
AA



Al-Anon



NA



Nar-Anon

**Motion:** To adopt as a symbol of the Nar-Anon fellowship a circle circumscribed inside a square on its side forming a diamond.

**Intent of the motion:** Many of us have been mystified from the beginning that this was not already the Nar-Anon Symbol. Historically when AA created a symbol it was a triangle circumscribed inside a circle. When Ala-Anon created a symbol they merely reversed the order with a circle inside a triangle. Since NA's symbol is a diamond (square on its side) circumscribed inside a circle the logical analog for Nar-Anon would be a circle circumscribed inside a square diamond. Besides the simple logic there are other very practical reasons to do this. Our 6th tradition specifies, "We should always cooperate with Narcotics Anonymous." Whenever we interact with NA, the question frequently comes up, "Why are you using the AA symbol?" This is the way much of the world recognizes the triangle inside the circle. Even those who have supported the current symbol have suggested that the Triangle (representing AA) remains to gratefully acknowledge those who have come before us. Virtually everyone who knows of 12 steps knows they came from AA. What we need is a re-branding as our own fellowship that is for the families and friends of addicts. But through this symbol will embrace NA identification and cooperation with us, it is not really about NA. This simple symbol epitomizes the current direction of our fellowship, one that has adopted the service structure of NA and cooperates with NA, but a fellowship that is distinct and has a separate though related message.

### **MOTION #3 from Florida Region**

**Title:** Correct redundancy on the Nar-Anon Poster

**Motion:** Change the wording on the Nar-Anon Poster from “Relatives and Families” to “Friends and Families.”

**Intent of the motion:** Relatives and Families both refer to the same group of people. Our message is for all those affected by the disease of addiction. This includes far more than just the immediate family. “Friends and Families” is the phrase used elsewhere in our literature and correcting this will clarify our message and broaden the base of interest intended by the poster.

### **MOTION #4 from Florida Region**

**Title:** Modify the reading “Three Deadly Enemies”

**Motion:** Remove controlling wording from the Nar-Anon reading titled “Three Deadly Enemies” as follows: 1) Change the Title to read: “Three Destructive Forces”. 2) Change the first sentence to read: “To insure the success of our meetings in solving our common problems we must recognize and avoid three destructive forces that can create dissention and ultimately destroy the group.” 3) Alter the first line of #2 to read: “The second destructive force is gossip”

**Intent of the motion:** This is to clarify our message that recovery comes by changing ourselves and not blaming all our struggles on others. The third “Enemy” is already referred to as a destructive force so this is just an extension of the wording already used for “Dictatorship”. When many of us came into the rooms of Nar-Anon we were surrounded by “Enemies”. We found them in the world, society, courts, police, our addicts and their friends and often we were our own worst enemies. Through recovery many of us no longer have enemies, for we have learned to accept the realities of others choices as well as the choices we both have to make. Though the intent of this reading is good, the current concept of alerting us to three “Deadly Enemies” contains a negative bias that mimics our old behavior of blaming others. For this reason some our groups refuse to even read this at all. The new wording is to add to the clarity of our message and remove the negative bias and encourage avoiding divisive issues that could tear our groups apart.

### **MOTION #1 from Maryland, District of Colombia & Northern Virginia Region:**

The Opening Prayer, which has been deleted from the Blue Book, be and hereby is Conference approved reading material. The Opening Prayer can be read at meetings and shared with others, but not be part of the Suggested Format so that each Group Conscience will have the option of choosing its reading material, as long as the material is Conference approved.

**Intent of the Motion:** We ask this be approved so that it cannot be construed as non-conference approved reading material that could open the door for other non-conference approved reading material.

### **MOTION #1 from New York Region:**

To revise the wording of the 11th tradition to read, “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity *at the level of press, film, internet and other media now known and developed in the future*. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all N.A. members.”

*Intent of the Motion:* “...personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films...” of the 11th tradition is not sufficiently relevant to the times we live in.

### **MOTION #2 from New York Region:**

To revise the second sentence in paragraph four of the Newcomers Welcome.

*Intent of the Motion:* To make clear to newcomers that they are welcome to share during the meeting.

*Rationale:* This changed at the 2006 WSC to read: “Feel free to share and ask questions after the meeting.” We feel that this suggests a newcomers sharing or asking questions during the meeting is not welcome. This is contrary to our message that the newcomer is the most important person at the meeting and our primary purpose as expressed in the 5th tradition. A suggested change: “*Feel free to share during the meeting.*” We feel that the reference to asking questions after the meeting was intended to discourage cross talk, which is the responsibility of the meeting chairperson.

### **MOTION #3 from New York Region:**

To restore the Opening Prayer to the Blue book with modifications.

*Intent of the Motion:* We feel that the inclusion of the revised Opening Prayer will restore the spiritual foundation of the meeting and foster a sense of unity.

*Rationale:* There’s nothing in the current Blue book that sets the tone for spirituality. We suggest changing the first line and deleting the second line of the Opening Prayer, which reads as: “Our Father, we come to you as a friend. You have said that where two or three are gathered together in your name, there you will be in the midst.” to read as: “*God, we come to you as a friend. We believe you are here with us now....*”

**MOTION #1 from North Carolina and South Carolina Region:**

Way it reads now: From Three Deadly Enemies

2. The second deadly enemy is gossip.

We are here to help ourselves and others through group therapy. Gossip about others, including the addict, will defeat our purpose. We know that nobody wants to deliberately tear down the group or its principles.

Our motion to change reading to:

2. The second deadly enemy is gossip.

We are here to help ourselves and others through group support. Gossip about others, including the addict, will defeat our purpose. We know that nobody wants to deliberately tear down the group or its principles.

***Reason for the Motion:*** We believe it gives the wrong idea---that our program is about therapy instead of support.

**MOTION #2 from North Carolina and South Carolina Region:**

Add to the bottom of "Helping" Reading on Page 14 of Blue book---the paragraph on Page 15--

"If I am willing to stand aside and let God's will be done, I free myself from personal anxiety and a mistaken sense of responsibility."

***Reason for the Motion:*** On original papers/flyers that came out from WSO this reading was on the bottom of the Helping page--we feel it is important and carries a strong message that adds and benefits the Helping reading.

**MOTION #3 from North Carolina and South Carolina Region:**

To add to our literature a Slogan Bookmark

*Slogan Bookmark*

Just for Today

One Day at a Time

Let Go and Let God

Keep it Simple

How Important is it?

Think

Easy Does it

HOW

I can Be Right or I can Be Happy

Let it begin with me

Live and Let Live

Listen and Learn

First Things First

This too shall pass

(Just like the "Just for Today" & "Do & Don'ts" cards)

***Reason for the Motion:*** We believe this will give us a great tool to keep the slogans front and center.

**MOTION #4 from North Carolina and South Carolina Region:**

Addition to the Policy guidelines:

Our motion is to add an extra line to the Literature order form---Above or below the Shipping & Handling line --- 10% or 20 % Charge for Non-Registered Groups----- So that when anyone orders literature from WSO and if their group is not registered with WSO---they pay an additional fee added to their order. This money will go into helping fund WSO and will also encourage all groups to register and be active in WSO.

Example---You order \$100 in literature---you pay \$10 or \$20 in addition to regular cost of literature.

\*\*\* The Board of Trustees supports this motion and proposes that, as stated in the beginning of this Motion, that this item be submitted directly to the Policy and Guidelines Committee for review and editing.

## **MOTION #1 from Northern California Region:**

**Title:** Voice on Floor of Convention

**Motion:** WSC approve a "voice, not vote" policy allowing any Nar-Anon member the right to speak at the World Service Conference (manner, length, timing and procedure to be determined by the WSC), reserving the right of voice and vote to delegates. (This may be handled by a public comment period.)

\*\*\* The Board of Trustees does not support this motion. This motion was brought up and voted down at the 2006 WSC. The Board of Trustees agrees with the decision of the 2006 WSC and respects the votes of the Delegates from their Regions. The Board of Trustees reiterates what was said at the 2006 WSC, that this motion is not in the best interest of the worldwide Fellowship due to financial restrictions, time differences, etc. The only areas that would benefit from this motion would be those Regions that are near to California due to the hardship of travel for all members of the fellowship to attend the WSC.

## **MOTION #2 from Northern California Region:**

**Title:** Open Board of Trustees Meetings

**Motion:** Unless a closed session is required for legal issues, the Board of Trustees make its meeting open to the membership, posting a notice of meeting at least 30 days prior to any scheduled meeting, posting the meeting agenda at NFG HQ, on the website, and making copies of agendas and minutes available from NFG HQ on request.

\*\*\* The Board Of Trustees discussed this motion in three parts. They do not support allowing members to dial in for the Board of Trustees' conference call. We are Trusted Servants elected by the Fellowship to be the Guardian of our Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. The Board does support posting the minutes and agenda in the Newsletter and also will look into the feasibility of posting this information on the WSO Website. Discussion was also brought up to look into ways to allow members to "listen only" to the conference calls, without having the interference of the bells chiming when people dial in and out.

## **MOTION #1 from Oregon Region:**

**Whereas** "group therapy" is frequently defined as a psychological method or psychiatric method of treatment with frequent use of feedback and crosstalk, the term may confuse newcomers.

**Motion:** to change the language in the following sentence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deadly Enemy:

"We are here to help ourselves and others through group therapy."

Change the words "*through group therapy*" to "*by sharing our experience, strength and hope, while keeping the focus on ourselves.*"

**MOTION #1 from Southern California Region:**

That the World Service Conference approve the following prayer, titled **‘BEGINNING PRAYER’**, which includes the Serenity Prayer, for the Nar-Anon Blue Booklet. This is not intended to remove or replace the Serenity Prayer, which is now on page one in the Blue Booklet. It will allow the Nar-Anon Fellowship the opportunity to begin their meeting with more than just the “Serenity Prayer.”

***‘BEGINNING PRAYER’ ;***

***“PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE SERENITY PRAYER***

***God, grant me the serenity to accept  
the things I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.***

*We come here for strength and guidance. We pledge to always be honest and to search our hearts for weaknesses and errors that we may accept help. We believe You, our Higher Power wants us to be real partners in this business of living, accepting our full responsibilities and certain that the rewards will be, freedom and growth and happiness. For this we are grateful. We ask You at all times to guide us. Help us daily to come closer to You and grant us new ways of living, of gratitude.”*

***Intent of the Motion:*** It is to provide a comforting prayer to Nar-Anon Members without breaking our Traditions. It starts with the Serenity Prayer, which is part of the 12-Step Program, and ends with seeking strength and guidance from a Higher Power.

**MOTION #1 from the Board of Trustees:**

**Motion:** To put a moratorium on motions for a certain timeframe of conference cycles.

***Intent of Motion:*** To not utilize the limited WSC time to re-discuss motions that the Delegates had voted down at a previous WSC, whether it be one or two Conference cycles. This would enable the WSC to concentrate on “Moving Forward” with new literature and other areas that enhance Nar-Anon’s Mission and Vision Statements.

Also the cost that WSO would incur to continually change and reproduce existing literature after each Conference cycle is one that WSO is not financially stable to endure.