

1998 WSC Meeting, Minutes Summary

Motions on the following list were adopted at the 1998 World Service Conference annual meeting. The motions are shown here in the order of consideration. Election results and important calendar dates are included at the end.

Motion: "To accept the Rules of Order." The following error was pointed out: RSR should be changed to RD throughout the document.

Motion: "To approve the WSC '97 minutes."

Motion: "To seat the Eastern New York Region as a participant."

Motion: "To seat the Uruguay Region."

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Motion #1 "To implement Resolutions B and C-2 by adopting the following External Guidelines (as contained in CAR '98) for the World Board. Further, that elections for the World Board be held at WSC 1998 with the new corporation taking effect 12 June 1998. The current Interim Committee, World Service Office Board of Directors, and the World Convention Corporation will continue to function until 11:59PM 11 June 1998. The Interim Committee will be responsible to make necessary decisions affecting NA world services and to assist in preparing the agenda for the first meeting of the new World Board."

AMENDMENT: Motion #78: Delete language in the last sentence of the Membership section: "The executive directors(s) of the WSO...will be non-voting members of the board."

AMENDMENT: Motion #79: Add language to the Accountability section of the World Board External Guidelines: "The external guidelines of the World Board are amendable only by action of the WSC."

AMENDMENT: Motion #73 "To amend the external guidelines for the World Board under section Removal of Members as follows: 'Members may be removed from the board by a 2/3 majority vote of the board. Further, the Conference may, by a 2/3 majority vote, direct the board to do so for the following causes:'"

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Motion #2 "To implement Resolution E by adopting the following Guidelines (as contained in CAR '98) for the Unified Budget for NA World Services."

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Motion #7 "To approve the inclusion of the words '*Narcotics Anonymous*' in the name of the legal entity for the new World Board."

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Motion #3 "To implement Resolutions F & G by adopting the following External Guidelines (as contained in CAR '98) for the World Pool and the Human Resources Panel. Further, that elections for the Human Resources Panel be held at WSC 1998."

AMENDMENT: Motion #59: "To amend paragraph 2, section Nominations to read as follows: 'The Human Resource Panel will make nominations to the World Service Conference for election to the positions of the World Board and WSC Co-Facilitators. Nominations may also be made for each position by conference participants but it is recommended that all perspective

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candidates go through the World Pool/Human Resource process. The World Service Conference will nominate the Human Resource Panel.”

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Motion #4 “To create and implement the conference positions of WSC Co-Facilitators by adopting the following guidelines (as contained in *CAR '98*). Further, that the WSC Co-Facilitators be elected at WSC 1998.”

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Motion #5: “To implement a two-year conference cycle beginning at the end of WSC 2000. Prior to implementation, all changes to conference policy will be presented to the World Service Conference by the World Board.”

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Motion: “To adopt the 1998 WSC election procedures for the World Board, Human Resource Panel, and WSC Co-Facilitators.”

AMENDMENT: Motion #56: “To add language to the 1998 Election Procedures, section on membership that states: ‘No anonymous nominations for the World Board be made at WSC '98.’”

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Motion #6: “To approve the production of the Group Readings Wallet Card as shown in Addendum B.”

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Motion #8: “To amend the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* Instrument and Operational Rules as shown in Addendum C.”

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Motion #9: “To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, by changing the name of the World Service Office, Inc. to Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. as shown in Addendum D.”

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Motion #10: “To change the name of “regional service representative” to “regional delegate” and “RSR” to “RD” and remove all references to *The NA Way* wherever it appears in the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* Instrument and Operational Rules as shown in Addendum C.”

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Motion #11: “To amend NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1, *Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property*, as shown in Addendum D.”

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Motion #13: “To include the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous* (The Little White Book) in the World Services Translation Committee policy on Basic Text personal stories.” (WSC '97 Motion 79b)

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Motion #16: "To approve *The Institutional Group Guide*, as shown in Addendum E."

AMENDMENT: Motion #81: "To add *Behind the Walls* to the section entitled Some Other Recovery Oriented Publications in the *Institutional Group Guide* (Motion 16)."

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Motion #17: "To approve the *Additional Needs Booklet*, as shown in Addendum F."

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Motion #18: "To approve the *Outreach Booklet*, as shown in Addendum G."

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Motion #19: "To approve the IP, *Self-Support, Principle and Practice*, as shown in Addendum H."

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Motion #23: "To approve *The Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guides*, as shown in Addendum I."

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Motion: "to accept no new nominations and hold elections for unfilled seats for the Co-facilitator position utilizing single transfer vote system." -- regarding further elections after one co-facilitator had been elected.

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Motion #15: "To select two issue discussion topics from the following list for discussion at the 1999 World Service Conference." Results were: 1) Improving fellowship communication, and 2) Resolution A.

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Motion: "To adopt the 1998-1999 WSC Budget and Travel Reimbursement Policy."

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Motion #126: "That all resumes submitted beginning in December 1997, that meet the minimum qualifications of five years clean time, be included in the World Pool."

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Motion #119: "To amend TWGWSS page 31 under WS Translation Policy, section Personal Stories 1st sentence to read as follows: 'The NA Basic Text is translated from English into other languages including the Queen's English, in such a way as to achieve the same purpose.'"

Motion #120: "To authorize the World Board to evaluate and approve proposals to produce fellowship approved literature in Queen's English version."

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Motion #91: "That selection by the groups of issue discussion topics in the *Conference Agenda Report* become an on-going procedure of the World Service Conference."

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Motion #107: "To hold nominations and elections for any vacant seats on the World Board at WSC 1999. Nominations to be brought by WSC participants."

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Motion #115: "To have a space on the agenda at WSC 99 for a zonal forum report session."

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Motions/projects committed to the World Board:

Motion #93: "To commit to the World Board the Goals section of the WSC PI Committee workplan proposal in Motion #22." (i.e. for revising *A Guide to Public Information* and the *Guide to Phonenumber Service* handbooks.)

Motion #24: "To approve the following as WSCLC's "A" work list for the 1998-99 conference year.

1. A new chapter on Sponsorship to be included in the Basic Text
2. A new chapter on Service to be included in the Basic Text
3. The addition/substitution of personal stories compiled from our worldwide fellowship in the Basic Text."

Motion #21: "That all motions, amendments and any other input regarding revisions or additions to the Basic Text or the booklet *Narcotics Anonymous* (The Little White Book), be committed to the World Board who will compile and forward to the conference, in two years, a detailed proposal including options, budgets and timelines for those options." (Note: Before the vote, the chairperson stated that this will include motion #24.)

Motion: "To commit Motion #49 ("To recommend that the WSC place Addendum K 'Am I too Young to be an Addict?', on the WSCLC's A-list.") to the World Board.

Motion #77: "To continue with the development of a sponsorship booklet as a new piece of literature. Said booklet should be given to the World Board Publications Committee with a final draft included in the *CAR 2000*."

Motion: "To commit motions #49 and #77 into the motion #21 process

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World Board election results:

Bella A (Australian Region),
Bob J (Florida Region),
Cary S (Chicagoland Region)
Claudio L (Mexico Region),
Craig R (Carolina Region),
Daniel S (German Speaking Region),
David J (UK Region),
Floyd B (Metro Detroit Region),
Jane N (Connecticut Region),
Jon T (New Jersey Region),
Larry R (Hawaii Region),
Lib E (Aotearoa New Zealand Region),
Mario T (Australian Region),
Mary Kay B (Carolina Region),
Michael M (Northern California Region),
Steve L (Southern California Region),
Susan C (Washington/N Idaho Region),
Tony W (Carolina Region).

Human Resource Panel election results:

Jose (Tata) M, (Phillipines Region)
Sonny J, (Lone Star Region)
Jeff S (Upper Midwest Region)

WSC Co-facilitator election results:

Vinnie F (Northern New York)

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WSC '98 ROLL CALL #, Participant/Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Tri-State Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UK Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Upper Midwest Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Upper Rocky Mountain Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Uruguay Region		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Volunteer Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Washington/N. Idaho Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Western New York Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wisconsin Region	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total participants present	101	105	106	104	104	106	106	104	104	99	99	102	105	105
Number of regions present	83	87	88	87	87	88	88	86	86	82	82	88	88	88
2/3 majority	67	70	71	69	69	71	71	69	69	66	66	68	70	70
Simple majority	52	54	54	53	53	54	54	53	53	51	51	52	54	54
For Old Business, (i.e. only RSRs vote)														
2/3 majority	55	58	59	58	58	59	59	57	57	55	55	59	59	59
Simple majority	43	45	45	45	45	45	45	44	44	42	42	45	45	45

WSC '98 ROLL CALL VOTE #, Participant/Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chair - Ron S					Yes	Yes	No
V-Chair - Jon T					No	Yes	Yes
2nd V-Chair - Mary CV							
WSO Board - Rogan A					No	Yes	
HI - Craig R					Yes	Yes	No
PI - Eric R					Abs	Yes	No
Lit - Jorge B					Yes	Yes	No
Policy - Lib E					No	Yes	
Trustee - Donna M					No		No
Trustee - Floyd B						Yes	No
Trustee - Garth P					No	Yes	No
Trustee - Larry R					No	Yes	No
Trustee - Mary Kay B					No	Yes	No
Trustee - Michael M						Yes	No
Trustee - Pete C						Yes	Yes
Trustee - Stu T						Yes	No
Trustee - Susan B					No	Yes	
Trustee - Tony W						Yes	No
Alabama/NW Florida Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Alsask Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Argentina Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Arizona Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	No
Arkansas Region	Yes	Yes	Abs	Yes	No	No	Yes
Australian Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abs
Best Little Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Brazil Region	No	Yes	Abs	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
British Columbia Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
California Inland Region	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Abs
California Mid-State Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Carolina Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Central California Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Chesapeake/Potomac Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Chicagoland Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Colombia Region	No	Yes	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	Yes
Colorado Region	No	Yes		Yes	No		
Connecticut Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Costa Rica Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abs
Eastern New York Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Ecuador Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abs
Florida Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
France Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Freestate Region	No	Yes		Yes	No	Yes	No
Georgia Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
German Speaking Region	Yes	Abs	Yes	Yes	Abs	Yes	
Greater New York Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Greater Philadelphia Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Hawaii Region	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
India Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Indiana Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Iowa Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Ireland Region	Abs	Abs		Abs		Yes	Abs
Italy Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Kentuckiana Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Lone Star Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Louisiana Region	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Metro Detroit Region	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Mexico Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Michigan Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mid-America Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Mid-Atlantic Region	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minnesota Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Montana Region	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mountain Valley Region	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Mountaineer Region	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

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Nebraska Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
New England Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
New Jersey Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
North East Atlantic Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Northern California Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Northern New England Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northern New Jersey Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abs	Yes	
Northern New York Region	No	Abs	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Norway Region	No	Yes		Yes	Yes		No
Ohio Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
OK Region	No	Yes		Yes		Yes	No
Ontario Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Pacific Cascade Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Panama Region	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Abs
Peru Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abs
Philippines Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes
Portugal Region	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Puerto Rico Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Quebec Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Region of the Virginians	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Rio Grande Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abs	Yes	
San Diego/Imperial Region	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Show-Me Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Abs	No
Sierra Sage Region	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
South Dakota Region	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
South Florida Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Southern California Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes
Southern Idaho Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Southern Nevada Region	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Spain Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abs	Yes	Yes
Sweden Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tejas Bluebonnet Region	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Tri-State Region	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

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UK Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abs
Upper Midwest Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Upper Rocky Mountain Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Uruguay Region	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		No
Utah Region	Abs	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	No
Volunteer Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Washington/N. Idaho Region	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Western New York Region	No	No	No	Yes	Abs	Yes	
Wisconsin Region	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	No
Total Yes	27	79	72	74	16	97	40
Total No	59	6	9	12	70	1	45
Total Abs	2	3	2	1	7	1	8
Total participants present	88	88	83	87	93	99	93
Number of regions present	88	88	83	87	81	83	79
2/3 majority	59	59	55	58	62	66	62
Simple majority	45	45	43	45	48	51	48
For Old Business (i.e. only RDs vote)							
2/3 majority	59	59	55	58	54	55	53
Simple majority	45	45	43	45	42	43	41

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