

Meeting summary for Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum Meeting (12/14/2024)

Quick recap

Michael and Yoel discussed the interim Virtual Conference Report, the 12 motions for the interim conference, and the proposed change to the Conference Action Agenda (CAR) survey process. They also reviewed several motions related to the World Service Conference (WSC), including changes to the amendment deadline and the definition of amendments in the Guide to World Services. Lastly, they discussed the challenges and opportunities facing rural communities, the importance of mentorship and sponsorship, and various ideas for improving service within their organization.

Next steps

- All participants to personally invite one new person per quarter to their area service meeting.
- Groups/Areas to organize a Sponsorship Day event on December 1st each year focused on service and mentorship.
- PR committees to increase outreach efforts to educate professionals and treatment centers about NA.
- All members to focus on mentoring and "ride along" opportunities to engage newcomers in service.
- Areas/Regions to organize workshops on educating the fellowship about welcoming newcomers with different language/perspectives.
- Members to start more literature study meetings, especially using the Basic Text.

- Areas to consider starting NA Survival Kit meetings.
 - All members to make announcements about service opportunities not having clean time requirements.
 - Experienced members to create space for newer members to take on service positions.
 - Members to reframe mistakes in service as learning opportunities when mentoring others.
 - Sponsors to lead by example in taking on service commitments.
 - PR committees to focus on sharing the impact of NA services (e.g. how contributions fund translations).
 - Areas/Regions to organize workshops on how to be a sponsor and get involved in service.
 - Members to utilize the online input form on the IDT webpage to share discussion results with the World Board.
 - Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum to consider implementing ideas discussed for future events.
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Summary

Interim Conference Report and Decision-Making

In the meeting, Michael and Yoel discussed the interim Virtual Conference Report, focusing on the 3-year cycle and the interim WSC meeting. They outlined the decision-making process, the role of the co-facilitators, and the importance of building a common understanding among all conference participants. They also discussed the 12 motions that will be discussed at the interim conference in February, with a focus on the new planning process and the goal of true collaboration among conference participants. The meeting also covered the approval of the 2023 World Service Conference Minutes and the approval of the one-year budget that will take the organization through the end of the cycle. The conversation ended with a discussion on the reimbursement policy and the option for regional delegates to opt in for reimbursement.

CAR Survey Process and Prioritization

The meeting discussed a proposed change to the process of creating a Conference Action Agenda (CAR) survey. The new process aims to increase collaboration and prioritization of ideas for the survey. The motion also seeks to start each cycle with a clean slate, rather than carrying over ideas from previous cycles. The deadline for submitting ideas for the 2026 CAR survey is May 25, 2025. The discussion also touched on the current backlog of projects and how the new process might address this issue.

World Service Conference Motions Discussed

In the meeting, Michael discussed several motions related to the World Service Conference (WSC). Motion 6 proposed changing the deadline for amendments from 15 days prior to the WSC to 30 days in advance. Motion 7 suggested a tighter timeline for amendments for the interim WSC meeting. Motion 8 aimed to define amendments in the Guide to World Services. Motion 9 proposed allowing co-facilitators to offer amendments or replacements during floor discussions at the conference. Motion 10 suggested recording the vast majority of elected candidates having an Rbz recommendation. Motion 11 proposed repurposing the whirlpool to retain information on candidates forwarded through the Rbz process. Questions and clarifications were addressed throughout the discussion.

2023 World Convention Update and Survey

The World Board provides an update on the 2023 World Convention in Washington D.C. While the event was successful in many ways, registrations were significantly lower than expected, resulting in an estimated \$800,000 deficit. A survey has been created to gather feedback on the low attendance and members' priorities for future conventions. The Board will discuss potential recommendations in January but does not expect a final decision then. Translations of the NA Survival Kit are in progress for several languages. New service resources have been posted, including workshops adapted from WCNA and best practices on electronic funds management. The Board is considering holding a web meeting to workshop the Issue Discussion Topics for this cycle. A draft Virtual Service Basics is available for input, and revisions to the H&I and Loner IPs are underway. Members are encouraged to submit photos from local events.

Narcotics Anonymous Service Work Discussion

The meeting discusses various topics related to Narcotics Anonymous service work. Michael shares his experience coordinating volunteers for an upcoming H&I (Hospitals & Institutions) orientation event in Nashville, emphasizing the importance of H&I commitments. Utah and Yoel express their passion for H&I service. Southern works at a treatment facility in Boise, Idaho that allows smoking, attracting clients from other states like Tennessee. The group also touches on weather conditions in their respective locations. Overall, the conversation highlights the dedication of NA members to carrying the message through H&I efforts and the challenges sometimes faced in treatment settings.

Revitalizing Service Committees in NA

In the meeting, Michael and WB Yoel discussed the reimagining and revitalizing of service committees in NA. They highlighted the goal of the session, which was to discuss changes and innovations in local service bodies. They also mentioned the four issue discussion topics (IDTs) they've been working on, including disruptive and predatory behavior, gender-neutral and inclusive language in NA literature, DRTM as it relates to MANA, and reimagining and revitalizing service committees. They emphasized the importance of scanning and planning, and encouraged attendees to send their ideas or comments to the worldboard. The discussion then shifted to

brainstorming about the changes experienced in service committees since 2019, with participants encouraged to write down their observations on paper.

Service Committee Changes and Challenges

In the meeting, various members shared their experiences and observations about the changes in their service committees and local communities since 2019. They discussed the challenges they face, including the generational shift, harm reduction, and the influx of newcomers. The group also discussed the need for more literature-based meetings and the importance of mentorship and sponsorship. The conversation ended with the decision to prioritize three to four challenges for further discussion in smaller groups.

Rural Community Challenges and Mentorship

In the meeting, Michael, Southern, Brittni, Shawn O., and WB Yoel discussed the challenges and opportunities facing rural communities. They identified the lack of commitment and the need for mentorship as significant issues. The group decided to prioritize one idea: pairing newer members with older members to provide stability and fill gaps in service. They also discussed the importance of reframing the perspective on mistakes and ensuring that everyone has a place to serve. The conversation ended with a discussion on the need for mentorship and sponsorship, and the importance of engaging newcomers in service.

Improving Service and Mentorship in NA

In the meeting, the participants discussed various ideas and plans for improving service within their organization. The main focus was on personal invitations, mentorship, and the importance of service. They also discussed the challenges faced by newcomers and the need for better communication with professionals in treatment centers. The group agreed on the need for more literature studies and the importance of educating the fellowship on the language of NA. They also discussed the idea of having a sponsorship day to teach how to be a sponsor and lead by example. The group concluded that all members should take part in the service and that the work should be done collectively. The conversation ended with expressions of gratitude and a reminder to use the online input form to share the results of their discussion with the World Board.

