

Introductions

Get discussion notes from Paul

Discussion of Service System

Work Group & World Board met together (1st time)

“System” vs. “Structure”

Not ready to look at seating by Zonal Forum

Don't necessarily want to decrease, but CONTAIN

This is necessary for consensus based decision making

Service Bodies – Cooperative & Collaborative with those around them, NEEDED

Flexibility stressed repeatedly

May require ‘reunification’ i.e. No. & So. Idaho

This might be where we use an “Intermediate Body”

Possibly an annual meeting, meet online

WS CONFERENCE will decide, NOT the World Board

Flexible, PRACTICAL, collaborative

Could come together solely for state-wide issues, i.e. H&I (except that this proposal states that seating would be by these geographical boundaries)

Resolution 1 – order of 4 components? Lateral, everything of equal value

Rather than upside down structure, think of us as lateral, back & forth

= better communication?

Heywood used analogy re: current service system is like a high-rise building full of rooms with no stairs, elevators, or hallways

GSU – “warm little playground”

Board's agenda – Our Vision And the Strategic Plan

Structure (definitions) – arrangement, organization, construction, configuration, makeup, constitution, formation, composition

System (definitions) – scheme, organization, arrangement, classification, structure, coordination, organism; method, technique, procedure, routine, usage, approach; orderliness, regularity, method, order, logic

If any proposals to change these resolutions, wording, etc. forward the info. prior to it coming to the floor.

WHERE is the people piece? Paul says the GSU's.

Include @ GSU's – List of acronyms

Various prayers that we use ... 3rd Step, Gratitude, Service

Q&A

Mentoring

Love, sharing, discussion

Enthusiasm re: service

Short commitment to PROJECTS vs. Long commitment to POSITIONS

Meet by TOWNS in the Area

(If each TOWN was represented at AREA, that would be progress)

Informal in nature

Information-gathering vs. decision making

Plant seeds & nurture

Fertile ground

How we carry the message in service is different than how we do it in recovery meetings.

At Regional Assembly – demonstrate Consensus Based Decision Making

(Talk about changing to this at our Region ... ??)

Research, educate, explain, demonstrate

Can always go to vote if necessary

Chair needs to be objective in this process though

Embrace it

Stick to a timeframe to keep it from going on & on

Leaders have to lead ... if no input from us then they move forward

Straw Polls vs. Resolutions = gauge support for specific ideas, details; non-binding

Identify the need, then fill the need ... grows out of NEED

Local Service Board – the workhorse, doing the administrative things, doesn't have to include the representatives from the groups because you're just following through with what they already decided; checking in on progress on decisions that were already made at planning sessions, stay on top of projects, correct our course if necessary; meet more often than the other groups, for example, the group representatives could come every 3rd or 4th meeting; orchestrate; make sure each hand knows what the other hand(s) are doing

“Consult” vs. “ask permission” using e/s/h

Have combinations of meetings, like a.m. is Board & p.m. is LSU, etc.

Re-defining zones – future

Not currently part of official service structure but the value is recognized

Zones could be Intermediate Bodies or entire US could be Zone

Just like Service System ‘that was asked for by us’ has ended up different than we expected, seems to me like if these ideas are agreed upon ‘in principle’ the World Board will then say ‘you have agreed to this’ & move forward with something we don't necessarily agree with or understand as a whole

USSC should be part of the discussion WITHIN these proposals, gone about the right way

Distraction, causes dis-unity; lots of time & \$\$ invested in Service System Project

World Board Motions –

Motion 1 – To approve “Living Clean”

Writer helped put our words together; something of substance; truly OUR book

Encourage members to READ the book prior to saying yea or nay

Index?

FIPT Motions – owned by the fellowship; WB and/or NAWS cannot make changes w/out approval

Motion 2 – allow the World Board to make non-substantive corrections to

Fellowship-approved literature which do not impact the original meaning

Motion 3 – To allow “Bundling, excerpting & repackaging” Fellowship-approved literature, i.e. by subject

Motion 4 – Include supplements/enhancements/links with electronic versions of our literature

Online versions of our literature – NAWS is primarily funded by Lit sales

Personal use vs. distributing and/or selling

Each one will be a stand-alone, encrypted copy (the new enhanced versions that can be purchased)

“We don't have to share out Basic Text to share our message”

WCNA Rotation

3-year schedule vs. 2-year

Too big for a hotel & too small for a convention center

Discussing - Require pre-registration & cap the #

Would sometimes run together w/ conference (which would affect not only NAWS, but conference participants who might not be able to take off to attend both)

Cannot change until 2018 because conventions are planned so far ahead; we're committed until then

Regional Proposals –

“No motions” vs. “No motions from Regions”

When they have to do with Strategic Plans, etc. still needs to be in form of motions

Gauge the support, discuss, move into future CAR if warranted

Proposal A – important but not a priority; avail. on FTP site?

Proposal B – Book-length version of compilation of NA Way articles.

Available in archives; lots of expense involved

Already planning to do a ‘flashback’ of articles from years gone by in the NA Way

Wasn't mentioned in Lit Survey

They don't believe it's marketable (won't generate revenue)

Archives are already available online

Proposal C – More clearly distinguish Service Pamphlets as separate & different from IP's and not to be read at meetings (on the front vs. the back). We would suggest adding the descriptive language from A Guide to World Services in Narcotics Anonymous to the back of the pamphlets so that under the World Board-approved symbol it could say, “Service pamphlets should be used by members, groups, and service committees as a resource rather than being read in an NA meeting.” We have already added this explanatory text to the new service pamphlet on Social Media and will include it on any future service pamphlets or new printings of existing SPs.

Our job is to educate the GSR's, meeting chairs, etc. so they understand the differences

Proposal D – Subscription fees for hard-copy of NA Way - the magazine has never had a broad enough appeal to make paid subscriptions a viable alternative

Would cost \$\$ to process the fees

Proposal E - Revisit the discussion of the world board members no longer having voting status at the world service conference. Like the idea that the Board carries a collective conscious, similar to Regions sending 1 vote representing all their Areas/Groups/Members. Paul says he knows best who should be on the World Board as far as him having an individual vote for elections. “Way more than ever expected” to serve on the World Board, consumes enormous amount of time and effort, should have a say on teammates. Questions brought up – don't they (WB members) also vote at their individual Home Groups/Regional Assemblies.

